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# Torres Strait plea

## Oh baby!



He's only three months old but Dustilee Jackson Willis-Ardler got into the spirit of Christmas at home in Dubbo in western NSW last week. His cheeky smile was an early present for his parents Lee and Naomi Willis-Ardler and big sister Gillinga-Belle, as they planned a family camping trip to the coast.

Photo by JENET STEWART, Imajenit Photography

## 'See king tides for yourself', island leaders tell PM



LEADERS in the Torres Strait have called on the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to meet with them after he returns from this week's United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen.

But they'd like the meeting to be on their turf, even if it's under water at the time, so Mr Rudd can see just how urgently they need help in combating global warming.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) chairman Toshie Kris spoke out on the issue last week, saying the region urgently needed \$22 million to mitigate tidal inundation and coastal erosion.

He said the TSRA had been seeking a meeting with the PM for six months but time was running out. The king tide season, which has seen much of the northern island of Saibai inundated by up to a metre of sea water, was expected to be in full swing by the end of January.

Mr Kris pleaded with the Federal



Saibai Island in January this year

Government to consider 'its own backyard' before providing potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in climate change aid to poor Pacific countries.

He was angry that Mr Rudd, Climate Change Minister Penny Wong and Environment Minister Peter Garrett had all conceded that tidal inundation was an issue for the region but had not committed any funding to assist stricken communities, referring

instead to numerous Government reports on the issue.

"Maybe the reports referred to by the Prime Minister and Ministers Wong and Garrett can be used to fill the sand bags for the king tides in January while we wait for some real assistance," Mr Kris said.

He predicted that the cost of not acting would be much higher than the \$22 million sought now, in terms of threats to health, infrastructure and national security – not to mention Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.

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# My FAMILY

Bianca Nargoodah – Jimbalakudunj, WA



Bianca Nargoodah is pictured on the far left of the middle row with Kane and Zia (both obscured), and Bianca's sister Lynley Nargoodah holding daughter Indiana Kenafake. Back, from left, are Jay Stewart, Bianca's sister Shaina Nargoodah, Michaela Lawford, and Bianca's dad Johnny Nargoodah. In front is Bianca's sister Jonian Nargoodah. Apart from Michaela, who lives in Fitzroy Crossing, all of those pictured live at Jimbalakudunj community.

**T**HIS photo of me with some of my extended family was taken at the Mangkaja Arts Centre in Fitzroy Crossing in October.

I live at the Kimberley community of Jimbalakudunj, which is about 100km from Fitzroy Crossing on the road to Derby. We're Walmajarri and Wangkajunka people.

I am one of nine kids and we've lived at Jimbalakudunj all my life. I'm 22-years-old and kind of in the middle of the three boys and six girls. We range in age from ten years to about 30 years.

My dad Johnny is in the photo, but my mum Eva wasn't there that day, although she is a well-known artist and on the committee at Mangkaja.

My partner Ishmael and I have been together for about four years and we have

two children, Nevada, 3, Ishmael Jnr, 1. In all, Mum and Dad have eight grandkids.

We are a really close family. We go fishing, hunting and camping together. Generally, we'll go off somewhere over the weekend, to any good little spot along the Fitzroy River. The kids get to run around and we all just hang out.

Education is very important to our family. I hope my kids get a good education and have a bright future.

I work in health promotion at the local Nindilingarri Cultural Health centre. I've worked there for three years and I enjoy it, working with my people.

My own family have been generally pretty lucky with our health.

A good family like ours helps each other out and laughs together. Yep, we're close knit.

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# OUR CHILDREN



Proudly displaying their certificates of participation are students from the inaugural Creative Arts Aboriginal Education Program (CAAEP) run this year by the Hunter School of Performing Arts (HSPA) at Broadmeadow in Newcastle. The children are pictured with Chris Maxfield, artistic director of Stage Group Australia, which awarded a number of drama tuition scholarships at the recent CAAEP end-of-year concert showcase. ● See Page 54

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# Dialysis deal done for Central desert



A DEAL has been struck between the Northern Territory and Western Australian governments to provide dialysis

services in Alice Springs for patients from across the WA border. The South Australian government has refused to support the solution.

Western Desert Dialysis Project manager Sarah Brown welcomed the deal, along with the Australian Greens.

Ms Brown said Central Desert people had always looked to Alice Springs for services so the decision earlier this year to close the borders had been particularly worrying for people needing dialysis.

"Our committee has spent the last 9 years building up services in Alice and Kintore for family members requiring treatment for renal failure. The closing of the borders was simply devastating,"

she said.

"Today's announcement by NT Health Minister Kon Vatskalis paves the way for people from the communities of Warburton, Tjukula and Kiwirrkurra to re-engage with health care services in the NT and receive life saving treatment.

This issue gained national prominence when it was revealed that Patrick Tjungarryi, senior Pintupi leader and internationally recognised artist, had been refused treatment in Alice Springs and referred to Perth, about 2,400 kilometres from his home community of Kiwirrkurra.

Mr Tjungarryi said at the time that he would rather die than



SARAH BROWN

PATRICK TJUNGARRYI

travel so far away from his family and country.

Meetings between the Commonwealth, Northern Territory, WA and SA governments took place, and a deal was struck to enable Western Australian patients to access services in Alice Springs.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the deal was 'fantastic news'.

"We have heard that Patrick

Tjungarryi has travelled in from Kiwirrkurra to Alice this morning for an appointment with the nephrologist this afternoon.

"It is a great relief to know that Patrick and the growing number of Aboriginal Elders with

chronic kidney disease in the central desert region are being cared for and now have a brighter future.

"A significant challenge remains in planning for future growth in demand for renal services in central Australia.

"We remain concerned for the plight of our friends in the APY Lands on the other side of the South Australian border.

"The SA Government were

not prepared to support the central Australian solution and are requiring dialysis patients to travel thousands of kilometres to Port Augusta or Adelaide to receive care. This is simply not good enough," Senator Siewert concluded.

SA Health said patients from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands who were currently in Alice Springs would continue to be treated.

Chief executive Tony Sherbon said all new renal patients would receive treatment in South Australia.

"For South Australian residents in the APY lands we will be providing dialysis services at predominantly Port Augusta and some in Whyalla," he said.

"We will boosting capacity in those centres and providing family supports."

Ms Brown urged the SA government to re-think its decision to deny access for patients near the NT border.

## On track to win



SIX-year-old Sene Gibuma-Marr powers down the straight in an age race at the Nunga Little Athletics day on Friday 27 November at Santos Stadium, Adelaide. Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander children took part in track and field events following basic training sessions earlier in the day. The day was organised by the Nunga community and the South Australian Little Athletics Association.

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Lola Edwards and friend  
Nancy Hillwood with the Albert  
Namatjira painting.  
Photo: Jason McCarthy, NMA



A photo taken during Albert Namatjira's 1956 visit to the  
Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home.

# Gift from 'the girls'

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



WHEN Lola Edwards rediscovered a painting that artist Albert Namatjira gifted to the residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Training Home more than half a century ago, her hair stood on end and memories of her childhood came flooding back.

She said the painting, which had been 'lost' for almost 30 years, used to hang in the main dormitory, and was the only thing that actually belonged to the girls. Everything else, even the clothes they wore, belonged to the home and the Aboriginal Welfare Board.

"It was the only tangible thing we had left of our childhoods," she said.

After Ms Edwards discovered the watercolour landscape hanging in the executive meeting room at the Department of Community Services in 1996, it was returned to its rightful owners – 'the girls'.

Recently they, in turn, decided to donate it to the National Museum of Australia (NMA) for the people of Australia.

An emotional handover ceremony was held on 28 November with many of 'the girls' travelling from all over Australia to attend.

Aunty Lorraine Peeters who was at the ceremony said just like many Stolen Generations survivors, the painting, after many long years, had finally found its 'belonging place'.

"It made me feel so good that (the painting) had found its home," she said. "It's got a stable place to be and that's what we strive to find in our healing process – to belong somewhere."

Albert Namatjira visited the Cootamundra home in 1956. Ms Edwards, who was seven or eight-years-old at the time, said life in the home

could be boring, so the visit caused great excitement. Namatjira painted the watercolour landscape on his return to Hermannsburg and sent it to the girls a year later – probably, in Ms Edwards' view, because he felt sorry for them.

She said the girls had lost everything – their families, culture and country – so Albert Namatjira painted them a picture of his country.

The painting was still hanging in the dormitory when she was sent out to 'service' in 1961. She said she knew that DoCS had taken over administration of the Cootamundra home in 1969, but nobody knew where the painting was and there were rumours it had ended up in the possession of staff members or that it was held by the Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs. When she finally found the painting, one of her first thoughts was to get it out of the 'dreaded welfare offices'.

"If the girls knew it was on display at DoCS, there would be hell to pay," she said.

At the recent handover ceremony, NMA director Craddock Morton said it was a special occasion of both sadness and joy.

He apologised for the suffering the girls had experienced at the hands of both church and state and the pain and loss inflicted on their families. "But there's also joy that you have given each other the strength to come through these experiences," he said. "Joy at your capacity for forgiveness and joy at your generosity in donating this special object to the National Museum of Australia."

He pledged that the museum would use the painting to tell the girls' story 'accurately and honestly'.

The painting will go on display as part of the Stolen Generations exhibition in February, while 'the girls' will each receive a framed print of it.



Stolen Generations members gathered at the National  
Museum of Australia recently to donate the painting.

## 'It was the only tangible thing we had left of our childhoods'

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# Camp clean-up

By DARREN COYNE



**BADEN** Williams is a happy man. As chairman of the Little Sisters town camp outside Alice Springs, Mr Williams is looking forward to a new beginning for his camp.

Little Sisters was chosen as the first of the Alice Springs town camps to receive a clean-up under the Federal Government's \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan.

The workers arrived last Monday – about 50 of them – and they have been clearing away years of accumulated rubbish, from bottles to car bodies.

"My camp is the first and I am very happy because we were always last on the list for renovations and services ... goodness knows why," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Williams' camp was also the first visited by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin following the Federal Court of Australia's dismissal last month of a challenge from some town camp residents to the signing over of leases to the government.

There had also been deadlocked negotiations between the government and Tangentyere Council, with the council finally signing over 40 year leases in exchange for \$150 million in promised housing and infrastructure.

But despite being first off the blocks, Mr Williams said residents of his camp remained wary that they could face eviction now that NT Housing controls their leases.

"I asked her (the Minister) a lot of questions because I wanted to hear it from her," Mr Williams said.

"And I heard it from Macklin herself that it's not going to be like that so if



Local workers begin the cleanup at Little Sisters.

something happens I will tell her that she should have stuck with what she told me."

Mr Williams said he was looking forward to meeting other town camp presidents to reassure them that they should be happy with the clean-up.

"This really is the best thing that could have happened. We've got to forget the lifestyle that we've been living because we are civilized people and we can't live in a rubbish dump," he said.

Further clean-ups have been underway at Hoppy's Camp, Palmer's Camp and Morris Soak, with another 16 camps to be cleaned up in the New Year as part of the government's 'fix and make safe' program.

Ms Macklin said the clean up would pave the way for the construction of 85 new houses, essential infrastructure and significant rebuilds and refurbishments of existing houses in poor condition.

"We are committed to providing better homes for the people of the Alice Springs town camps, in particular for the children, women and the elderly living in shocking conditions," Ms Macklin said.

The NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton said the improvements would benefit not only residents but also the entire community in Alice Springs.

"Homelessness will be targeted as part of the transformation plan, with more accommodation facilities, including managed accommodation to be delivered in Alice Springs," Mr Hampton said.

During her visit last week to Little Sisters, Ms Macklin announced services to be established in the camps as part of a \$980,000 Family Group Conferencing program.

Through the program, families will be encouraged to work with teams of health and welfare professionals to develop their own plans to keep their children safe and healthy.

A community justice centre mediator, a part-time family group conferencing coordinator and Aboriginal co-convenors will conduct conferences with parents and extended families to support them taking an active role in caring for their children.

Ms Macklin said the Australian and NT Governments had also committed funding



Residents helped by placing rubbish in bins or piles to be collected.



An Aboriginal NT Links worker starts the levelling work for the first demountable complex to be installed.

for a number of other projects as part of the transformation plan.

They included \$3 million for family support services, a joint Centrelink-Alice Springs Transformation Plan Case Management Project to link town camp residents and visitors with support services and \$100,000 for an additional alcohol counsellor.

She said more than \$1.5 million would also go to the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress to enhance and expand the Targeted Family Support Program and nearly \$90,000 to continue the effective dog management program in the town camps.

# Mabo lawyer human rights champion



A **WEST** Australian barrister who appeared for Eddie Mabo in his fight to have native title recognised has been honoured with the Law Award at this year's Human Rights Medals and Awards ceremony last Thursday.

Human Rights Commission President Cathy Branson said the judges had chosen Gregory McIntyre, from Perth, in recognition of his long career promoting and advancing human rights.

"Gregory has advanced human rights through the practice of law since his first job as a solicitor with the Aboriginal Legal Service of

WA," Ms Branson said.

"He has been involved in a number of leading and high profile human rights cases including *Koowarta v Bjelke Petersen*, concerning the Racial Discrimination Act, and a series of other cases, including *Bropho v WA* and *Tickner v Bropho*, concerning the protection of Aboriginal heritage."

"In May 1982, he issued the High Court writ in *Mabo v Queensland*, retaining conduct of the case for 10 years, including the conduct of *Mabo (No 1)*. He ultimately appeared as Counsel for Eddie Mabo in *Mabo (No 2)* in which the High Court ruled that the Meriam people had native title."

Recently Mr McIntyre has provided advice to the Cape York Land Council, the Wik people and others concerning the Wild Rivers legislation.

## Other winners

The winner of the 2009 Human Rights Medal was fellow legal advocate, Stephen Keim who represented Dr Haneef in 2007 and whose efforts led to his eventual release and clearance.

The Young People's Human Rights Medal for 2009 was awarded to 22-year-old Vinay Menon from Applecross, Western Australia, in recognition of his voluntary advocacy work with refugees, Indigenous communities and children living with a disability.

Highly Commended in the Community Award (Individual) Tony Fitzgerald Memorial Award was Doreen Green of Halls Creek, Western Australia, for her persistence and tireless campaigning with the Halls Creek Alcohol Management group for alcohol restrictions in the remote community of Halls Creek.

The Radio Award went to Ian Townsend, from ABC Radio National for his Background Briefing program called Crisis for Children.

The report provided in-depth insight and powerful portrayals of individuals trying to ensure children are protected from harm.

The program conveyed the need for greater parental support

and identified that removing children from their homes was not always the best possible solution.

Meanwhile the Television Award went to Debbie Whitmont, Michael Doyle, Kate Wild and Anne Connolly, Four Corners, ABC Television, for *Going back to Lajamanu*.

This Four Corners program revisited the NT community of Lajamanu 13 years after profiling its ground-breaking bilingual school education program.

*Going Back to Lajamanu* explored the critical importance of maintaining language - not only for the achievement of personal success among a community's individual members, but for the preservation of a people's culture.

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# Climate fears

## Islanders invite PM to visit during king tide season

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AS Australia joins more than a hundred other countries in Copenhagen this week to try to hammer out a global climate deal, Torres Strait Islanders have urged the Federal Government to do more within its own back yard.

The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has joined Climate Change Minister Senator Penny Wong at the massive United Nations Climate Change Conference, which began last week.

But when Mr Rudd returns home, he'll find in his in-tray an invitation from Torres Strait Islander leaders for him to visit them during the height of the king tide season next month.

Much of Saibai Island, not far off Papua New Guinea, went under a metre of water during one king tide in January this year. And with predictions of the biggest wet season in ten years, the people of Saibai and other islands such as Boigu, Iama, Masig, Poruma and Warraber are reportedly now bracing themselves.

The chairman of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Toshie Kris last week launched a broadside at the Australian Government, declaring himself 'bamboozled and disappointed' about its failure to support requests for funding to mitigate the impact of climate change on Torres Strait communities.

He accused the Government of abandoning the region and caring more about helping Australia's Pacific neighbours deal with the effects of climate change than the 6000 people living in the Torres Strait.

"If the Prime Minister is genuine about climate change in a global sense, then surely he must fix up his own backyard before moving abroad to try and resolve issues that are outside of Australia," Mr Kris said.

"He has an obligation to Australians first." A Torres Strait Coastal Erosion Committee, which Mr Kris also chairs, has sought \$22 million to deal with the impacts of climate change within the region.

And Mr Kris said the TSRA had written to Mr Rudd repeatedly over the past six months seeking a meeting and a commitment of funds, only to be fobbed off with a letter saying that Senator Wong would be in touch 'in due course'.

He said that wasn't good enough to tackle the urgent, increasing and ongoing problem of tidal inundation.

"Maybe the reports referred to by the Prime Minister and Ministers Wong and Garrett can be used to fill the sand bags for the king tides in January while we wait for some real assistance," Mr Kris said.

While conceding that there were no easy options, he predicted that the cost of not acting would be much higher than the \$22 million sought now, in terms of threats to health, infrastructure and national security –



Several king tides inundated Saibai Island in the north of the Torres Strait this year. Photo by Dave Hanslow, courtesy TSRA.



Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman Toshie Kris.

not to mention Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage.

There have even been suggestions that some of the most vulnerable islands – those with little or no higher ground – would need to be abandoned altogether some time during the next century if rising seas levels weren't arrested, which would have devastating effects on people's identity and traditional knowledge.

Sadly, king tides have already washed away cemeteries on two northern islands.

Mr Kris said the region's Coastal Erosion Committee was also trying to protect expensive infrastructure built on vulnerable islands, much of it by the Government.

"We see a lot of infrastructure go under when the king tides occur," he said. "I'm talking about sewerage systems, water reticulation, roads, electricity, telephone systems and all the other things that communities require."

Mr Kris said the \$22 million sought by the committee was an informed figure and would fund a range of short and long-term projects including bringing in expertise to



Kimberley Land Council Deputy Director Nolan Hunter. Photo courtesy KLC.

build retaining or sea walls to prevent communities from being inundated.

He said climate change also posed a risk to Australia's national security. If it affected the coastal communities of PNG, he said, it would be much easier for people to island hop than move to their own highlands.

"The Government wants the Torres Strait to be the 'eyes and ears' for Australia but won't listen when we tell them what we see," Mr Kris said.

The Koori Mail contacted Mr Rudd's office to seek a response but had not heard back at the time of printing. Mr Kris said he would meet with Queensland Premier Anna Bligh over the issue this week.

Also at the Copenhagen conference was a delegation from the North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), which represented the four land councils of northern Australia.

The delegation hoped to learn from other Indigenous people about climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, and planned to talk up the commercial potential of Indigenous fire

management.

Acting CEO of the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Nolan Hunter said climate change was a new phenomenon but Aboriginal people – 'as Australia's first conservationists' – wanted to be involved in any plan to tackle it.

He said the KLC's rangers were gearing up to start carbon trading in 2013 through controlled fire management practices and carbon abatement.

"Our North Kimberley Fire Abatement Project involves rangers conducting controlled burns to reduce the amount of toxic gasses and smoke released into the environment, compared to out-of control wildfires," he said.

"...Carbon trading will create employment and business opportunities for Aboriginal people while ensuring we leave a lasting legacy for future generations."

Indigenous delegates at the Copenhagen conference are pushing to ensure that any agreement struck upholds the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including rights to traditional lands and territories, natural and cultural heritage, biodiversity, intellectual property rights, poverty reduction and economic development.



Paruku IPA Ranger Lachlan Johns at fire training. Photo courtesy KLC.



# Blessings and loss

## Mixed reaction to shake-up in Indigenous arts funding

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

DEPENDING on who you speak to, changes to the Australia Council National Indigenous Arts Infrastructure program have come as a devastating loss or a welcome blessing.

Ten Indigenous arts and cultural organisations are in line to receive substantial long-term funding following a two-year review into the Indigenous arts sector.

But this has also meant that some Indigenous organisations have missed out on vital funding.

Indigenous arts organisation Kurruru's Diat Alferink said that missing out on funding had come as a devastating blow, particularly given that the youth theatre company would not be eligible to apply for funding for another six years.

"Our country needs vibrant new arts companies and this has been really disappointing, especially since we've only had

six weeks to restructure," she said.

Ms Alferink said that while the company would continue to exist, it would not be in the same form.

"The vision for our company was to reach across the State and nationally. Now we will have to refocus our energies on just existing and sustaining our core business. It will very much be on a local level," she said.

"It's like ripping the kitchen out of your house."

Ms Alferink said this was also a timely reminder of the much bigger picture.

"There is an issue about how they distribute the money, but the bigger picture is that there isn't enough money being invested in Indigenous arts in this country. We're squabbling over scraps," she said.

### 'Blessing'

For Perth-based Yirra Yaakin's Artistic Director Kyle Morrison, winning the six-year funding would allow the small company to plan for their future.

"I'm definitely taking this as a blessing. We've been rewarded and now we have the ability to expand. It will give us some stability and a stable foundation with which to work from," he said.

Mr Morrison said the future of



Yirra Yaakin's Artistic Director Kyle Morrison says his organisation is blessed to have received a six-year funding opportunity.

Yirra Yaakin was bright, and included some pretty ambitious plans.

"We've got so many vital and vibrant stories to tell and we want to share those stories with others. Yirra Yaakin should be producing more major productions," he said.

"We want the theatre to have a face in Perth and we want to keep the vibrancy of theatre alive. Our aim is to be one of the major theatre companies in Perth."

Other grant recipients around



Kurruru's Diat Alferink said that missing out on funding had come as a devastating blow

the country to receive six-year funding included the Association of Northern Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists, Tandanya in Adelaide, Gadigal Information Service in Sydney, and Magabala Books Aboriginal Corporation in Broome.

Recipients for three-year funding were Umi Arts, Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, Treading the Pathways and Ausdance National, Black Arm band and Abmusic Aboriginal Corporation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIB) Chair Dr Mark Bin Bakar acknowledged the difficulties faced by not only the 35 applicants, but by the many Indigenous people who supported them.

Dr Bin Bakar said the current round of funding had been one of the most competitive in the board's history, and that they had faced the difficult task of deciding between many worthwhile proposals in order to allocate very limited funds.

Requests for 2010 totalled \$4,470,235 against a budget of \$1,350,000.

The funding round followed the 'Making Solid Ground' review, a national consultation program focusing on Indigenous arts sector development with an increased strategic investment to Indigenous organisations.

Some of the ATSIB's considerations included the ongoing financial pressure on Indigenous arts organisations and possible barriers to funding.

As a result of the review, the board established funding in two categories of leading and building organisations. Leading organisations are established Indigenous arts organisations leading their field and building organisations are more recently established.

# Kimberley LNG site chosen



AN area just south of James Price Point, near Broome, in Western Australia, has been chosen as the location for the proposed Browse LNG precinct.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said the site was selected following extensive consultation with traditional owners and consideration of heritage, technical and environmental data.

Mr Barnett said the final selection had centred on two potential locations for LNG processing and related port facilities – one just north and one just to the south of James Price Point.

He said the southern site had been chosen because deeper water near the coast would substantially reduce the amount and costs of dredging and blasting required.

Traditional Owner Negotiating Committee co-chair Frank Parriman welcomed the announcement, saying more exact, site specific information helped TOs better understand the environmental and cultural impacts of the proposed gas hub.

### 'Better life for children'

"We are at the table to ensure world's best standards for protecting our environmental and cultural concerns, but above all we're looking at how we can provide a better life for our children," he said.

"This is a process of careful consideration, and by no means have traditional owners given our final approval – if the strictest environmental and cultural protection conditions aren't upheld, there's little chance our people, the first conservationists of this country, will grant approval."

Mr Barnett said impacts on seagrass and



other marine habitats would be able to be better managed at the southern site; the land was flatter, reducing the visual impact of the site from the ocean; and impacts on registered Aboriginal heritage sites could be managed.

He said the State Government, the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) and Woodside Energy Ltd had entered into a Heritage Protection Agreement for the precinct.

"This establishes a process for identifying, protecting and managing Aboriginal sites within the precinct area," he said.



● LEFT: The Browse liquified nitrogen gas (LNG) precinct is just south of James Price Point, south of Broome, on the West Australian Kimberley coast.

● ABOVE: Loading facilities for giant tankers is proposed.

"It also enables us to continue working together on developing a master plan for the layout of the precinct and determining the location of worker accommodation and a light industrial area to support the LNG processes."

The Premier said the proposed design for the precinct would ensure its economic efficiency while reducing impacts on registered Aboriginal heritage sites and monsoonal vine thickets and make the site less visible from the ocean.

"The traditional owners have made it very clear they want to protect their heritage, culture and the environment and are rightly

worried about the impact of an LNG precinct on their traditional land," he said.

The Premier said negotiations were on track to finalise an Indigenous Land Use Agreement by early 2010 and for finalisation of the Strategic Assessment Report documentation for presentation to State and Federal environmental regulatory authorities.

Meanwhile, the Save the Kimberley group, which has campaigned against a gas hub on the Kimberley coastline, issued a statement saying that traditional owners opposed to the gas hub would take legal action to protect their country.



# Camels targeted in Docker River cull



MARKSMEN have reportedly begun their aerial cull of some 3000 feral camels in the small central Australian community of Docker River, 500kms south-west of Alice Springs, where up to 6000 camels have recently been causing havoc.

The Northern Territory Government announced last month it would conduct an

emergency cull of the camels, which had been smashing water infrastructure in the town of 350 in their hunt for moisture.

The quality of drinking water in the town was also threatened by the decaying bodies of camels, which had been trampled by their herd. Meanwhile, the airport had been over-run, making it near impossible for aircraft to land or for medical emergency evacuations to take place.

The NT News reported last

week that the cull had begun after receiving confirmation from local residents. However, it also reported that a worldwide backlash against the cull had caused a freeze on information with the Central Land Council refusing to comment until after the cull was completed.

NT Local Government Minister Rob Knight said last month the camels would be mustered away from the town by helicopters before being shot, with the camel

carcasses left in the desert to decay.

"The community of Docker River is under siege by 6000 marauding, wild camels," he said. "They're actually coming up to the houses and taking water off the overflow from the rooftop air-conditioning."

MacDonnell Shire Council CEO Graham Taylor said residents had not been overly concerned when about 30 camels first came into the town looking for water. But

fear had grown as numbers increased steadily day by day, with some residents too frightened to leave their homes.

NT Environment Minister Karl Hampton said he hoped the emergency response, to help the residents in Docker River, would set a benchmark for the Federal Government's \$19 million national camel action plan.

It is understood the long-term plan will be released for public consultation later this month.

# Protest arrests

Story and photos  
by JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINES in Tasmania have continued to protest the construction of a road, which they say will destroy Aboriginal heritage that is older than Egypt's pyramids. Protesters have stood in front of earth moving machinery; bringing works to a halt at the Brighton Bypass on the outskirts of Hobart.

There have been more than 40 arrests for trespassing at the site, which is beginning to resemble an open cut mine.

Protestors have also been busy tailing Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett and Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage Michelle O'Byrne, in an attempt to get their message across.

Around 60 protestors gathered at the entrance of a recent debate between Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett and opposition leaders, but the Premier left by the back door.

However, a contingent of the group gained entry to the booked-out event with tickets donated to them by the general public, interrupting the debate before being escorted out by police.

Their message was heard; the issue was raised in their absence later in the debate. The Premier responded by saying, 'It would be good if we were able to resolve these issues, there is a proper process for having to do that and that process has been gone through'.

The Advocate newspaper reported Bartlett told protesters that confronted him



Aunty Pat Green was arrested for trespass.

in Burnie last week that he was 'willing to listen and take on board their concerns.'

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Legal Director Michael Mansell said the Government had admitted the process for dealing with Aboriginal Heritage in development areas had problems.

He said progress had been made with negotiations with Bartlett's 'subordinates', with them agreeing to more Aboriginal

involvement in the process.

"I think they're trying to come to some middle ground," he said. "They admit the process in the past was a farce, and they say it has got to be corrected. They say the only way they can correct it is to give Aboriginal people a greater say over Aboriginal heritage."

"That is subject to the government still having the final say. So somewhere in

there between the government saying 'we can make the decision' on the one hand and Aboriginal people having the say on the other hand, that's where the middle ground is."

Mr Mansell said government must now agree to not issue permits to destroy Aboriginal heritage without Aboriginal community consent.

He said he hoped the highway will be stopped and the Aboriginal heritage saved, suggesting that the existing highway be widened rather than moved.

At the time *The Koori Mail* went to print, the development was fast heading towards the main concentration of artefacts and other material that make up the local cultural landscape.

It is understood that the area, which the infamous failed Black Line passed through in the 1830s, was used by Aborigines from the last ice age until after the arrival of Europeans.

Mr Mansell said it was almost a universal practice of those who invade the lands of another people to degrade the value of the culture of those invaded.

He cited the maximum legislated state penalty for destroying historic heritage of \$1 million compared to \$1000 for destroying Aboriginal heritage.

Government media officials were unable to provide any comment to *The Koori Mail* at short notice because they were busy dealing with another contentious road project – the proposed road into the Tarkine wilderness, now subject to further assessment due to efforts to have the area included on the National Heritage List.

# Cultural fishing win to prevent prosecutions

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people in New South Wales can now exercise their cultural fishing rights without fear of being prosecuted. Following lobbying from two of the state's peak Aboriginal organisations and the Greens, the Fisheries Management Amendment bill passed through the Legislative Council last week.

One of the key changes is that an Aboriginal person will now be authorised to fish within the Act's definition of Aboriginal Cultural Fishing, without the need to apply for a fishing permit or to pay a fee.

This applies to both freshwater and saltwater fishing activities. New regulations will make

provision for the management of Aboriginal cultural fishing.

The amendments have also paved the way for the Minister to establish an Aboriginal Advisory Council, which will play a key role in advising the Minister on all Aboriginal fishing issues.

The reforms will be welcomed by all Aboriginal people in NSW, according to the Chairperson of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council, Bev Manton, and Chairperson of NTSCORP Limited Michael Bell.

Both organisations were involved in negotiations with the Minister for Primary Industries, Tony Kelly and the Department of Industry and Investment NSW to amend the Fisheries Management Act 1994 to recognise Aboriginal cultural fishing,

Mr Bell said Aboriginal people

would now have stronger legislative rights than they had ever had before. The changes would bring NSW into line with other States and Territories.

"Our concern was always to ensure that Aboriginal people did not continue to be prosecuted for undertaking their inherent right to fish," he said.

"The Act now acknowledges that fishing for the Aboriginal community is an imperative part of culture, encompassing spiritual, social and customary significance."

Ms Manton and Mr Bell said the new law was a culmination of many years of hard work by NTSCORP, NSWALC and other Aboriginal organisations and individuals. These included Danny Chapman, Stephen Ryan, Mick Leon, the Department's Aboriginal

Reference Group, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and traditional owner groups.

Meanwhile, Greens MP Ian Cohen said amendments to the legislation put forward by the Greens had helped to establish a stronger framework to protect and uphold Aboriginal cultural fishing rights.

"The passing of the Bill represents a welcome change of tune by this Government, allowing Aboriginal people more opportunity to uphold traditional rights," Mr Cohen said.

"This summer Aboriginal communities will be able to exercise their traditional rights without been prosecuted for fisheries offences and will be exempt from paying recreational fishing fees."

"The Greens were successful

in moving an amendment to ensure the new Aboriginal Advisory Council have a central role in defining and establishing provisions relating to cultural fishing rights. This will ensure Aboriginal people retain control over their rights in oceans and rivers."

"In addition to recognising Aboriginal cultural fishing rights, the Greens sought to provide new economic development opportunities for Aboriginal communities through establishing allocations in commercial fisheries. While the Government did not support this initiative, the Greens have obtained a commitment from Minister Kelly to reform the reallocation of forfeited shares in commercial fisheries for the benefit of Aboriginal communities."



# Govt lagging in some areas of reform, says report

By DARREN COYNE



THE public servant charged with cutting through red tape to ensure 29 priority remote Aboriginal communities get the services they deserve has released his first six-monthly progress report.

In July, the Federal Government appointed Brian Gleeson to the position of Co-ordinator-General to drive the implementation of major reforms in housing, infrastructure and employment.

Mr Gleeson's report indicated that while there had been 'clear progress' made in the communities as a result of additional commitments from the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), more had to be done.

"I find it quite surprising that... in the 29 communities, there are eight where they have no police presence," he said during a press conference with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. "There are ten with no internet and four with no ATM."

On the positive side, the report said the first of ten new child and family centres would be operational from March next year, schools in 27 of the communities would receive targeted assistance next year under the Smarter Schools National Partnerships, and other programs had delivered \$72.8 million to community schools.

As well, around 633 jobs had been filled in 28

communities through the conversion of CDEP places into properly-paid positions, and 327 homes were on track to be completed by December 2010.

Since his appointment, Mr Gleeson has visited all the priority communities to meet service providers and residents and see first-hand the progress that has been made.

Ms Macklin said

the investment in services and infrastructure was improving the health and safety of families and children in many communities.

"Every day at the Yuendumu Child Care Centre, between 40 and 60 children, along with their parents and extended family, participate in range of early childhood education activities," she said.

"Under the guidance of 14 full-time Aboriginal child care workers, the children also have visits from the health clinic nurse and swim in the pool."

"In Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek, where local people waged their own campaign for alcohol restrictions, recent evaluations have seen a significant reduction in alcohol-related crime and violence, increasing birth weights for babies and healthier newborns."

## Public Service obstacles

Mr Gleeson said some of the obstacles to overcome included the 'business-as-usual' attitude of some public servants, poor governance, and delays in infrastructure and services because of poor planning or management.

The Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) group welcomed the report, describing it as 'honest' about the state of the 29 communities.

"It also recognises the many positive efforts being made by local Indigenous communities to address the problems they face, and urges governments to build on these strengths," said ANTaR national president Janet Hunt.

"It highlights the continuing challenges which different government departments, jurisdictions and levels of government have coordinating with each other to address the urgent needs in these communities and urges clear actions to resolve these problems.

"Most importantly it recognises that the 'governance and capacity gap' has to be dealt with if efforts to close the health, education and employment gaps are to succeed."



BRIAN GLEESON

# New album for Street Warriors

By MAHALA STROHFLEDT



NEWCASTLE brothers Abie and Warwick Wright – Predator and Wok of Street Warriors – celebrated the official launch of their debut

album *Unstoppable Force* in Redfern on 4 December.

Arts Minister Peter Garrett launched the album as part of the contemporary Indigenous music program *Breakthrough: Emerging Indigenous Contemporary Musicians Recording Initiative*.

The album features collaborations with the number one New Zealand band Nesian Mystik, singer Robyn Loau, Anthony Mundine and Troy and Trevelyn Brady.

The first single to be released from the album was Street Warriors' own version of the classic Australian hit *Solid Rock*, featuring Shannon Noll and Shane Howard, which they performed at this year's Dreaming festival and closing ceremony of the Deadlys.

Mr Garrett, who announced the second round of Breakthrough funding at the launch, congratulated the hip-hop duo on the work they had done to get to this point.

"Abie and Warwick Wright, who make up Street Warriors, are to be congratulated for their great album *Unstoppable Force* – the first produced with Breakthrough funding from the



● ABOVE: Street Warriors Wok and Predator with Arts Minister Peter Garrett.  
● INSET: Street Warriors' debut album *Unstoppable Force*.

first round. It is a great achievement and a testament to their talent," he said.

"Street Warriors were among a number of artists selected in the first round of the program by the assessment panel comprising music industry professionals Christine Anu, Rhoda Roberts and Rob Collins.

"Music is such a great vehicle of expression and creativity for young Indigenous Australians and I can't wait to see what new talent is discovered in 2010."

*Breakthrough* is an initiative of the Cultural Ministers Council and in 2010

is providing funding of up to \$25,000 for three emerging Indigenous musicians or groups to cover the costs of producing a professional recording that can be played on radio and sold commercially.

Street Warriors will perform at the Woodford Folk Festival this month and live at the final Mundine Contender fight on 11 January before kicking off a national tour in 2010.

*Unstoppable Force* is in stores now.

● More information about Breakthrough is available at [www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/breakthrough](http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/breakthrough)

# Assault victim honoured

BY Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



A FOUNDATION named in honour of Nyoongar teenager Susan Taylor has been launched in Perth to help fight

sexual and physical abuse in Aboriginal communities.

Ms Taylor was found hanged at the Swan Valley Nyungah Community in 1999, and the persistent analytical work by senior Nyoongar health workers in 2000 resulted in a coronial inquest to investigate the original police finding of suicide.

The Coroner handed down an open finding on the case in November 2001, but was highly critical of police procedure and found evidence of widespread sexual and physical abuse in WA Indigenous communities.

The findings were the catalyst for the Gordon Inquiry, which reported in mid-2002, making 197 recommendations around government agency response to the issues, and resulting in increased prosecutions for sex crimes in a number of communities.

The Susan Taylor Foundation was announced



HANNAH MCGLADE

on 25 November to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and spokeswoman, Nyoongar lawyer Hannah McGlade, said it would act as a prevention and awareness agency.

Ms McGlade said the foundation aimed to 'prevent sexual assault and abuse of Aboriginal children and young people and to support those who have experienced sexual abuse and violence to live and have a healthy and sustainable quality of life.'

The foundation would also 'raise understanding and awareness of the extent of child sexual abuse and assault in Aboriginal communities, in particular the impact and harm caused to young victims.'

Ms McGlade said there needed to be better service delivery to Indigenous communities to improve responses to Aboriginal child sexual assault and abuse, as

well as healing interventions for victims, and improvements to legal responses for victims.

"There have been some changes in respect of government agencies and we know that there are now multi-functional police stations that exist as a result of the Gordon Inquiry, and I think there has been an increased level of prosecutions since the inquiry," Ms McGlade said.

"But the real changes I believe strongly have to come from Aboriginal people within the community because we are the ones that have to protect and care for our children.

"We've had some very brave victims come forward, and Susan was one of those who talked about what was happening to her and she died soon after that in circumstances that are not fully known as the Coroner determined.

"Some of the people charged since the inquiry were known as powerful Aboriginal Elders and the victims who have come forward and have gone through the courts have been incredibly brave to break down those taboos and silence in our community around sexual abuse."

At the launch of the foundation at Kings Park in

Perth, Aboriginal liaison officer with the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) with the WA Department of Health, Kathy Mokarakaka, said that Susan Taylor did not die in vain.

"Her Life, and sadly, her death, challenges us all to keep hoping and working for change, to continue to fight the good fight for our children, and to hope that our children will have a future free from trauma, abuses and violence," Ms Mokarakaka said.

"As Aboriginal people, we must speak out about child sexual abuse and assault and sexual violence in our communities.

"Report it. It is a crime. And there are agencies such as SARC or the police to go to do this.

"We have risen up every time we have been knocked down. Like the land and the rivers, they may be polluted, but when left to themselves, they have the inherent power to self heal. It's the Aboriginal way."

Ms McGlade said the Susan Taylor Foundation would become a formal entity in the New Year, and funding for planned programs would be sought from a mix of government, corporate and philanthropic agencies.



# Elder warns of uranium mine danger

By KEN BOASE



WONGATHA Elder Geoffrey Stokes has taken a strong anti-nuclear and anti-uranium mining stand, saying that the damage being done to country by mining is far greater than that of feral camels being culled in some parts of Australia.

The WA Liberal National Party government overturned the previous Labor Government's ban on uranium mining, and in October the first lease was awarded to a Canadian company for the Lake Maitland site, near Wiluna, with production expected to begin in 2012.

Mr Stokes said that lead pollution in Esperance, on WA's South coast, which cost millions of dollars to clean, killed thousands of birds and caused a major health scare, would pale in comparison to an accident during the transportation of uranium ore, known as yellowcake.

"This will be packed into 44 gallon drums and taken by truck through Leonora, Menzies and Kalgoorlie where it will be loaded on to trains and transported to South Australia and then up to Darwin where it will be put onto boats and taken to buyers overseas," Mr Stokes said.

"Uranium powder is radioactive – so, just like Esperance and the lead contamination, the powder is likely to contaminate the environment all the way along the route.

"Any accident will result in the powder spilling onto the ground and being spread by the wind – into our

water, animals, food and air.

"So if any of those trucks hits a kangaroo, or another car or the driver just loses concentration for a moment this can happen.

"This will raise the background levels of radiation, increasing the risk of childhood leukaemias and cancers for everyone as well as the risk of birth defects and stillbirths.

"In the Goldfields we already have high levels of cancer, birth defects and still births so we do not want to increase the risk for ourselves or our

recently. The question is why?

"We also have noticed that since water intensive mining of nickel and uranium and water intensive agriculture such as cotton growing in Queensland has really got going there is a real lack of water.

"We have such projects all across the Goldfields and the desert and our waterholes and permanent water sources are disappearing – and the people and the animals are suffering as a result.

"The camels have brought this to



**'In the Goldfields we already have high levels of cancer, birth defects and still births, so we do not want to increase the risk'**

**– Wongatha Elder Geoffrey Stokes**

children – or our children's children for many generations to come."

Mr Stokes said stories about water holes drying up because of damage by camels were glossing over the damage being done by the mining industry to the artesian basins and other groundwater supplies in remote regions.

"I spent most of my childhood in the bush in the Eastern Goldfields of WA.

"We have had camels roaming the bush for as long as I can remember and they have not been a problem until

the world's attention – but people need to see beyond the camels to the environmental tragedy that is happening in our country.

"Uranium is being mined for export – not for domestic use – and the plan is to expand uranium mining a lot in Western Australia in the near future. But at what cost to the environment and to our people?"

The Conservation Council of WA claims that public opinion in WA was still strongly against uranium mining.

## Call to dump NT nuclear waste laws



LAWs forcing a radioactive waste dump on the Northern Territory should be overturned, according to the Beyond Nuclear Initiative (BNI).

The BNI said the Federal Government should act on a Senate Committee report calling for the law change.

The call comes as Liberal Party politicians flag nuclear power as a solution to the climate change crisis, with one sitting Member reportedly recommending the radioactive waste could be dumped on unwilling NT communities.

BNI coordinator Natalie Wasley said Liberal Senator Judith Troeth told ABC Lateline that a 'viable option' for high-level nuclear waste from nuclear power reactors would be to dump it at sites currently being considered for waste from the Lucas Heights nuclear research reactor.

"Targeted communities strongly oppose this plan and are supported by the NT Government," Ms Wasley said.

"They do not view living and working as close as three kilometres away from a radioactive waste dump as a 'viable option' for their families.

"Senator Troeth participated in a Senate Committee that recommended in December last year that the government repeal the Howard era Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act (CRWMA) in the first sittings of 2009.

"The Committee report recognised injustices imbued in the current legislation, which neither require consent from traditional owners to select a dump site, nor allows a legal challenge to the site selection process.

"Radioactive waste is the nuclear industry's elephant in the room.

"After 60 years there is still not a high level waste dump operating anywhere in the world. Senator Troeth might believe that the Australian desert is a political sacrifice zone, but the people living and working there will not stand by and be dumped upon."

Ms Wasley said a growing movement of trade unions, environment and health organisations were determined to also win the campaign.

The BNI called on Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson to repeal the waste dump laws as recommended by the December 2008 Senate Committee report and as promised by the ALP before the last federal election.



NATALIE WASLEY

## Indigenous portfolio for National's Scullion



NATIONALS Senator Nigel Scullion is the Federal Opposition's new spokesperson on Indigenous affairs, following a coalition portfolio reshuffle.

New Liberal leader Tony Abbott said last week that the

NT senator had 'long been personally involved in issues affecting Indigenous Australians'.

But Mr Abbott will be keeping an eye on the man taking over his old portfolio.

"Nigel brings a practical focus to his new role," he said.

"As a special interest of mine, I look forward to working closely

with Nigel in this important policy area."

On the welfare front, the Liberals' Kevin Andrew will go up against Federal Families and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

But what should be a clear-cut area of differentiation is complicated by what is seen as

Labor's own shift to the right on some welfare issues.

Ms Macklin last month announced the government would roll out compulsory income management – already in place in many Aboriginal communities under the Northern Territory Intervention – across the entire country. –With AAP



NIGEL SCULLION



# Call for more accountability

By **DARREN COYNE**



AN Aboriginal health organisation has slammed a report into Indigenous health programs, saying it contains 'wild accusations'.

The report by the *Centre for Independent Studies (CIS)* said that improvements in Indigenous health outcomes would only occur 'once the lack of accountability that plagues the Aboriginal health sector ends'.

The report, *Closing the Accountability Gap: The First Step Towards Better Indigenous Health*, by policy analyst Sara Hudson, argues that the untargeted nature of government spending in Indigenous health made it difficult to know what services the money was buying and for whom.

"Over the past ten years, funding for Indigenous health programs has increased by 245 per cent, with no appreciable improvements in health outcomes," Ms Hudson said.

"In the past year alone, Commonwealth funding for Indigenous health has increased by 50 per cent – from \$492 million in 2008 to more than \$600 million in 2009.

"We have a bizarre situation where programs are provided simply because someone thinks they are a good idea.

"In the absence of evidence-based policy and targeting of resources, most of the Governments' commitments to close the gap are merely wishful thinking."

## Many sources

Ms Hudson said complex funding arrangements, where one Aboriginal health service could receive funding from up to 42 different sources made it difficult to track how funds were being spent.

The report maintains that fewer than half of Aboriginal health services file annual reports.

"The Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS) face few consequences for not filing reports with some serious repercussions, including financial mismanagement, insolvency and even fraud," Ms Hudson said.

However, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairman Justin Mohamed said that despite the 'wild accusations' throughout the report, its conclusion supported Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Services.

Mr Mohamed said the report concluded that, 'rather than the Government deciding what health programs to fund, communities (or regional areas) in conjunction with health professions should be responsible for determining health needs'.

"Communities setting health priorities is exactly what Aboriginal community controlled health services are all about," he said.

"However, the report's slur that Aboriginal community-controlled health services are unaccountable is wrong.

"In addition to reporting to their community boards of management and their membership, our services

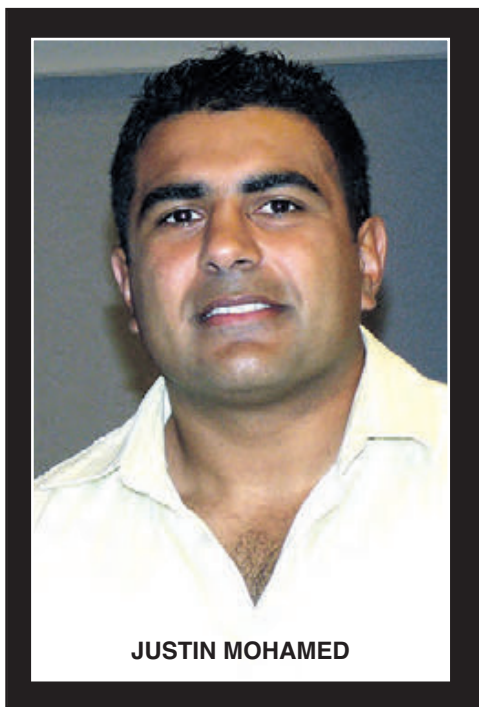
report at least twice a year to funding bodies such as the Federal Health Department and State and Territory governments and are externally audited on finances and governance, by financial auditing practices.

"The burden of 42 funding sources the report refers to for one service is an issue affecting a number of our member services and is something that NACCHO is continually raising with government by calling for new ways to streamline reporting and funding.

"Despite Aboriginal peoples making up almost three percent of the population, with three-times the burden of disease, only 0.8 per cent of global Federal health expenditure goes to the Federal Health Department's Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and of that Aboriginal community-controlled health services receive an even smaller proportion."

Mr Mohamed said the funding boost for Aboriginal health had only peaked in the past year, with a limited amount of the new funding reaching Aboriginal community-controlled health services or having time to affect measurable health outcomes.

"The small funding increases seen from 1997 to 2007 have resulted in substantial increases in episodes of care delivered by Aboriginal community-controlled health services



**JUSTIN MOHAMED**

and increases to the Aboriginal workforce throughout Australia," he said.

"NACCHO has repeatedly called for governments to be more accountable for the unilateral funding decisions they make affecting Aboriginal people.

"However, much of the new COAG money is being diverted to mainstream services, and it is time these bodies are held to the same level of accountability as the Aboriginal community-controlled health sector.

"The Australian General Practice Network, their Divisions of GPs and mainstream, for profit, general practices are being targeted for the COAG 'Close the Gap' measures when these services have a very sparse track record in helping Aboriginal peoples."

Mr Mohamed said the current health gaps were the result of 'two centuries of mismanagement and unaccountability by this nation towards Aboriginal people'.



Traditional owners Mark Alice (partly obscured), Ossie Alice, Theo Alice, Roseanne Ellis and Marie Ellis receive a copy of the deed of grant from Lingiari MP and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon. Photo courtesy CLC.

# Sacred sites returned to Arrernte



TWO of central Australia's most significant sacred sites were handed back to their Eastern Arrernte traditional owners last week.

Emily Gap – or Anthwerke – is an extremely important registered sacred site, not only for the Eastern Arrernte, but for all Arrernte people across central Australia.

It is the focus for incoming Yipirinya (caterpillar) dreaming from the east, west, north and south. Some of the stories are restricted to men, but there are men's and women's sites in the area.

Jessie Gap – or Akepele Arntaye – is also a significant registered sacred site. The dreaming related to these gaps is central to the creation of the Alice Springs area.

The two are part of the Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park, a thin strip of land following the Ross Highway east of Alice Springs.

It has been handed back to traditional owners as scheduled on Aboriginal Freehold land and leased back to the Northern Territory

Government for 99 years under a joint management agreement.

Central Land Council director David Ross said the Emily and Jessie handback represented an important day for the traditional owners.

"The Central and Eastern Arrernte have had few opportunities to claim land under the Land Rights Act, because most of their country had been consumed by pastoral leases," Mr Ross said.

"The sites in this area are vital for the dreaming stories of the Arrernte, and so finally having the land handed back to them and being able to contribute to its management will bring a lot of joy to the traditional owners.

"For them, this handback has been a long time coming and as with most of these occasions, where it has taken decades for traditional owners to win their land back, many haven't lived to enjoy the moment.

"Two senior custodians, the Ross brothers, passed away this year and should be acknowledged for their tireless work that has led to this ceremony."



Marie Ellis (holding certificate) and Roseanne Ellis (to her immediate left) and other traditional owners from the Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park stand proudly with a copy of the deed of grant after the handback. Photo courtesy CLC.



# Exhausting, but boy, was it fun!

By CHRISTINE HOWES



FUN, energetic, tiring, nice and exciting – they were all words used by 11-year-old Majeda-Mo Beatty to describe a regional camp hosted by the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir in Cairns last month.

"It's really fun and energetic and sometimes tiring, but mostly nice and exciting learning about music and signing," she said.

Artistic director Lyn Williams agreed that was what it was all about.

## 'Come alive'

"I've seen, especially doing workshop projects, children absolutely come alive, discovering this is something they can really do," she said.

"To see them discover it is the most extraordinary experience... All of the staff get so much pleasure out of seeing the incredible depth of untapped talent waiting to be discovered.

"They know how good it is and they know that it's something really strong. They feel that."



The Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir in Cairns last month.

Ms Williams said one of the most important aspects of the work the choir did was the development of new songs in Indigenous languages.

"They're very keen in writing their songs in sharing culture in their identity, in language and in

coming together and sharing," she said.

"All of those concepts are universally important to them."

Choreographer Sani Townson, who also did the language translations for the Qantas ad which featured the choir, was at

the camp as part of the artistic staff.

"Everybody's worried about sports and not all of the kids are going to become sportsmen and sportswomen," he said.

"So this is an artistic side where they can reach out, have

fun. Some of them at school don't have much music, where here they get to learn a lot more."

Ms Williams said that for this year, the choir's focus had been on the east coast, north of Sydney, but they were hoping next year to develop programs in Victoria and the Northern Territory.

"We're trying, with additional funds obviously, to reach as many children as we can and give as many children the opportunity as possible and hopefully perform all over Australia and all over the world eventually," she said.

"From this camp children will be selected for the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir, for the national projects.

"This year, we performed at The Dreaming Festival at Woodford and we were involved in the Qantas ad filming."

At the end of the weekend the students performed for their parents.

"We're about to have an open rehearsal for our parents to come and see what we've been working on all weekend," Majeda-Mo said.

"I hope they like it."

# Research shines spotlight on DV

BY ELIZABETH MURRAY



KEY homicide research has shown that Aboriginal women in NSW are up to nine times more likely than other NSW women to die due to domestic violence.

NSW police were only aware of domestic violence in one in ten cases, in the year before the victims' homicide.

However, police dealt with 26 per cent of offenders for violence, malicious damage or telecommunications breaches in the 12 months prior to a domestic homicide, increasing to 50 per cent in the five years prior to domestic homicides.

The five-year study conducted by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) found that disadvantage, substance use and mental illness were often key factors in the incidence of domestic homicides.

BOCSAR director Dr Don Weatherburn said that the findings highlighted the difficulties involved in trying to prevent domestic homicide.

"Identifying cases where a victim of domestic violence is at risk of being killed is extremely difficult, if not impossible," Dr Weatherburn said.

"That is why it is so important to raise the general level of protection for all victims."

The study showed that the ratio of reported domestic assaults to domestic homicides was 620 to one.

Twenty-eight per cent of offenders had consumed alcohol in the hours leading up to the domestic homicide, and 15

per cent had used drugs.

While Aboriginal people made up only two per cent of the total population of NSW, Aboriginal women were victims in nine per cent of cases, and in 2006/7 they were nine times more likely to be killed as a result of domestic violence than other NSW women.

The study also showed most deaths occurred in the evening towards the end of the week, in the family home of the victim and offender.

Nineteen percent of victims were killed by a parent, although most were killed by an 'intimate partner'. Victims were mainly females aged around 35 years, while one-quarter of victims were aged under 15 years.

The NSW Child Death Review Team 2008 found Aboriginal children under the age of five were four-times more likely to die as a result of assaults than non-Indigenous children.

Thirty-nine percent of victims fell within the 'most disadvantaged' quintile of the index of relative socioeconomic disadvantage.

Last month the NSW Government introduced the 'Keep them Safe' strategy and NSW Police established a 'Child Well-being Unit' to promote early intervention with support and services for children and

families, 'before their circumstances deteriorate,' according to the Police Minister Michael Daley.

The 106 reforms resulted from the recommendations of the 2007 inquiry into child protection and complements information provided by the Department of Education, Health Services and Human Services via the 'WellNet' database to create greater safeguards.

Community Services Minister Linda Burney, said 'one death from domestic violence was too much', when launching the half-million-dollar domestic homicide review panel on White Ribbon Day.

"This new model will help us find out how we can improve the system to help prevent domestic violence-related deaths," Ms Burney said.

"I'm confident the new panel will be rigorous in its investigations and its recommendations will contribute to a reduction in these appalling deaths."

Ms Burney described the figures revealed by BOCSAR as shocking.

She said the combination of stress, alcohol, financial worries and family tensions could trigger a rise in domestic and family violence over the coming holiday period.

"If you are going drink, I want to



LINDA BURNLEY

encourage you to drink in moderation, take time out for yourself to unwind and when things get hard, take a deep breath before you say or do anything you might regret later on," she said.

"Remember, domestic violence is a crime. And if you drink too much, it's much easier to lose control.

"Everyone in the community should know they can access expert advice and support from the free Community Services Domestic Violence Line. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Ms Burney said the Government had expanded two programs, Staying Home Leaving Violence, which helped women stay in their homes by removing the violent offender, and the Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Program.

"We also have the Start Safely rental subsidy initiative to help domestic violence victims who leave refuges or their own homes move into private accommodation," she said.

"In addition we have implemented a range of legislative reforms to protect and support victims and make offenders more accountable."

● The Community Services Domestic Violence Line is 1800 656 463 (24 hours, seven days) and TTY 1800 671 442. The Domestic Violence Advocacy Service has an advice line (02) 8745 6999 (Lines are open between 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.30am-12.30pm on Wednesday).

The number for the Rural Freecall Line is 1800 810 784 and TTY 1800 626 267.



# Speak up for health



EFFORTS to close the health and life expectancy gaps between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians have gained considerable momentum in the past few years.

But the campaign, as well as the unprecedented funding it has attracted, has been frustrated by limited engagement by Indigenous people with health services, especially non-Indigenous ones.

Early this month saw the launch of a project that it is hoped will help overcome that serious barrier.

South Australia's Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner Leena Sudano released the Commission's report 'Ever Felt Like Complaining?' at an event at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya in Adelaide.

The report came from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander outreach project aimed at devising action to improve the confidence and ability of Indigenous people to speak up about bad experiences within the health sector.

"We started the project because we heard stories about Aboriginal people staying away from health services because of bad experiences," Ms Sudano said.

"We also heard stories that Aboriginal people were not making complaints after bad experiences."

But Ms Sudano said problems couldn't be fixed if Aboriginal people didn't feel



**HSCCC Complaint Resolution Officer Christine Egan (centre) with members of Sista Act, who performed at the launch.** Photos by NATHAN PARKER.

confident to speak up about their experiences.

"When this also leads to Aboriginal people losing trust in services, it means they may miss out on services essential for their health and wellbeing, like pregnancy and child health care, mental health and drug and alcohol services," she said.

Ms Sudano said the project revealed that experience and fear of racism was the biggest barrier to Aboriginal people

speaking up. Other findings included: that Aboriginal people wanted to speak up but didn't think it would make things better and could even make them worse; and Aboriginal people wanted to be invited and supported to give feedback with the option of help from an Aboriginal contact person.

Ms Sudano committed her office to taking action to address the findings, and regularly reporting back to communities about progress on the



**Kim Morey from the SA Health Aboriginal Health Division, Kurna Elder Lewis O'Brien and Zeli Dodd Executive Director of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, Central Northern Adelaide Health Service.**

project recommendations.

She encouraged all health and community services to read the report and take steps to make it easier for Indigenous people to speak up.

"I also encourage services to let people know how they improved things after complaints from Aboriginal people to boost their confidence to use essential services," she said.

The launch featured Dr Irene Watson, a Tanganekald /Meintangk woman and Associate Professor at the University of SA as a guest speaker and a performance by local women's theatre group Sista-Act. The project report is available via the Health and Community Services Complaints Commission's website [www.hscsc.sa.gov.au](http://www.hscsc.sa.gov.au).

# Breakthroughs on the APY Lands



THE South Australian Government has hailed two major breakthroughs it says will lead to positive

developments for the State's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

Legislation that includes measures to prevent the trafficking of drugs and alcohol into the APY Lands has been passed in the State Parliament earlier this month.

And a further agreement has been struck guaranteeing access to the APY Lands for all Government service deliverers.

Amendments to the APY Land

Rights Act will support a new lease for the Mintabie opal mining township located on the APY Lands, about 1100kms north-west of Adelaide

Changes include confining alcohol consumption to the nearby Mintabie Hotel or specially-licensed events, requiring people living in Mintabie to undergo a police check and reinforcing existing requirements for visitors to Mintabie to obtain a permit to access the APY Lands.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill acknowledged the hard work of the APY Executive Board in collaboration with the Government.

"The State Government always

has maintained that working in partnership with Aboriginal communities is the best way to help address the issues facing them," Mr Weatherill said.

"It means hard work, there are peaks and troughs along the way and there is more work to be done, but we have taken some significant steps today."

Mintabie and its opal mining were established before land was vested to APY in 1981, so the APY Land Rights Act included special provisions for Mintabie. A 21-year lease to the Crown expired in October 2002 and the APY Executive Board has since provided a series of interim lease extensions.

"A key concern of APY

communities during negotiations for a new lease has been alcohol and drugs coming onto the Lands through Mintabie," he said.

"This is a concern that is shared by the SA Police, Nganampa health, the NPY Women's Council and was highlighted in Ted Mullighan QC's evidence to a Parliamentary committee.

"Anyone who has witnessed the scourge of alcohol getting into remote communities would see this as a sensible step."

Along with the passage of the legislation, an agreement was struck with the APY Executive regarding access to the APY Lands for Government agencies, Government contractors delivering

services, and journalists.

Under this agreement, APY Executive will pass a by-law guaranteeing access.

APY chairman Bernard Singer said the agreement was a great step forward for the APY Lands.

He said the by-law would provide for a code of conduct to govern all who were entitled to access under the by-law.

"So we will have one standard of conduct applying to service providers, APY Executive Members and staff."

Mr Singer said Anangu development had been held back by 'maladministration, misconduct and corruption', to which the Executive had adopted a zero-tolerance policy.

*Merry Christmas*



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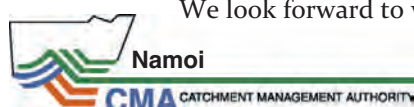
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# Nine for trial over death of league star's uncle



FIVE men and four teenage boys have been committed to stand trial for the murder of rugby league star Jonathan Thurston's uncle.

After eight days of evidence in the Brisbane Magistrates Court, Magistrate Noel Nunan found on Thursday there was potentially enough

evidence to convict the nine of killing Richard Saunders in a park at Woodridge, in Brisbane's south, on 25 October last year.

The accused, aged between 15 and 25, chose not to enter a plea as they were committed in the Supreme Court in Brisbane to stand trial for murder.

They also face charges of grievous bodily harm and assault, occasioning

bodily harm while armed and in company.

During the committal hearing, the court was told the accused bashed Mr Saunders and two of his friends, Harold Bond and Gordon Willis, after a dispute over a stolen purse.

The court was told that crucial closed-circuit TV footage that could shed light on how the incident unfolded was missing, because the camera was probably facing

the wrong way at the time.

The footage retrieved by police only shows Mr Bond lying on the concrete path, and does not show an attack on the three men.

Eight of the accused were remanded in custody until their trial, while the ninth remains on Supreme Court bail.

A date for the trial is yet to be fixed.

— AAP

## Indigenous art fuses with high fashion



WORLD Vision is working on further collaborations with Indigenous artists following a successful fashion event in Sydney last month which fused high fashion with Indigenous art.

Called *Style and Spirit*, the event combined the latest designs from top Australian designer Lisa Gorman with earthy art from Mavis Warrngilna Ganambarr, from Elcho Island.

Mavis learned her craft from her grandmother on her mother's traditional lands in the west coast of Arnhem Bay – a region made famous by artists like singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and the Chooky Dancers.

World Vision supports more than 500 Indigenous artists and provides unique and ethical Indigenous art for sale to collectors in Australia and worldwide.

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● LEFT: Left to right, models Samantha Harris and Renee Bani, Elcho Island artist Mavis Warrngilna Ganambarr, and models Rininya Johnson and Jodie Trewweek.

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An adult mutton bird. Photo by Zoe Rimmer.

# Bird deaths a mystery

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural practice of mutton birding could be under threat because the migratory birds are dying in what the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has described as unacceptable numbers. The State Government will this week begin surveys of mutton bird nests on islands in the state's north but Mr Mansell wants it and the Federal Government to do more to address the situation.

TAC legal director Michael Mansell said that, from the observations of local Aborigines, fewer than one in five birds reached maturity last year – the lowest strike rate in 30 years.

"We normally see exhausted and starving birds dying near to the rookeries but...the scale of recent deaths of mutton birds is highly unusual," he said.

"Last year saw less than 20 per cent of chicks reaching maturity and the year before there were plenty of chicks but they were very small, suggesting a serious lack of food.

"About two years ago there were plenty around but they were that damn weak that it was pitiful to watch them try to get to the sea. That's their natural urge, it's where their food is, but their wings weren't properly formed, they were hobbling along on one leg."

Mr Mansell said there were plenty of theories around about why the birds were dying – from rising sea temperatures sending them further south to find their chief diet of krill to pollution from oil, gas and coal mining along their migratory path. But he said there was a 'terrible' lack of research upon which to base those theories.

A spokesperson from the Federal Environment Department said the presence of large numbers of dead (mutton birds) along the east Australian coast during their southern migration was a common and well-documented natural occurrence.

"It is usually related to the birds meeting heavy weather when weakened by the long migration. This year many birds died along the Tasmanian,

New South Wales and Victorian coasts during their migration south," the spokesperson said.

But she conceded that it was 'relatively unusual' that many birds appeared to have died during their pre-laying exodus from their established nest sites on some Bass Strait Islands.

"It was observed via bird droppings that their usual diet of krill was missing or reduced," the spokesperson said, and preliminary tests on dead birds suggested they had died from starvation.

The Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment said it was not taking the deaths for granted and had examined the birds, finding them severely emaciated but no evidence of infections.

A spokesperson said monitoring of mutton bird colonies was 'a high priority due to our responsibility to sustainably manage the annual harvest and their value as indicators of oceanic health'.

She said the department recently reviewed its monitoring strategy, and was now liaising with a number of interest groups, including the Aboriginal Land Council and TAC, and researchers in Tasmania, Victoria and New Zealand, to ensure that monitoring of colonies used reliable methods and to improve its knowledge of local population trends. The first monitoring of the mutton birding season in the Furneaux group of islands was due to start this week.

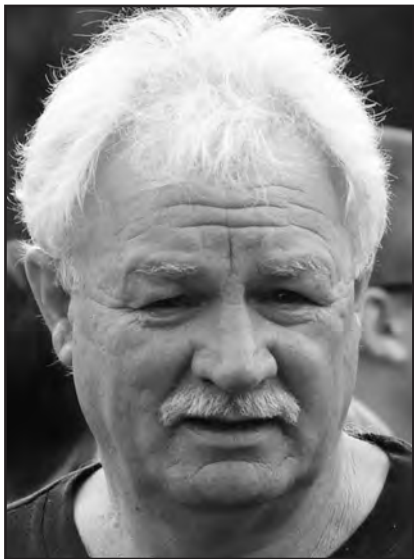
Tasmanian Aboriginal people traditionally go mutton birding for about five weeks, from April onwards.

The Federal Environment Department's spokesperson said the Government had spent more than \$280,000 on collaborative research projects over the past year to conserve migratory birds, including mutton birds.

But Mr Mansell said the Tasmanian government needed to persuade the Federal Government to set aside more money to tackle the problem and make experts available.

He accused both the governments of indifference on the issue because it involved Aboriginal people.

"If this was sheep farmers, they would be all over us like a bad suit," he told *The Koori Mail*.



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**PRIMARY HEALTH CARE RESOURCE**

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health with the Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to develop a web based resource that brings together existing information, tools and guides relevant to the management of chronic diseases in Indigenous Australians from a wide range of sources. The web site must be a collaborative, publishing and writing system with content management and archive capabilities. The resource will promote better practice in the prevention, identification and management of chronic disease in Indigenous Australians by primary health care workers in the mainstream and Indigenous sector.

Refer to Request for Tender (RFT) document

The anticipated contract period will commence on 15 February 2010

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request For Tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders)

Any difficulties accessing this site should be addressed to the Project Officer: Darlene Lawler

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**Tenders will close at 2pm on 27 January 2010 in Canberra.**

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The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) is seeking tenders from individuals or organisations to develop and/or modify training resources under the Business Services Training Package specifically for delivery to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. DoHA is also seeking Tenders for the delivery of accredited training as identified above. Tenderers are able to apply for one or both of the requirements of the Request for Tender. The successful Tenderer(s) will be engaged under a Contract for Services, initially for a three to four month period to June 2010 with the possibility of extension, at the discretion of the Commonwealth, to undertake the delivery of training for up to three years. DoHA encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to apply. It also encourages consortium arrangements.

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# Tjurabalan food threat



AN important source of food for the Tjurabalan people of the Kimberley Desert is under threat – and Aboriginal cultural and traditional

practices with it – due to a fish infection not seen anywhere else in the world.

The infection causes spangled perch, which is one of three fish found in the region's waterways, to become infested with worms.

In a bid to investigate the cause of the infestation, why it occurs and what can be done to solve the massive problem, the local Indigenous community has joined with the Kimberley Land Council's Paruku IPA rangers, the WA Department of Water, World Wildlife Fund and the University of Canberra.

University of Canberra research student Sam Walker said the infection was unlike any ever observed or recorded, with 80 per cent of the fish carrying the parasitic worms. One of the fish studied was found to be carrying more than 250 worms.

Tjurabalan traditional owner Veronica Lulu said the worms started infecting the spangled perch in 2005, but the prevalence of the infestation had forced them to stop eating the fish, for fear they may get sick.



Women collecting fish for researchers on banks of Lake Gregory (Paruku) and one of the worm-infested spangled perch.

"The fish are hurt. They were all right before, long time ago," she said. "We can't eat them with red worm. It might make us sick inside."

Ms Lulu and a group of women Elders said the spangled perch came from fish Dreaming, connecting the surrounding waterways of Paruku (Lake Gregory), Lake Stretch and Sturt Creek.

She said fishing for yaku (spangled perch) had formed a large part of cultural practices for thousands of years and included teaching children about country,

language, history, story-telling and visiting sacred sites.

"We miss the fish. We take the kids out swimming now," she said.

"We believe the fish will get healthy when we get rain, when the river gets full and is flowing. Big rains will kill all this red worm in the fish."

Department of Water Waterways Co-ordinator Rob Cossart said the research project was important to the community and traditional owners, and Paruku IPA rangers had been assisting scientists in their investigation.

"Paruku is of high cultural

significance to the local and surrounding communities and is a key waterway in the desert region of the Kimberley. From an ecological perspective, it is considered as an oasis in an otherwise dry landscape," he said.

"It is likely that the parasite infestation is a result of high migratory bird numbers, reduced water quality, changes in water temperature and the long-term wetting and drying patterns of the lakes.

"Preliminary research suggests that these processes have worked simultaneously to produce the

extreme levels of infections present at Paruku.

"This project is not going to solve the problem but it helps researchers, government agencies and traditional owners move a step closer in uncovering the secrets of this significant inland terminal lake system."

KLC Deputy Director Nolan Hunter said the infection created a new challenge for Indigenous people and ranger groups looking after country, and the research project would provide answers on how best to manage the problem.

"This is a new phenomenon that is impacting not only our environment but threatening the daily social fabric of people's lives," he said. "The spangled perch is of monumental importance to the Tjurabalan people and this infection is transforming the way they live. It is impacting on their diet, their culture and their traditional practices.

"The onset of global warming provides new challenges for our people and our ranger groups who work on country, to protect country and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

"This project has combined traditional ecological knowledge with Western scientific methods to achieve results that are paramount to all involved."

– By LAUREN PIKE



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# NITV mixed review

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AN independent review of the National Indigenous Television (NITV) has found that the organisation is generally effective and its financial management and

reporting meets most benchmarks but it should improve its governance and relationships within the Indigenous broadcasting sector.

The Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts engaged Hugh Watson Consulting in July to undertake a 'terminating program review' of the service, given that the \$48.5 million in pilot funding it received in 2006 is due to run out on 30 June next year.

The Government is currently considering the issue of NITV's continued operation beyond that date.

The review, completed in October, looked at NITV as an organisation, its business practices and its governance arrangements. It undertook stakeholder consultations with key organisations, NITV staff, management and the Board, and communities.

Last month, Environment, Heritage and the Arts Minister Peter Garrett approved the distribution of a summary report on the review's findings to key stakeholders in the Indigenous broadcasting sector, including the Canberra-based advocacy body Australian Indigenous Communications

Association (AICA).

The review found that NITV has progressed from a fledgling start-up to a medium-sized organisation delivering a nationally distributed Indigenous television service broadcasting an average of 22 hours programming per day.

In a letter to stakeholders, Assistant



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Secretary of the department's Literature and Indigenous Culture Branch Paul Salmond described this as 'a major achievement as NITV, in media terms, is a relatively new organisation'.

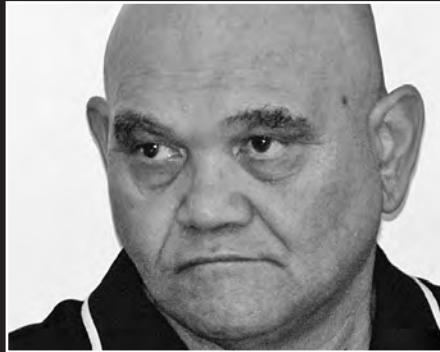
AICA's Chairperson Jim Remedio welcomed the release of the review report but said the process had been rushed.

In a statement, Mr Remedio said NITV was important to Aboriginal communities

but the government needed to heed the review's criticisms about the way it did business.

And he warned that AICA would not support the future funding of NITV over the continual under-funding of essential communications to remote communities.

"The funding of the (department's



JIM REMEDIO

Indigenous Broadcasting Program) has not moved in over 13 years as government does not see the essential communication services that our remote Indigenous broadcasters perform on the cheap every year," Mr Remedio said.

He said some review recommendations, including the need for NITV to improve the way it consulted with others in the sector, could not be ignored.

The relationship between NITV and remote community broadcasters was fractured earlier on when NITV was allocated a satellite channel previously the exclusive domain of remote broadcasters.

Remote broadcasters complained bitterly of fewer opportunities to broadcast their material, much of which was aimed at culture and language maintenance. NITV promised to ensure that remote material got fair coverage but has expressed concerns about the production values of some of the material it has received.

Mr Remedio urged Minister Garrett to change the TV service's structure to guarantee its future 'for all Aboriginal people, not just the select few'.

NITV was funded to strengthen Indigenous TV, make positive contribution to cultural maintenance and Indigenous notions of identity, and facilitate the representation of Indigenous culture in a positive and engaging way to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Currently available on the Foxtel, Austar and Optus cable pay television platforms and the Parliament House Television monitoring system, it has enjoyed success with some of the shows it has commissioned receiving industry nominations and awards. Earlier this year, it became a member of the new World Indigenous Broadcast Network.

The *Koori Mail* approached NITV for a comment on the review report but had not heard back at the time of printing.

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# Mother jailed for toddler's murder



Tributes to toddler Dean Shillingsworth in the park where his body was found.

## Judge finds accused to be morally culpable



RACHEL Pfitzner has been jailed for at least 19 years and two months for murdering her two-year-old son, before dumping his body in a suitcase in a Sydney duck pond.

In the NSW Supreme Court last Wednesday, Justice Robert Allan Hulme set a maximum term of 25 years and six months for the 27-year-old.

She pleaded guilty to murdering Dean Shillingsworth on 11 October 2007, at Rosemeadow.

His body was found in a suitcase pulled from a duck pond at nearby Ambarvale, in

Sydney's south-west.

The judge said he was satisfied Pfitzner had come to loathe her son because he reminded her of his father, Paul Shillingsworth, 'towards whom she held ambivalent feelings'.

"Dean was entitled to love, protection and nurture, but instead she took away his very life," the judge said.

He concluded the murder was not planned, but was spontaneous. He accepted that Pfitzner suffered from a severe borderline personality disorder, but was not satisfied she was operating under any mental condition that reduced her moral culpability. - AAP

## Bourke's 2 CUZ FM braces for closure



BOURKE-BASED radio station 2 CUZ FM looks set to close, along with a celebrated Aboriginal language program, following news that the town's Muda Aboriginal Corporation has been knocked back for Federal funding.

The station has broadcast to almost a quarter of the state for 15 years but Muda learned in September that its 2009-10 application to the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts' Indigenous Broadcasting Program (IBP) had been unsuccessful.

The corporation has been trying to source alternative funding but was preparing to pull the plug on 2 CUZ FM local programming on Friday as *The Koori Mail* went to print.

In 2007-2008, Muda

received \$340,000 for its broadcasting program and the Wangkumarra language program. But manager Greg McKellar said that despite addressing all reporting matters raised by the department and having its last audit and funding acquittal accepted, the corporation had received only a quarter of its 2008-09 funding.

A DEWHA spokesperson confirmed that Muda had been unsuccessful in its 2009-10 IBP funding application.

"The IBP is a highly competitive program and organisations are not guaranteed funding from one year to the next," she said.

The spokesperson said Muda could still apply for funding in future funding rounds, but a consultant to the corporation told *The Koori Mail* that once the radio station lost its licence, it would be very difficult to get it back.

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National Drug Strategy

## NATIONAL DRUG STRATEGY

2010 - 2015

### NATIONAL CONSULTATION

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Submissions close on Wednesday 24 February 2010.

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If you are interested in participating on this program, please register your interest by calling Tareka Whaleboat IYMP Coordinator P: 02 4923 7502 or M: 0427 630 810.



## Indigenous women invited to talk straight



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women across the country are being invited to apply to be part of Oxfam's Straight Talk Summit at Parliament House in Canberra in March.

Fifty Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women will be selected to sit down with female MPs from all sides of politics during the summit from 7-10 March to talk about the issues facing Indigenous communities.

Oxfam Australia spokeswoman Sabina Curatolo said Straight Talk

aimed to build relationships between Indigenous women and women in Federal Parliament to bring about greater justice and equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Whether they come from remote communities or urban areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women will have direct access to decision-makers, while female parliamentarians will gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing communities," Ms Curatolo said.

Twenty-five-year-old Stephanie King, from Mt Isa, Queensland, said

participating in the inaugural Straight Talk summit in February had been a 'a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and 'gave her new insights into the political system and how to bring about change.

She has since forged a relationship with her local MP on key community issues and had the confidence to participate in the Queensland Indigenous Youth Parliament in May.

● For more information on the selection process and an application form, go to: [www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk](http://www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk) or call 1800 088 110. Applications close 8 January 2010.

# Health gap highlighted

By KERRI-LEE HARDING



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures featured prominently at the Parliament of World Religions Conference in Melbourne last week.

Conference delegates were told during the 'Working Together – The Health of Two Worlds' forum that the health status of Australia's Indigenous peoples was a 'national and international disgrace'.

The Director of the Central Australia Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs, Stephanie Bell, opened the session and gave an overview of Indigenous health – complete with some blunt messages.

"The health of Aboriginal peoples in Australia remains a national and international disgrace," she said in her opening remarks.

Ms Bell said that while the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people had recently been

corrected to show a gap of 12 years, the previously identified gap of 17 years had not changed in the Northern Territory.

She highlighted what she saw as essential ingredients for a successful approach to improving Indigenous health, including genuine local Aboriginal community engagement to maximise participation up to and including formal structures of community control.

She called for integration of all vertical targeted programs on specific health issues 'such as alcohol, tobacco and obesity with broad-based comprehensive primary health care' and evidence-based approaches that were reflective and involved local communities adapting what was known to work elsewhere to local conditions and priorities.

Ms Bell said community-controlled health organisations needed secure resourcing for service delivery and staff retention, and called for performance indicators and measurement that were supported by Aboriginal people and were linked to

accountability and action.

The Ngangkari Traditional Healers from central Australia also addressed the conference.

The men, who are sought-after for their knowledge of bush medicines, shared personal antidotes and healing stories with an appreciative audience.



Central Australia Aboriginal Congress Director Stephanie Bell (front left) at the Parliament of World Religions Conference with Francis Bond. Pictured at the back, from left, are interpreter Linda Rive, Nicki Warner, Ngangkari traditional healers Andy Tjilari and Toby Ginger, Gary Jagamarra, and Ngangkari traditional healer Rupert Peter.

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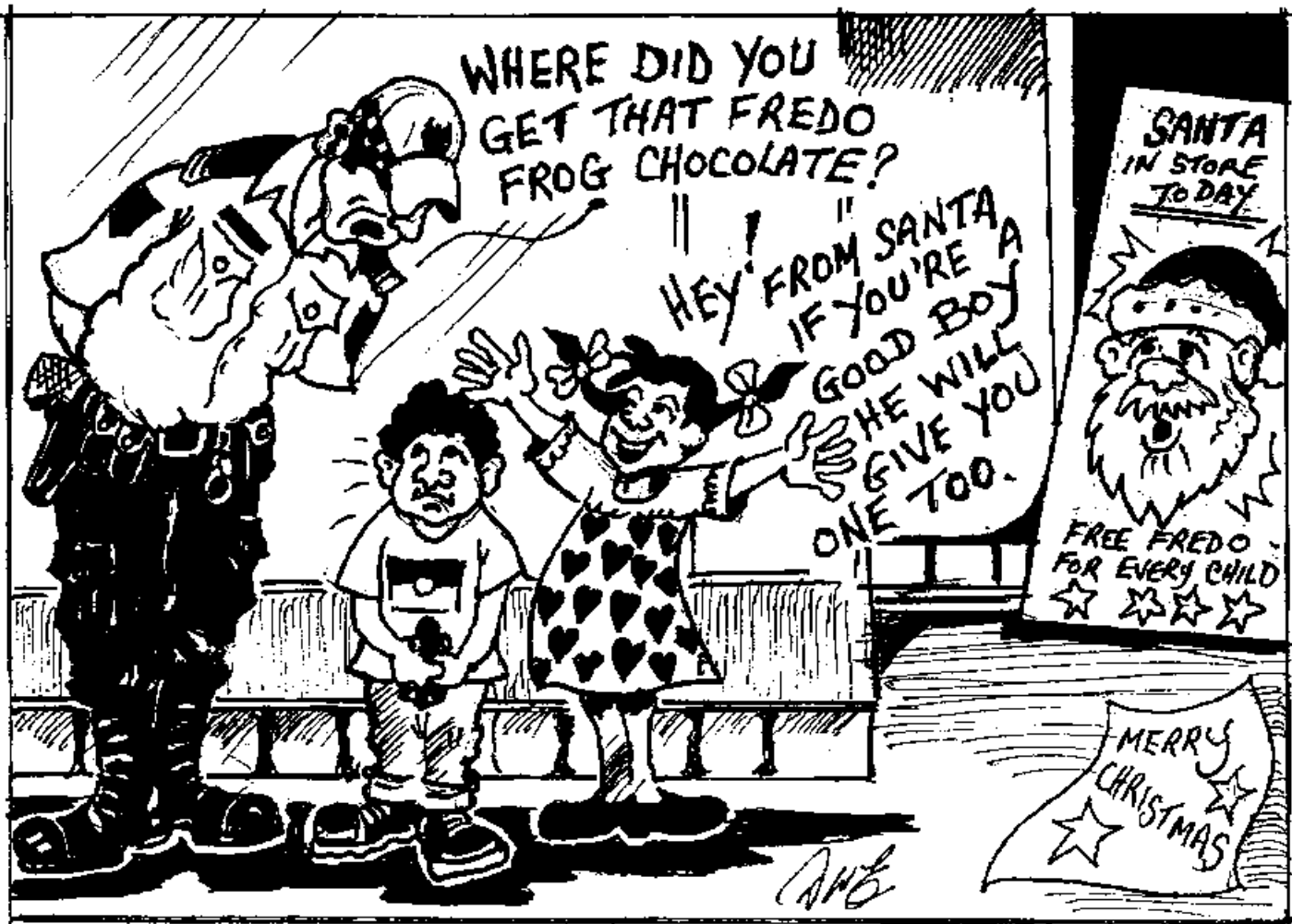
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## A Yarn With...



## James Mills

**Torres Strait Islander, living in Perth**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Damper

**Favourite non-indigenous food?**  
White cream pasta that my Mum makes

**Favourite drink?**  
So many favourites, Pure Blonde beer, coke, water...

**Favourite music?**  
I love all music that I can sing along to

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Basketball and, lately, touch rugby

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Cairns and the Daintree region

**What are you reading?**  
The Twilight Series

**What are you watching?**  
The new One HD free to air sports channel

**What is the greatest highlight in your life?**  
First time I landed the Dash8 aircraft, a 50-seat propeller turbine aircraft

**What do you like in life?**  
Chilling with friends, my brother is my best friend

**What do you dislike in life?**  
I love everything. I get annoyed at Sydney's traffic though.

**Who would you most like to meet and why?**  
Michael Jordan, because he handled all the publicity well when he was big and I love basketball as well.

**Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Dad, Uncle Benny and Uncle Neil

**What would you do, if you could, to better the situation for Indigenous people?**  
I would improve retention and attendance of young kids at school because once I graduated from Year 12 I had lots of options.

## Quote



**'I am a product of my Torres Strait Islander culture and proudly carry on its musical traditions'**

**— ARIA award-winner Seaman Dan**

● See report on page 49

**Unquote**

## Thanks for all your support

**W**E don't often get sentimental here at *The Koori Mail*. Oh alright, sometimes we do. But we hope, given it's nearly Christmas, that our readers will indulge us.

Here, at about the time we flip our monthly calendar on to its last page, we begin to trawl our newspaper archives to remind our readers and ourselves who did what, how and why in the preceding 12 months.

Given the often one-dimensional Indigenous material dished up on pages, airwaves, TV and computer screens elsewhere, it can be easy to forget what rich and interesting lives our people lead.

At the beginning of every news cycle, we wonder how we'll ever fill the next edition's 80-100 pages.

And then things begin to trickle in. People ring, email or stop us in the street. By each deadline, space is always at a premium and we're looking for stories that can hold for another two weeks. We'll never lose sight of what a luxurious position that is to be in. And to be able to trust that such an organic process will produce the goods.

One of the things that our readers often tell us is that they love being able to read about other people who often look, think or sound something like them.

We think that's the beauty of a newspaper like ours; every fortnight the faces of countless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people grace our pages. Those faces can be happy, sad, angry, confident, wary, cheeky and much more.



## OUR SAY

And the stories that accompany them open windows on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life in all its glory – sometimes complicated, sometimes 'black and white', depressing at times, inspiring at others.

We know that there'll always be divergent views within ours or any other community but we really do think that's a good thing. Our promise to our readers is that we'll keep doing our best to present as many different views as clearly as possible so that our readers can make up their own minds on matters affecting them. Knowledge is power.

We'd like to wish all of our readers, subscribers and advertisers – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous – a very happy and safe holiday season with plenty of family, friends and feasting if that's your thing

It means a lot to us that you've stuck with us, in some instances since our very first edition 18 years ago.

We hope that in 2010 you'll catch a break, dream big and challenge yourself. And that things turn out even better than you hoped.

Til then...

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# Big telescope deal



**NATIVE** title claimants have struck an agreement that will allow the world's most powerful telescope to be built on their land in Western Australia's mid-west.

The Wajarri people announced on 26 November that they have signed an agreement for the Pathfinder Telescope to be erected soon, as an integral part of Australia's bid to secure the square kilometre array (SKA) project.

An area covering 130 square kilometres, a relatively small part of the 100,700-sq-km area under claim, has been earmarked as the preferred site for the telescope.

The site is near the town of Meekatharra, about 760km north-east of Perth.

Australia and New Zealand, in a joint bid, are vying with South Africa for the SKA project. If they win, up to 4000 individual radio telescopes would be built across a total area of one million square metres in both countries.

Scientists say the recorded radio waves captured by the SKA information could one day help unlock the secrets of the universe.

It would allow them to discover how galaxies evolve and help them search for intelligent life and earth-like planets.

The Pathfinder, the most powerful telescope among those to be built as part of Australia's bid for the project, is to be installed on Wajarri land.

Wajarri announced they had signed off an agreement over the claim area with the WA government and the Commonwealth Scientific and



**Wajarri native title claimants with WA Lands Minister Brendan Grylls and Treasurer Troy Buswell after signing the agreement.**

*Photo courtesy Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation*

Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

Under the Indigenous Land Use Agreement, the traditional owners will have to legally authorise any land use,

construction and operation involved with the SKA.

In return, the Pia Aboriginal community, located 30km from the proposed site, is set to gain internet access, while two annual

cadetships will be offered to locals, along with other education opportunities.

Wajarri man Anthony Dann said the agreement would bring education, employment and training opportunities to his community.

"The myth that native title holds up development is false. This agreement was completed in record time and the future is looking bright for everyone involved," Mr Dann said.

"It's an exciting time for Wajarri people, the mid-west and Australia that such a major development will be happening in our own country."

A decision on the winning bid is expected in 2012. In September, a multi-million-dollar astronomy research centre opened in WA, designed to underpin the country's campaign to build the SKA. –AAP

# A busy year for Tribunal

**A**CHIEVEMENT and change have been features of native title in Australia and the work of the National Native Title Tribunal in 2009.

This year the Tribunal helped facilitate 11 consent determinations that native title exists, registered 40 Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) and made 128 future act determinations.

Amendments were made to the Native Title Act (by the Native Title Amendment Bill 2009) with the objective of improving opportunities for timely and effective negotiated settlements.

The amendments began operating on 18 September and the Tribunal is working closely with the Federal Court, which now has greater responsibility for managing claims, to help parties reach outcomes by agreement.

Other amendments are being considered by the Australian Parliament to create a new native title process for the delivery and construction of public housing and infrastructure in communities on Indigenous-held land.

Facilitating timely and effective native title and related outcomes underscores the Tribunal's work and it is satisfying to look back on 2009 at many highlights.

Among the outcomes so far are 11 determinations that native title exists. All were made by consent after mediation by the Tribunal between the parties.

● 30 March – Three determinations for South Australia's Adnyamathanha people recognised their rights over 41,085sq km of land in and around the Flinders Ranges.

● 11 June – Western Australia's Nyangumarta people's rights were recognised over more than 33,843sq km of land along Eighty Mile Beach in the Pilbara region.

## Native Title



**By National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE**

● 25 June – Queensland's Kuuku Ya'u people's exclusive native title rights over 10sq km of land and non-exclusive rights over about 1970 square kilometres of sea on the east of Cape York Peninsula were recognised.

● 29 July – Native title was recognised for Queensland's Wik and Wik Way people over 1150 square kilometres of land and waters on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula.

● 31 July – Northern Territory's Gurungu/Kulumintini applicants received a determination of native title

for most of their 143.86 ha application area in and around the town of Elliot.

● 7 August – Northern Territory's Ilkewartn Ywel Anmatyerr people received a determination for 1144sq km of their traditional land at Pine Hill Station.

● 22 October – Queensland's Kowanyama people's native title rights for 2731 square kilometres of land and waters in south-western Cape York were recognised, settling part A of their 19,800-sq-km native title claim.

● 18 November – WA's Thudgari people had native title recognised for about 10,500 square kilometres of mainly pastoral country in the upper Gascoyne region.

● 10 December – Queensland's Giramay people had their native title recognised for 475 hectares south of Cairns.

Another determination is scheduled to be made near Cairns on 17 December for the combined Dulabed-Malanbarra-Yidinji application.

ILUAs were associated with many of the determinations and on 17 November, the Tribunal registered the 400th ILUA.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### INFORMATION WORKSHOP DARLING DOWNS REGIONAL CLAIM

Queensland South Native Title Services would like to invite Indigenous persons identifying as **JARROWAIR, BARUNGAM, COBBLE COBBLE & WESTERN WAKKA WAKKA PEOPLE** to an upcoming information workshop for the Darling Downs Region.

**Date of Meeting** : Saturday, 19 December 2009  
**Venue of Meeting** : Toowoomba Education Centre (TEC)  
36 Baker Street, Toowoomba

**Time of Meeting** : 9.00am

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The key purpose of the information workshop is to present recent research findings concerning these groups.

Persons attending must provide evidence to QSNTS that they are descendants of the Jarrowair, Barungam, & Western Wakka Wakka apical ancestors that were described on the native title determination application and/or from Jarrowair, Barungam, Cobble Cobble & Western Wakka Wakka people identified by the research. You can contact QSNTS for further information regarding eligibility to attend the meeting.

If you require any further information please contact Kieren Gibbs on 1800 663 693 or [kieren.gibbs@qsnts.com.au](mailto:kieren.gibbs@qsnts.com.au)



### Aboriginal Heritage Erskine Park Link Road

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to construct Erskine Park Link Road which would connect Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek with Lenore Lane, Erskine Park (approximately 3km length).

In August 2006, the RTA placed an advertisement seeking registration of Aboriginal people for consultation on this proposal as a Part 3A project. As part of the cultural heritage assessment for the project the RTA intends to apply for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The outcome of this work may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

A number of persons and organisations have already registered in the consultation process. The project has progressed and the RTA now wishes to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal people not already registered to join the existing registrants in the continuing consultation process.

Registrations from Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by **February 12th 2010**.

To register your interest, please contact:  
Barry Gunther  
RTA Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage Advisor  
Sydney Region  
Ph: (02) 8849 2006  
Email: [Barry\\_Gunther@rta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Barry_Gunther@rta.nsw.gov.au)

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# Looking forward to holiday flirtations

I think Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Gathering with family and friends, no work for a week or so and sleep-ins. It's the little things that make the Christmas holidays the best time of the year. But, of course, by the end of the holidays I'm crying to come home to get some peace and quiet away from all the nieces and nephews!

The one thing that could make this Christmas even better is to be sharing it with someone special. Waking up on Christmas morning to a house full of family and partner would be really nice. Seeing what they bought me would be even better! I'd love to open a little package with a huge so-big-you-can-poke-a-



## Ms KOORI LOVE

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kids-eye-out created-diamond ring in it (I don't like real diamonds anymore).

Although I don't have

someone special to share this holiday season with, I do have plans to go out and find myself a little summer romance. I'm going to be spending some time at a beachside resort town on the New South Wales coast where many people also go for their holidays.

So while I work on my shade tan I will be keeping a keen eye open and checking out the local talent.

Now I know it probably isn't wise to start up a fling in another town 'cos eventually you have to go home, but it's just a little fun. Never know, might meet someone from Sydney eh?

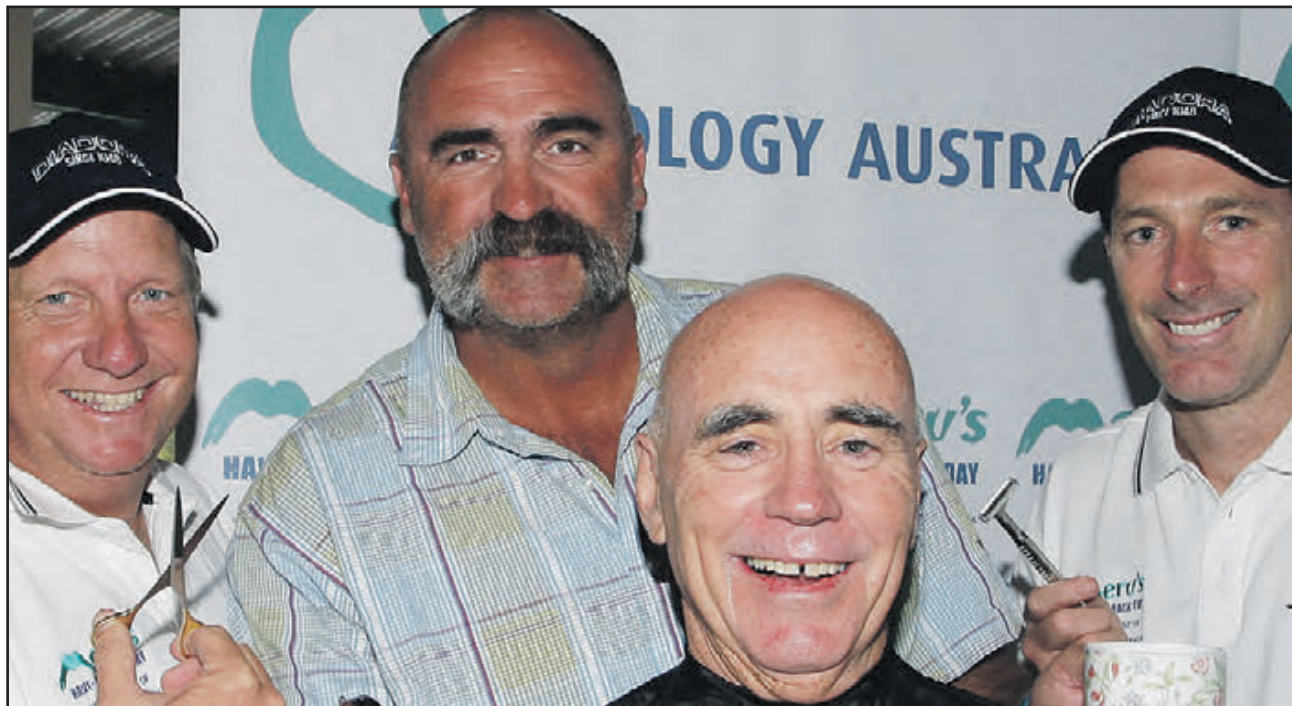
If you are also looking to head up the NSW coast, drop me an email and maybe we

can hook up? Or just keep an eye out for a wildly attractive black woman laying up under a gum tree casually waving a sprig of mistletoe around!

This is my last column for 2009 but I'll be back around Valentines Day, February 2010.

I know it's a long time to go without your dose of Ms Koori Love, but you can always email me or visit the website. Until then my peoples, stay happy, keep safe, and keep your loved ones close this holiday season.

● **Are you doing anything special with your loved one this holiday season? Jump online and boast all about it to Ms Koori Love at [www.mskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mskoorilove.com.au)**



Federal Government Minister Warren Snowdon, with former cricketers Ian Healy (left), Merv Hughes and Damien Flemming (right), after having his moustache shaved for charity in Melbourne.

# Mo-ments



BENJAMIN Paddon of Western Australia grew his moustache to raise money for men's health whereas Northern Territory politician

Warren Snowdon has a mo no more – for exactly the same cause.

Mr Paddon's mother Raelene couldn't resist sending us a picture of her son's effort for Movember, and we couldn't resist a photo of a bare Warren Snowdon, the Member for Lingiari and Minister for Indigenous Health, who has worn a mo for more than 40 years.

Mr Snowdon shaved off his trademark moustache alongside a swag of celebrities at a new men's health event in Melbourne last Friday.

He managed to raise \$8,165 and said he owed it to the people who donated to remove his treasured mo.

Meanwhile, Beyondblue, the national depression initiative which is a major sponsor of Movember, thanked everyone who took part.

Beyondblue chief executive officer Leonie Young said the campaign helped fund an information line and other men's health programs Australia wide.

"To the 128,500 Mo Bros and Mo Sistas who joined Mo-Vember this year, I say thank you," she said.

"We are extremely grateful that so many people were willing to do their bit to raise awareness of men's health, particularly depression."



BENJAMIN PADDON



# One man's support for NT Intervention

I AM a Blitner and a proud Alawa and Marra man from Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory, and I've got something to say.

I am reading all these things that black people are saying about the intervention: How it's a conspiracy, it's a police state, it's discrimination, it's wrong and how it took us back 40 years.

We are saying all these things so that the finger is pointed away from us.

When are we strong Aboriginal men going to say 'you mob who drink too much and then bash your wives and treat your kids badly, well, your time is up and we are coming after you because we cannot afford to let you be the ones who dictate our children's future'.

I am not ashamed to say that this intervention is worth it because our children have more food and they have to go to school, giving them an opportunity to change their lives.

I don't care about a hidden government agenda, I don't care about assimilation and I don't care about being discriminated against.

I care about protecting our women and children and I am tired of Aboriginal men fighting against a system that is trying to help them.

All white people are not evil and there are a lot of good white and black people helping us create a better home and future.

It is time to stand and fight, but the fight is not against white people, it is against ourselves and it is against those in our community who want to destroy our rich cultural heritage and give us all a bad name.

It's all about these kids, their health, their safety, their care, their education, their need to be loved and nurtured and placed back at the front of the tribe.

If it takes a white man's intervention to make you see that our children are special and deserve strong men to stand up and

protect them, then it is time to open your eyes and see that children need us.

It is time to stop this passive-suicide and that is why I am proudly standing right alongside that white man and woman and saying 'enough is enough'.

It is time to return to our country, time to heal our collective spirit by staying strong in our culture and protecting our women and children.

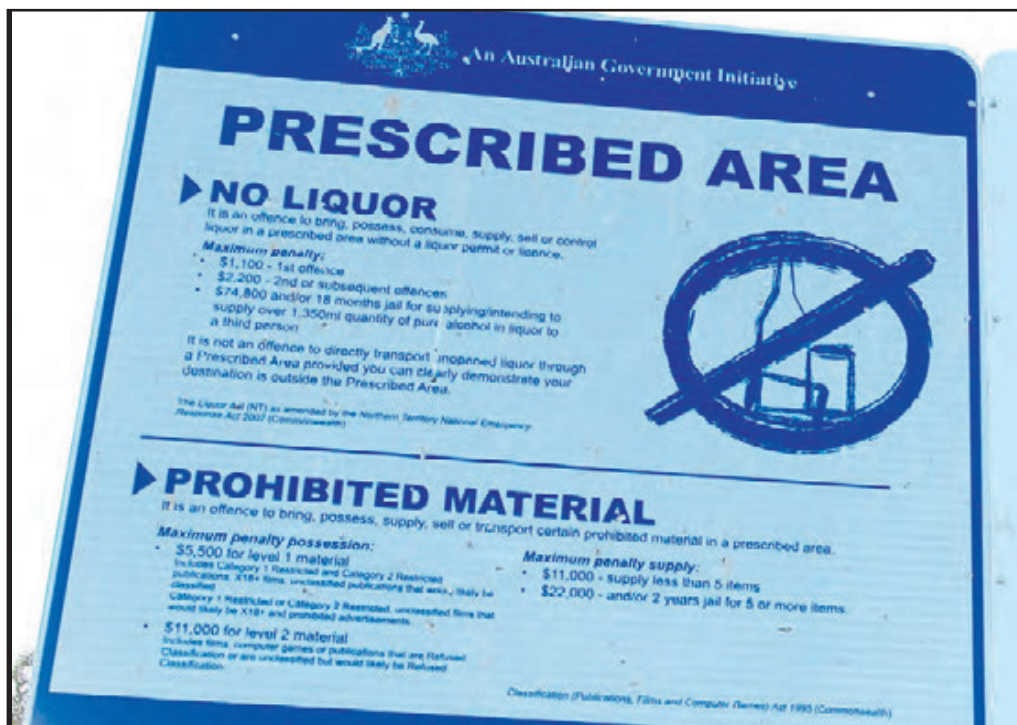
We should be ashamed of ourselves. If our ancestors were looking down on us, what would they think?

I am calling on all those new proud black leaders. Where are you? Where is he, where is she? Stop sitting back and start talking up, because we all have to be leaders and everyone takes the weight.

**SIDNEY WATTS (Yitija/Ngarritj)**  
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I would like to thank you and all of our supporters for helping the Flying Doctor to deliver the finest care to the furthest corners of our land.

**CLYDE THOMSON**  
Executive Director  
RFDS (South Eastern Section)

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## Beware of vaccine

I THINK we have to be very careful about this stuff, the swine flu vaccine.

Since the demise of ATSIC, mainstreaming is destroying delivery of service and the emphasis on physiological differences fought for by men such as Dr Archie Kalokerinos, who worked so tirelessly on this very subject (read his book Every second Child), is being undermined by non-Indigenous delivery of service.

Swine flu vaccines were

available in 1995 and were known to cause heart attacks and sudden death to those who were ill or who had heart conditions.

Let us not allow this to be another fluoride disaster where remote communities were alerted after fluoridation and no real and appropriate community consultation was engaged in.

Elders in some regions are now fighting to remove the fluoride from their water supplies.

**SHARON LIVERMORE**  
Kempsey, NSW

## It wasn't my journey



LIKE many of our mob, my first label was 'abandoned', then 'ward of the State' which was the start of a journey that for many years I felt wasn't mine to have.

Years later, when I found my way home, both parents had passed on, although the stories and labels that I grew up believing were a misrepresentation of the actual truth.

More fitting words would be 'stolen' and 'assimilation' though – as sad as my story may be – I wouldn't change a thing, even if I could today because now it's my story and it's me who is steering the canoe.

Yeah, I spent a lot of my life wallowing in self-pity, blaming everyone else and everything else for the way I was – until only a few years ago when I realised that this is what they wanted.

I remember the early days of going to court and the continuation of the brainwashing process that kept me for years on the journey that wasn't mine.

The courts, once they heard my story, just said it was expected that I turned out the way I did.

Instead of teaching me to take responsibility for my actions, I was taught to blame and be ashamed of my Aboriginality, which in many ways paralysed me and prevented me from finding the strength and courage to find my own way home.

**'Like too many of our brothers and sisters, I have spent too much time locked up for crimes that I was expected to commit anyway because of my Aboriginality'**

Like too many of our brothers and sisters, I have spent too much time locked up for crimes that I was expected to commit anyway because of my Aboriginality.

When I did start finding my strength, pride and courage and started to man up, taking personal responsibility for my behaviour, only then was I handed the full extent of the law.

Even while in prison, while trying to stand up for not only my rights, but also the rights of our people, I was dealt with harshly and spent a lot of time in management units being very closely watched.

They didn't like to see a brother doing the right thing. After all, it even goes against what most of them were taught about our mob.

But even in bad times, my spirit was growing and over time they started to see that this time I wasn't going to give up on myself like I did so many times in the past.

The difference for me was that when I did give up on life, it wasn't mine to begin with. So why would I take responsibility for something that wasn't mine to begin with.

I never owned that part of my life and was never given a real choice, like the policies of the day, their theories were a huge gamble and everything was based on chance, assumptions and labels.

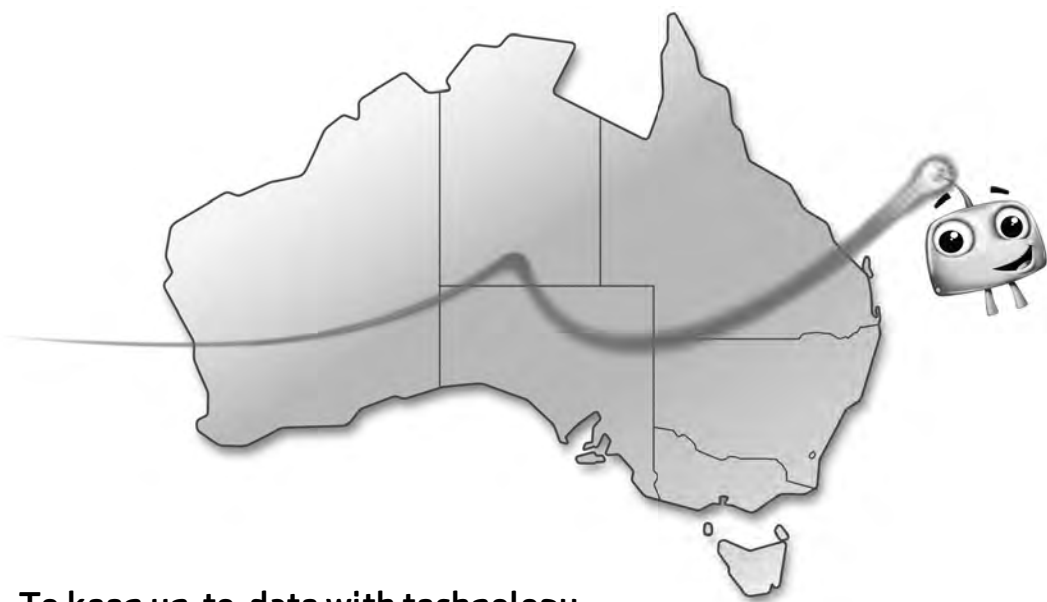
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### Opposition pledge – now it's over to John Brumby

AUSTRALIANS for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) in Victoria calls on Premier John Brumby to match the State Opposition's promise that it would resume funding Reconciliation Victoria.

The Victorian Opposition's commitment couldn't come at more important time.

Reconciliation is still an unfinished business, despite what the Government might think. And unless we start to see a real and determined effort from all sectors of the community, it is doomed to stay that way.

The Opposition's announcement comes on the anniversary of the 2000 Declaration and Roadmap Towards Reconciliation and the final report of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, which called for a process towards national and state treaties.

At the time, thousands of Australians across the country rose in support of the report's findings and took part in symbolic Walks for Reconciliation.

We made many promises to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in 2000 – promises which haven't been kept

If we are to be an honourable people, as Australians we should restore trust with the First Peoples and fulfil those promises of treaties, recognition and reconciliation.

Today, we ask the Brumby Government to re-commit to those aims.

We need to ask the question, 'Are we there yet?' in terms of reconciliation. For me, the journey towards a reconciled Australia hasn't even fully begun. We haven't walked the walk as we said we would.

I hope Ted Ballieu's commitment to re-fund Reconciliation Victoria is the first step of many back on the road to the nation re-committing to addressing the unfinished business.

If the Victorian Government were to match this initiative, Victoria could lead the way in bipartisan support for Indigenous Australians.

Re-funding Reconciliation Victoria and setting up a Parliamentary Reconciliation Committee to progress cultural understanding would be an excellent start.

**Dr PETER LEWIS,**  
Chairperson, ANTaR Victoria

# 'Schoolies' disgusting

HOW is it that at the same time in the same country, one group of people are prohibited to consume alcohol, yet another group are encouraged and have the backing of the State by providing a babysitting service in the form of a police force?

I find this double standards abhorrent.

We, the public, were bombarded with anti-drug and alcohol advertisements (God knows how much that cost us). Yet, here we are setting up a binge-drinking week for young people who most probably just turned of legal age.

Then, on the other side of the country, grown men and women do not have the luxury of having a drink in

their own home.

Yes, I know the racial discrimination laws were suspended. But this is not about race, its about responsible drinking.

What is the message here? It's okay for little rich kids to hijack a whole city for their drunken parties.

This is over the top and downright disgusting.

On one hand, the Government got a report named 'Little children are sacred' then on the other hand we have southerners who can't get their little darlings pissed enough.

How about an intervention on the Schoolies?

**TERENCE STEWART**  
Parap, NT



### NAB Community Indigenous

## Supporting Indigenous Australians in 2010

Since launching our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in 2008, NAB has made a solid start to build and deliver Indigenous programs with a focus on employment, financial inclusion and cultural awareness.

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To learn more about our progress and future plans, please read our second RAP at [nab.com.au/indigenous](http://nab.com.au/indigenous)



# Stunning turnaround

## 80 percent drop in substance abuse in APY project



A UNIQUE arts program run in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands is

being credited with reducing substance misuse among its young participants by 80 per cent.

Eighteen young people, aged 15 to 25 years, from Ernabella and Amata took part in the APY Lands Project which saw a team of arts practitioners deliver 69 workshops to nine schools in five communities.

Carclew Youth Arts, which devised and conducted the three-year project in consultation with the communities and with

support from the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AER), is chuffed with the results.

It says that on top of reduced substance abuse, participant engagement with education, employment and training was at 94 per cent – an increase of 240 per cent.

"These are truly wonderful outcomes," said APY Lands Project Director Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin.

"The project has turned people's lives around in the most dramatic fashion.

"From having no hope and seeing no future, these young people have the confidence and motivation to live their lives – they are making plans."

Project workshops covered songwriting and recording, film and video, contemporary dance, digital media and social networking communications.

Participants were encouraged to use these activities to explore

their sense of belonging and contemporary social issues, including vulnerability, petrol sniffing, dangerous drinking, loneliness and health.

"The program was created to address the boredom, low self-esteem and low confidence which leads to petrol sniffing, while also developing the participants' leadership abilities and giving them real knowledge and skills that can be transferred across industries as well as opening doors for them as practising artists locally, state-wide and nationally," Ms Buckskin said.

Participants included a 19-year-old petrol sniffer who had struggled with long-term deep depression.

He became a key contributor to the project, has enrolled in TAFE, plays in a band and has been employed by the local Council.

Over the course of the project, a 16-year-old participant



The APY Lands project team and mentorees. Project director Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin is on the far left, wearing green cap.

who had been heavily into petrol sniffing stopped sniffing and returned to school more regularly. She's now working towards her SACE and is considering moving to Adelaide to undertake a beautician's course at TAFE.

Workshop outcomes were often presented and celebrated at community gatherings and Local Anangu Elders were also encouraged to participate and become mentors, sharing their knowledge and experience from their culture and generating positive and on-going interaction.

The independent not-for-profit Alcohol Education and

Rehabilitation Foundation allocated \$550,000 to this project, and AER chairman Scott Wilson described the project as 'groundbreaking'.

He said it had enabled positive and sustainable changes in participants' lives.

Carclew is now exploring a number of opportunities to ensure the project's outcomes are maintained, particularly in the areas of film-making and music.

Video clips from the APY Lands project can be viewed on the AER website at [www.aerf.com.au/youth/APYLandsProject.aspx](http://www.aerf.com.au/youth/APYLandsProject.aspx)

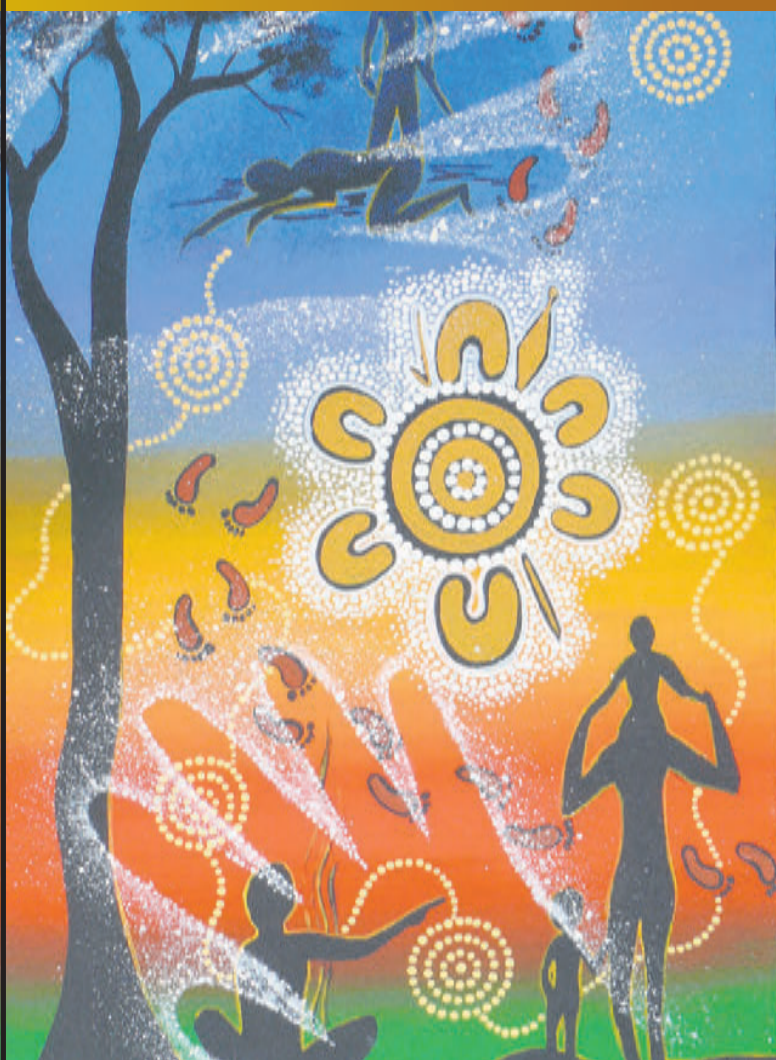


● LEFT: Musician James Sweeney with children at Mimili. The children have been engaged in songwriting and recording, film and video, contemporary dance, digital media and social networking communications.

## Family violence

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#### About the artist and painting

Loretta Egan is an Ingarda woman and speaks the Wadjari language. Loretta maintains a very strong link with her country and traditional culture in the Murchison/Gascoyne region. The painting shows a man standing with a stick in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other. It shows that the man has bashed his woman. The middle of the painting shows the family together and finding a solution to the abuse. The bottom of the painting shows the man being responsible and taking the children and teaching them about their heritage and culture, how far we have come and right from wrong. It shows the mother sitting close by and passing on her wisdom. The tree represents strength, the footprints show how far we have travelled, and the hands represent our mark as we travel through our journey of life.



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## The year in review

WITH the festive season nearly upon us and another year approaching its end, it is time to reflect on what has been achieved throughout 2009, particularly when making plans for the new year that lies ahead.

This year has seen Australia emerge from the global financial crisis in a position of strength as one of the region's leading economies, although the effects of the crisis are likely to be felt by many for some time.

An industry that continues to gain momentum is the carbon market, which is of significant importance due to the land mass owned or managed by Indigenous organisations. The Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (Denmark) is sure to stimulate further debate around the implementation of a regulatory framework for reducing emissions.

Although there is a need for caution until a framework is in place, Indigenous Australians could be able to take advantage of the opportunities available in carbon trading in the not too distant future. Indigenous Business Australia hosted a number of discussions during 2009 in response to demand for quality advice about the carbon market.

The 2009 'Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Report' confirmed that although the gap still exists and there is considerable work to be done, positive progress has been made in the areas of housing and employment. IBA is privileged to have contributed to bridging the housing and employment gap through its programs over the years.

The report also pointed to a large gap in education which is considered to be one of the key areas that address Indigenous disadvantage. With that in mind, IBA developed a scholarship fund to provide mature-age Indigenous Australians with opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills in business and finance through education. It is hoped that these students will be able to apply their knowledge and contribute to economic development in their communities.

This year's NAIDOC Week heralded the appointment of IBA's new Chair, Dr Dawn Casey, announced by Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, at IBA's annual NAIDOC breakfast in Brisbane. This provided an opportunity to reflect on the organisation's achievements and, more importantly, how it can continue to evolve in the approach to furthering Indigenous economic development.

During 2009, IBA participated in a number of forums where economists from Australia and overseas explained the cause of the Global Financial Crisis. The magnitude of the issues facing the United States, Europe, Britain and Japan was surprising. The challenge for 2010 will be to respond to any market realignment and assess how this will impact on existing Indigenous businesses.

The new year will see IBA continuing to work hard to assist Indigenous Australians to create wealth and accumulate assets, take up mainstream investment opportunities, create businesses that provide additional employment opportunities and to support home ownership.

The growing number of Indigenous people who are now making inroads into the business sector is heartening as the future for Indigenous Australians must involve participation in the mainstream economy.



### Participating in the Economy

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

# Grant for Cherbourg



CREATING jobs and opening up business opportunities are the big-picture aims of a Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council initiative which has been given a \$125,000 funding boost from the Queensland Government.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the council had received the one-off grant to support its one-stop-shop Enterprise Development Unit which would be driving economic

development in the town.

"Not long after I was appointed Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, I went to Cherbourg and met Mayor Sam Murray, who made it plain to me where Cherbourg was up to and particularly that it needed help with business and enterprise development. I am pleased to say I have delivered," Ms Boyle said.

"The unit is a smart move and will give real focus to the council's job-creation plans for the people of Cherbourg, as well as facilitate community development

and future economic activities.

"The unit is an addition to the range of community services already in place, including a health care centre, women and children shelters, justice group service, primary school and TAFE college campus.

"As well as progressing the council's business and development marketing plan, ideas already on the drawing board for Cherbourg include hairdressing, mowing and landscaping services, an internet café and light manufacturing, to name just a few."

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# Handback the biggest in NSW history



A 22,000 hectare area of land at Nowra is to be handed back to Aboriginal

people, settling three outstanding land claims.

The handback is believed to be the largest in the history of New South Wales.

Then-NSW Premier Nathan Rees announced on 14 November the Government's intention to hand over the land, and he also issued a directive that nearly 50 per cent of the State's oldest land claims must be settled by the end of the year.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council's south coast representative, Jack Hampton, congratulated Mr Rees for 'his courage and foresight'.

"It's 22,000 hectares – the biggest single handback in the State's history. That's more than a mere gesture – it's trendsetting and took courage to make," Cr Hampton said.

He said the land ran along 30 kilometres of the eastern boundary of the Morton National Park and covered Yarramum Creek, Boolijong Creek and parts of Yerriyong State Forest.

Cr Hampton told *The Koori Mail* it was not clear when the handover of the land would take place.

"It's really up to the Premier and Cabinet as to when they will be available," he said.

Cr Hampton also said there were no immediate plans for the land.

"We have to discuss with members what they want to do with the land... it's really up to the members," he said.

Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council chairwoman Kathleen Davis welcomed the announcement.

"It's wonderful news – one of immense significance to Aboriginal people, specifically the Yuin people," she said.

"It settles three outstanding land claims. This announcement brings great joy to our people."

Ms Davis said all three land claims had been lodged over a decade ago.

"We were hopeful that they would succeed, but given how many land claims throughout the State are still unsettled - let alone how many have been refused - we couldn't afford to get too optimistic.

"Now we can celebrate."

Cr Hampton said the NSWALC had been pushing for some time for the NSW Government to take action on unsettled land claims – more than 25 years ago in some cases.

# Elders mark 20th year

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Bundjalung Elders' Council Aboriginal Corporation – believed to be Australia's first established Elders' council – recently marked its 20th anniversary.

It was a day that many said was a celebration of their survival and reflection on the past.

Chairwoman Aunty Bertha Kapeen said the council was established on 27 November 1989 as a response to Elders' concerns about a breakdown in cultural values and, since then, it had undertaken many important roles in the community.

"This is a very special day for us. We didn't think back then that we'd be here in 20 years," Aunty Bertha said.

"Our vision was to bring the Elders together as one, to educate the wider community and to seek solutions to issues that were facing the Bundjalung people."

Aunty Bertha said she hoped the Elders would continue to play an important role within the community.

"We believe Aboriginal people have a unique spiritual



The Bundjalung Elders Council Aboriginal Corporation mark their 20th anniversary. Chairwoman Aunty Bertha Kapeen is seated fourth from the left, front row.

relationship to the land and waters, and we will work to preserve our history for future generations."

Many invited guests at the celebrations, including Superintendent of Richmond Local Area Command Bruce Lyons, acknowledged the council's hard work over the past two decades.

"The Elders are the heartbeat of our community, they're the teachers of the wider community about love and respect," Supt Lyons said.

"It hasn't been through an

easy road; it's a hard road that you would have walked.

"Young people will grow and be the Elders of the future and I pray the future will be a little rosier than the past because that is what you deserve."

Goonellabah teacher Glen Rhodes said he hoped people would recognise the role played by the council.

"The cultural knowledge and wisdom and expertise of past history is something everyone needs to know about," he said.

"Our Elders play a pivotal role in supporting the community."



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Intensive Support Playgroup – Ceduna/Yalata (SA), East Pilbara (WA), Mt Druitt (NSW)

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) invites suitably qualified organisations to apply for the provision of an **Intensive Support Playgroup (ISP)** in Ceduna/Yalata, East Pilbara and, Mt Druitt.

The **ISP** model engages a family support worker and early childhood workers to deliver mobile playgroup services across several sites for disadvantaged families with young children. Service Providers are required to develop strategic partnerships in the community to enable the family support worker to refer and support playgroup participants to access a range of other community services.

Funding is available to 30 June 2011 with a budget of up to \$206,087 per annum (excl GST).

**Conditions of participation:** This selection process is open to all not-for-profit legal entities. Local government may also apply.

Implementation of the above services is expected to commence early 2010.

Application packs can be obtained by visiting [www.fahcsia.gov.au/grantsfunding](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/grantsfunding).

If you have difficulties downloading the application pack contact **1800 752 478**.

Questions about the ISP models or the selection process may be asked of the Department via email only to [childrenandparentingservices@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:childrenandparentingservices@fahcsia.gov.au). Questions and answers will be available at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au).

**Applications close at 5.00pm AEDST 21 January 2010.**

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# Reconciliation undermined, says UN envoy



THE United Nations Special Rapporteur on Health says the Northern Territory intervention has undermined reconciliation and hindered improvements to Indigenous health.

In Canberra on 4 December, Anand Grover called for better dialogue between the Federal Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and for legislative guarantees to ensure that the opinions of the new National Congress of Australia's First Peoples were taken into account.

Mr Grover's 12-day mission, including visits to Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs and Darwin, focussed on Indigenous health and access to healthcare in detention.

He said one of his major challenges was the fact that there was no legal right to health in Australia, nor was there any constitutional guarantee for human rights.

He said that, knowing Australia to be a developed, prosperous country, he was moved by the stories he heard from Indigenous communities, the living conditions he saw, and the extent of preventable disease and health-related disability.

"The right of a significant proportion of Australia's Indigenous populations to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health is being violated," he said.

"Basic needs such as adequate housing, safe drinking water and sanitation and access to education are not being met.

"Unresolved issues surrounding native titles and land rights continue to have a detrimental impact.

"Communities are not benefiting from the equal access to primary healthcare facilities, which are at times inaccessible or inappropriate."

Mr Grover said this was often due to 'direct discrimination and culturally inappropriate

services being provided'.

He commended the Federal Government for its Apology to the Stolen Generations and Australia's support for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and described the looming establishment of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples as 'positive'.

But he said legislative guarantees were needed to ensure the opinions of the National Congress were taken into account.

Mr Grover also turned his gaze to the NT Emergency Response, which he said had failed to meet basic standards of a rights-based approach to health such as a transparent plan with clear benchmarks and indicators, meaningful community engagement, and adequate monitoring and accountability.

He welcomed Government moves to reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act in the NT and its recognition of some of the NTER's limitations, but said the original approach had undermined existing health structures and the ongoing efforts of service providers in the NT.

Mr Grover said it was of utmost importance that sufficient funding was allocated to Aboriginal community-controlled health services and that the cultural competency of mainstream services was upgraded.

He was also concerned about the provision of appropriate services, especially around mental health, to Indigenous people within the prison population.

"There is a triad of vulnerability that I have observed, consisting of incarceration, mental illness, and being of Indigenous descent," he said. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with mental illnesses who become involved in the justice system invariably experience negative health outcomes.

"A vicious cycle appears to be occurring whereby this population is, in effect, criminalised."



## Martin reveals his Aboriginal blood

By MARK GRAHAM

UNLESS you've been living under a rock for the past four decades, chances are you'll know who Ray Martin is.

For the few who don't, he's one of Australia's best known TV presenters and journalists and now author, following the release of his autobiography, *Ray: Stories of my Life*.

But what a lot of people mightn't know is that Martin identifies as a proud Aboriginal man.

Martin was in Melbourne recently doing all the publicity surrounding his book release and took the time to speak with *The Koori Mail*.

Like most blackfellas when we first meet someone, we got the 'who we are and where we're from' questions out of the way straight away.

### Kamilaroi links

"My great, great grandmother is an Aboriginal woman from the Kamilaroi people up there in northern NSW," Martin said.

The publicity surrounding the launch of Martin's book has been huge, but the veteran journo said it had been a 'very different' perspective for him.

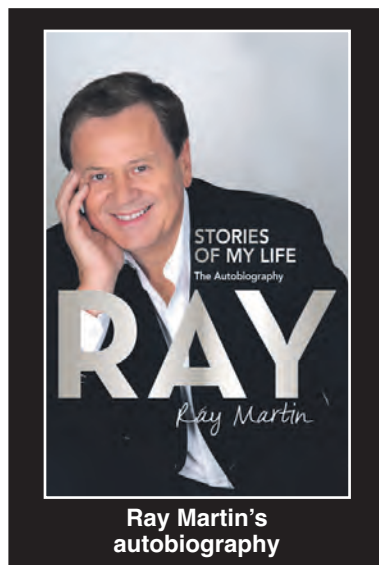
"I'm used to being behind the microphone – not in front of it – so that's been different fun," he said.

"For the past five weeks, I feel like I'm a politician or a rock star on a tour of some kind."

Martin has spent more than 40 years in the media. He has worked for the ABC as well as Channel Nine, where he was front man to *A Current Affair* and *60 Minutes*.

"I had ten years in New York, and 30 years travelling, and lots of other experience that you want to write about, but you can't fit them all in a book," Martin said, when asked how he'd managed to distil such a full life into a single book.

During his career, the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (CAR) member has



seen a lot of the disadvantage that Indigenous people continue to face.

He talks about a lack of clean, running water in Aboriginal communities around the country, and about education being the key.

In Martin's view, 'There's one thing to get white governments to change the laws and end the discrimination, but the other thing is to stop blackfellas feeling like their victims'.

"(We have) blackfellas feeling like they're 'poor bugga me' so they've got a right just to be on welfare," he said.

"Well they don't. They've got a right to have equal opportunity, but they also got a right to get out and do something, and look after their kids.

"And that's a strong thing, and if we do it together, it's a partnership and the communities will progress and kids will, you know, live longer and live happier, and get a job. All those things we want for all our children."

Martin's autobiography *Ray: Stories of my Life* is in bookshops now. In the man's own words, 'it's much better than underpants and socks for Christmas... It's a great story'.

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Department of Culture and the Arts





# Heritage Act, 1977

## Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

### Wollongong Harbour, Cliff Rd Wollongong

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 21 January 2010.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koeneman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Mary Ann Hamilton on (02) 9873 8565.

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### Australian Government

#### Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

## Indigenous Program Funding Submissions 2010-2011 Financial Year

The Australian Government is calling for funding submissions from organisations to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the 2010-2011 financial year to deliver outcomes under the following programs:

- Indigenous Women's Program
- Public Awareness Program
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice Program
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Program.

Organisations that are committed to working in partnership with government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and want to make a difference in the community, should apply. Applications can be submitted from 12 December 2009.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to apply online. To access Electronic Submissions Online (eSub) visit [www.indigenous.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.gov.au) including links to program guidelines.

Alternatively, contact your local Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) phone 1800 079 098 with the exception of Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

#### Submission deadline

Funding submissions for all Programs except the Public Awareness Program (PAP) must be lodged online or at your nearest ICC by **5 pm, Friday 26th February 2010**. Applications for PAP funding may be submitted throughout the year through ICCs. This includes funding for NAIDOC activities.

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# State award to Little Yuin

By LAURELLE PACEY



THERE'S considerable pride at Wallaga Lake, on the NSW far south coast, at the moment, with the news that the community's pre-school and family centre has won a NSW Premier's Excellence Award.

The award, in the 'Strong Communities – Family Support and Assistance' category, recognised 20 years of dedication and commitment by the management committee and staff of the Little Yuin Aboriginal Pre-School and Family Centre.

"There's been a range of people involved with Little Yuin since we started, mostly women, because many of the men see it as women's business," said Auntie Shirley Foster, a long-term member of the centre's management committee who travelled to Sydney to receive the award from then-Premier Nathan Rees.

As well as Auntie Shirley, the management committee consists of Shirley Foster, Deanna and Ken Campbell, Irene Leon, Pam Flanders, Tracey Foster, Kerry Parsons, Theresa Tighe and Amanda Tighe.

### Labour of love

When opening the family centre adjoining the pre-school earlier this year, NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney acknowledged that commitment in describing the centre's success as 'a long labour of love'.

A few years ago, the pre-school closed for about 18 months while the



Auntie Shirley Foster (front, centre) holds the Little Yuin Centre's recent Premier's award. Pictured alongside her are Alec, Yurruanna, Tara and Kwananna. At the back, from left, are Little Yuin director Lea Sutherland, assistant Julie Hall, assistant Rhonda Jones and project development officer Gabrielle Powell. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY

community and the pre-school committee were at loggerheads with the NSW Department of Community Services over funding and other issues. And the centre's project development officer Gabrielle Powell, who nominated the organisation, conceded there had been 'plenty of ups and downs'.

"But today they are strong and the organisation has thrived under the pressure to demonstrate it is a leader in early education outcomes and family and community outcome," Ms Powell said.

"The committee, supported by the pre-school director Lea Sutherland and myself, has stayed focused on the best outcomes for the children and families

and achieving that is through good governance."

Ms Powell said the centre had developed good relationships with key stakeholders, services and parents. She said that by supporting each other, putting the needs of the children and families first, and acquiring the necessary skills, the centre's team had provided a better early education and family centre for children, young people and community members at Wallaga Lake.

Ms Sutherland said Bermagui School had provided the centre with feedback that children coming from Little Yuin were now better prepared to start school than ever before.

# Learning about Country

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



UNCLE Robert Boota has worked in the forestry industry for two decades, but says his most important work is about to start.

He hopes that by passing down his knowledge of the local environment, it will ensure the cultural continuance of the next generation of young Aboriginal men.

He is heading up the Githabul Ranger Program, in the northern New South Wales town of Kyogle and, along with co-ordinator Ben Pye and six other Indigenous rangers, will start work across the 110,000 hectares of national and state parks which include part of the Border Rangers National Biodiversity Hotspot and the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia's World Heritage Area.

The project secured funding under the 'Working on Country' program and will



Githabul Rangers program manager Robert Boota, middle, with, from left, Garnett Donnelly, Euston Williams, Heath Davies, Cyril Williams, Wayne Flippi and co-ordinator Ben Pye.

partner with the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation and NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

"One of my goals has always been to get the next generation involved. We're using our local Aboriginal knowledge of the area and passing it down to the next generation so hopefully one day these young fellas will be taking their own out to the

bush," Mr Boota said.

"The program has allowed us to offer full-time employment and hopefully train more young people in this work and get them involved in their own country so they will really get to know their own country better."

The Githabul rangers will initially address weeds of national significance, particularly lantana and introduced vine species.

"Our goal is to pass on our experience to the younger generation so it doesn't die and restore a lot of the stuff that is being lost," Mr Boota said.

He said the rangers' skills would increase to point where they would become the experts at land management issues in their area and be confident of talking on the issues that Aboriginal people faced in the bush.

Mr Boota said that while the environmental impact of the program was obvious, there were other social and emotional issues being addressed.

"We're also dealing with a lot of other social issues like alcohol, drugs and violence," he said. "Our program gives hope and pride and offers something back to the family and community. It impacts on the family greatly."

Mr Boota said that part of his vision was to help break down the cultural barriers in working with non-Indigenous people on the cultural factors underpinning land management.



# \$400,000 for at-risk youth



A TRAINING course in youth work for young Koories at risk of contact with the criminal justice system is among ten programs receiving grants totalling \$400,000 under the Victorian State 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), which will pay a part-time youth worker to co-ordinate community activities, employment and training, and homework groups;
- Kids Off the Street Mentoring Project (Hume), which will re-engage 20 young people who have become disengaged from education and employment;
- Build Ya Life (Hume), which will provide training and employment in the construction industry for young people at risk of engaging in criminal activities;
- Njernda Youth Program (Loddon Mallee), which will help Koorie youth in Echuca

complete a certificate, so they can access education and employment opportunities;

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

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

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

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

- Northern Bundji Bundji Project (North-West Metro region), which will work one on one to divert young Koories 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, a St Kilda

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

## Justice outcomes

Victorian Attorney-General Rob Hulls said the community initiatives were aimed at improving justice outcomes for young Koories under the AJA's 2009-10 Frontline Youth Initiatives Program.

"The Frontline programs help secure the future of Koorie youth by re-engaging them with schooling and education, improving their social engagement, increasing their chances of employment and reducing the risk of negative contact with the criminal justice system," Mr Hulls said.

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

● **RIGHT:** Pictured at Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative in St Kilda are Parliamentary Secretary for Justice Brian Tee (centre) with, from left, Melbourne Storm player Peter Robinson, Melbourne Storm Player Development Manager Brian Phelan, Koori Youth Healing Service Manager Craig Holloway and Ashley Sherman, Youth Support Worker at the Koori Youth Healing Service.



# Indigenous tenants now have Indigenous landlords



MORE than 90 per cent of Victoria's Indigenous public housing tenants now have an Indigenous landlord following the transfer of 1249 tenancies to Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) in Fitzroy North.

State Housing Minister Richard Wynne announced the transfers earlier this month, hailing them as 'a milestone'.

Mr Wynne also announced that AHV had become the first Indigenous housing agency to be registered as a provider in Victoria, and was now the largest registered housing agency in the State.

"I'm pleased to announce that 1249 Indigenous tenancies have transferred from the Office of Housing to AHV," Mr Wynne said.

"This is more than 90 per cent of Indigenous tenants, which is an important step in improving housing options and will increase the amount of

affordable housing available to Indigenous Victorians.

"In addition, AHV will be allocated 200 new dwellings as a part of the \$1.16-billion stimulus package to build 4500 new homes."

Mr Wynne said the transfers took place through the Transition to Independence project on a staged basis across Victoria in consultation with Indigenous tenants.

He said the registration and regulation of not-for-profit housing agencies was a fundamental part of the State Government's strategy to increase the supply of affordable housing for lower-income Victorians.

"Registered housing agencies and providers are providing more affordable housing and better services to tenants," he said.

"Importantly, Indigenous tenants now have the choice to have their properties managed in a culturally appropriate manner by Indigenous Victorians."

## Call for submissions

### Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review

The Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review is your chance to comment on the effectiveness and efficiency of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

## Have your say

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) has released a *Key issues and draft recommendations paper* for public comment. The paper contains draft recommendations that address issues raised in submissions to the review.

## Submissions close Friday 19 February 2010.

For a copy of the paper, to make a submission, or for further information about the review, visit the DERM website at [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au), or contact:

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## Funding for a Safe House service in the Northern Peninsula Area

Organisations are invited to apply for funding to provide a Safe House service for children and young people under 18 years of age subject to statutory child protection intervention and requiring an out-of-home care placement in the Northern Peninsula Area of Cape York.

The Safe House service will deliver:

- Residential Care service for up to six children and young people
- Family Intervention Service
- Foster and Kinship Care support service.

For more information please contact the Far North Queensland Regional Office on 4048 9392.

Further information and submission forms are available at [www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar](http://www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar) or by phoning 3224 4546.

**Applications must be lodged by 5pm Monday 22 February 2010.**

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## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

## Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Gilbie Aboriginal Corporation  
Date received: 12 November 2009  
Public comments due: 10 February 2010

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

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

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

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

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat  
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001  
Email: [vahc@dpced.vic.gov.au](mailto:vahc@dpced.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 9208 3243  
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



# Transport hub hope for Alice Springs



Lhere Artepe CEO  
Darryl Pearce



ALICE Springs would be transformed into a major air cargo transport hub under plans put forward at a forum last month hosted by Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Speaking at the forum on the future of Alice Springs, Darryl Pearce, the CEO of local native title holder organisation Lhere Artepe, shared his vision of ambitious economic and infrastructure development.

Mr Pearce said the hub could be one of many industries able to tap into the reserves of Aboriginal people who were predicted to make up 70 per cent of Alice Springs' population by 2030. "I want to develop an air transport hub like Singapore that would see freight brought into the country and arrive in any capital city within a few hours of leaving Alice Springs," Mr Pearce told the gathering of 50 community, industry, government and Indigenous leaders.

Managing Alice Springs'

booming population would require infrastructure and head works including expanding road networks, building bridges, developing a new light industrial zone and excavating the Todd River to reduce flood risk, he said.

Mr Pearce said the influx of Aboriginal people from remote areas and a high birth rate would transform Alice Springs into 'something different from anything we have experienced elsewhere in Australia'.

Representing the local

Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme Estate groups, he said he saw a future of increased Indigenous engagement across society, industry and business.

"We need to create new industries and systems that give our Central Arrente and other Aboriginal people job and career opportunities," Mr Pearce said.

Other speakers at the forum included Alice Springs Mayor Damien Ryan and CDU population expert Associate Professor Dean Carson.

# Abuse redress scheme anger

Story and photos by  
ALF WILSON



ELDERS and other Indigenous people in north Queensland have strongly criticised the Queensland Government over

what they say is the false hope triggered in communities by the Redress Scheme process.

At a recent meeting in Townsville, they expressed their anger at the process that required victims to provide evidence of the abuse suffered.

People came from Townsville, Ingham, Ayr, Charters Towers, Cardwell and some even from as far as Mount Isa.

The Government introduced the Redress Scheme to compensate people who suffered abuse and neglect in state-run institutions including dormitories, orphanages, detention centres, industrial schools and church-run homes.

It is understood that hundreds of people living on Torres Strait islands have outstanding claims.

The Townsville meeting was intended as a forum where claimants could tell their stories and receive practical and compassionate support.

Stolen Generations counsellor and meeting spokeswoman Pattie Lees said many victims had not been able to provide the evidence required under the scheme due to the lack of counselling and support to them over the years.

"Community members expressed anger, disappointment and deep regret at having to again revisit the past traumas of being institutionalised from the late 19th century to the present, only to be let down by the government," she said.

"...Many raised concerns about the process which did not identify, provide or refer applicants to the support and counselling services available in local communities, before, during or after the process."



At the Townsville meeting, from left, Pattie Lees, Phil Rist and Hannah Scope.

The *Koori Mail* attended the meeting and heard local Torres Strait Islander leader Father Elimo Tapim's emotional speech.

"We hear the Government is giving lots of money to overseas tsunami victims (but) we've been asking for years for what is rightfully ours and they treat us like animals," he said.

A solicitor from the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service said that of the claims made through his office, only one person had received the full amount of \$33,000.

"Less than 20 per cent of claimants for level two have received any money, with some getting \$6000 and others \$4000," he said.

Claimants were required by the Government to provide evidence of physical and/or emotional abuse they received which would then be scrutinised before any amount of money was approved.

"How do they determine the amount of abuse we received when many of our people didn't even receive counselling," one

claimant asked at the meeting.

"Who decides this? We want to know who they are."

Others told of suffering ongoing depression from having to relive their abuse when making claims, only to have their applications rejected.

Ms Lees said victims' trust that the Government would address such issues had diminished, and no appeals process was in place.

## 'Tricked'

"Many feel they were tricked into signing for the first level of payment which included signing a 'Deed of Release'," she said.

"This blocks them from taking any further legal action against the state in regards to the stage two level. The stage one payment was \$7000, with stage two offering up to \$33,000."

Ms Lees said one woman whose 57-year-old brother suffered a disability that limited his capacity to communicate past traumas was offered a low-level payment. But she said the payment did not compensate the man for his current position and

the ongoing impact on the family caring for him.

Ms Lees said the Qld Government had not provided extra resources to existing services to assist the 3500 victims in the healing and application process.

"The Government has failed to take a holistic approach and have only provided for reparations, but the criteria were not clearly stated," she said.

"Victims want to know how the Government has determined the level of abuse and the impact on the individual which is required to be proved in order to receive reparation.

"Many feel the process is inequitable and that there has been no transparency and accountability by Government throughout the whole process.

"We call on the Queensland Department of Communities to review and remedy the unfair determinations made with regard to the Redress Scheme claimants' eligibility and qualifications to receive level one and two payments."

## Family violence targeted



THE West Australian Department of Child Protection along with WA Police have formed a

partnership which aims to combat family and domestic violence in Western Australia.

During a visit to Kununurra, WA Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said that from early next year, senior field workers from the Department of Child Protection (DCP) and staff from the family protection unit of WA Police would co-locate at the DCP's district office.

"This co-location provides a specialised and integrated response in situations of family and domestic violence in Kununurra and other regional centres," she said.

"Both agencies have different mandates in terms of their roles and functions, but there is a strong need to integrate policing and child protection responses given the link between family and domestic violence and the abuse of children."

Mrs McSweeney said the aim of the approach was to prevent child abuse in the context of family and domestic violence.

"This is achievable through improved information sharing and resource sharing to develop effective risk and safety management plans for situations and individuals," she said.

"We hope the co-location model will encourage families and individuals to access services to prevent further family and domestic violence."

The announcement follows the implementation of co-location programs in metropolitan Perth. In addition to Kununurra, new sites identified for expansion include Albany, Bunbury, Northam, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Geraldton, Mandurah, South Hedland and Broome.



# Theatre of hard slog and drama



WHILE not exactly a case of one step forward and two steps back, there's little disputing that 2009 will be remembered as a year of hard slog in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

Many of us began the year with a sense of dread about what impact the global financial crisis (GFC) might have on our lives.

Things kicked off with a bang with the announcement of Aboriginal rights campaigner Mick Dodson as the 2009 Australian of the Year. Dodson's declaration that he felt Australia was mature enough to have a conversation about the appropriateness of 26 January as the date for our national day was too much for some but widely applauded within Indigenous communities.

There were a number of 'hangovers' from the year before, including controversial aspects of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER), or Intervention, not least the ongoing suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* to enable compulsory welfare quarantining in prescribed Aboriginal communities.

While the Federal Government finally moved to reverse the discriminatory measure – introducing amending legislation to the Parliament last month – its failure to do so sooner left a bad taste in many mouths, and earned Australia bad raps from two United Nations envoys during the year.

The National Apology to the Stolen Generations was still a shining beacon if somewhat dimmed by ongoing refusal to consider reparations including financial compensation for members of the Stolen Generations. A new post-Apology healing foundation began to find its feet.

Australia redeemed itself in the eyes of the world by formally supporting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. But the hard work needed to give the 'aspirational' document real meaning is only just beginning.

With there was relief around the Federal Budget, focus shifted to the relationship between the Government and Indigenous communities. While Government referred repeatedly to 're-setting' that relationship, some felt it remained unhealthy 'top-down' in its approach. It wasn't the last time that refrain was heard.

There seemed to be reviews and reforms left right and centre, many in the Territory and exposing flaws of some kind. The wheels of change turned slowly for communities waiting for new housing and refurbishments under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). However, there was a late burst of activity in the Alice Springs town camps after a deadlock was broken between the Tangentyere Council and the Federal Government, with the former eventually agreeing to sign over 40-year subleases on the town camps in exchange for new housing and infrastructure. Watch this space...

Deaths in custody were brought back into sharp focus with the conclusion of the coronial inquest into the tragic 2008 death of Goldfields Elder Mr Ward. The coroner's



findings, including that Mr Ward died as a result of negligence, packed a punch but regrettably have yet to find real traction.

And there were alarming increases in Indigenous incarceration rates in some jurisdictions, especially amongst juveniles. This came at the same time that Indigenous legal services such as Adelaide's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) revealed they would have to consider cutting back client representation because of budgetary stagnation.

The announcement of the decision to hold a second inquest into the Palm Island



death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee was unsettling for his family and community.

Towards the end of the year, the Federal Government won some kudos for agreeing to fund the start-up of a new national Indigenous representative body, the National Congress of Australia's First People. But some still questioned the need for such a body, given local and regional representation.

As usual, in sport, there was plenty of footy of all codes. An Aboriginal cricket team toured England, following in the



steps of the first Australian (and Aboriginal) team. And Tassie boxer Daniel Geale (almost) held his own against 'the Man'.

It was a big year for the likes of Australian Idol alumni and now pop-soul diva Jessica Mauboy and charismatic actor Uncle Jack Charles. And we farewelled some great leaders: SA child safety campaigner Kunmanara Wilson, Arnhem Land artist Wamud Namok and NSW singer/songwriter and poet Bobby McLeod. We'll remember them.

● See overleaf for a wrap of the year that was...as reported in *The Koori Mail*.



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## Young, Strong and Proud in Aurukun

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The remote aboriginal Cape York community of Aurukun has experienced more than its fair share of storms lately, both literally and figuratively, but thankfully some things don't change – like the place of culture and tradition in daily life.

Renowned photographer Wayne Quilliam visited the community, about 100km south of Weipa, last week as part of a youth-led photo workshop called "Young, Strong and Proud" jointly run by the Black Indigenous Media Association (BIMA) and supported by the local multimedia studio Yia Media.

Yia Media is run and owned by Aurukun residents and is the only proprietary media company in the town.

After about 15 Aurukun youngsters, aged 14-16 years, created their masterpieces, they got to perform hip-hop and traditional dance to video clips that to accompany their beats and lyrics.

"The kids had created songs, written their own words, created their own beats and recorded it in a studio in the town library" said Toomarian man Quilliam, who continued to say "they were" when he saw and heard the children singing in English, Creole and local languages. "It was all about being brave, strong and proud, where the kids are from and where they live. Culture is massive to them. They have a very strong sense of themselves."

Quilliam depicted this spirit but further moments as actor Sam Joel Ngilangilang painted Peter Ravnall with white for disrespect to be forgiven, while James Kawaranga Junior watched closely and publicly showed his love.

## WA gas deal

**Look at who's tied the knot!**

**TRADITIONAL** Owners in the Kimberley region of Western Australia have struck a deal over a site for a proposed industrial natural gas hub off the coast of Broome. If it proceeds, the deal will deliver local Aboriginal owners a renewed sense of pride in their community, housing and health initiatives over 30 years.

Traditional Owners reached an exploratory agreement with the state.

**WA**

## But Federal Govt still must give green light

Governments and energy giant Woodside are looking to develop two years of negotiations. The fate of the deal now rests with the Federal Government, which has warned there is still some way to go before the proposed site, at James Price Point, north of Broome, is approved.

The agreement means that local environmental activists are unlikely to see clearances can now go ahead.

Environment Protection Commissioner

could begin within 18 months, and the start of operations for 2015.

MLC Executive Officer Wayne Quilliam said it was a long road ahead, but he would be pleased to see the end of the long and arduous process, including the separation of the Kimberley region from the Northern Territory and the return of the Kimberley region to Western Australia.

There have been no reports of any environmental issues or concerns raised by the community, and the government would be responsible until 2015.

● Full story page 8

## Our Focus on Education 2009 feature starts on page 47

- A renewed focus on Indigenous health marked the beginning of 2009 with calls from the Indigenous Land Corporation for a new national college for Indigenous health workers, and a suggestion that remote communities grow their own fruit and vegetables.
- Arnhem Land traditional owners celebrated the completion of a \$34 million fibre optic cable laid across 800kms of the Northern Territory from Jabiru to Nhulunbuy.
- Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard pledged \$2.3 million to improve Indigenous education outcomes, saying she was 'hit in the guts' by the extent of illiteracy among remote students.
- A committee of Indigenous people headed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma was announced to select 100 people to attend a national summit to discuss the establishment of a new national Indigenous representative body.
- The NT Thunder Australian rules team made its debut in the Australian Football League (AFL) Queensland competition. Two-thirds of the 61-member team were Indigenous.
- Twelve more Indigenous footballers were added to the ranks of the AFL at the pre-season and rookie drafts, with 20-year-old Liam Jurrrah from Yeundemu being named first draft.

- Professor Mick Dodson was named Australian of the Year. He called for human rights for all and a new, more inclusive date for Australia Day.
- NSW Racing announced more than 100 Indigenous people would be employed in the thoroughbred racing industry under a new employment strategy, named after legendary Aboriginal jockey Darby McCarthy.
- Traditional owners of the site



**Koori Mail** cartoonist Danny Eastwood's take on 26 January celebrations.

of the McArthur River Mine near Borrooloola in the NT were disappointed at Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett's proposed approval of the mine's expansion and a diversion of the river.

● A discussion paper argued that Aboriginal people living in remote communities should not get new housing unless they were able to pay rent or service a mortgage. The paper, released by the Menzies Research Centre, said people must adjust to the idea of moving for work.

● Western Australia created history by naming a 16-year-old captain, Lewis Upton, for the all-Indigenous Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs.

● Aboriginal boxing, basketball and culture was set to return to Sydney's Aboriginal heartland of Redfern as part of a community

fundraiser for the Indigenous Sporting Academy and Indigenous Boxing Academy.

● The Indigenous All-Stars had convincing 54-point win over the



**Action from the NT Football League game held on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin.**

Adelaide Crows at Darwin's Marrara Oval, and also linked arms in a symbolic display of their commitment to tackle domestic violence in their communities.

- Research released by Reconciliation Australia showed that, one year on from the anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, ignorance and an ongoing lack of trust were preventing reconciliation.
- A huge land claim for more than 65,000 hectares on the Cox Peninsula, west of Darwin, was settled, following a 30-year battle by the Larrakia traditional owners.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in far north Queensland were seriously affected by heavy rains, many with floodwaters flowing through their houses after 40 days and nights of rain.
- Aboriginal politician Linda Burney was elected National President of the Australian Labor Party (ALP). She urged other Indigenous people to consider getting involved in politics.

- Northern United, a mainly Indigenous rugby league club, prepared for their debut in the 2009 Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League competition after a legal battle for inclusion.

- A memorial honouring Indigenous servicemen and women was officially opened at the Aboriginal community of Toomelah, in north-western NSW. Ex-serviceman Les Lang was the driving force behind the memorial.
- Billionaire businessman Andrew Forrest warned that 10,000 jobs, part of a push to find 50,000 private sector jobs for Indigenous people, were at risk because of bureaucratic red tape.
- Family members with links to the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station in Victoria managed to save the historic homestead from the bushfires that ravaged the state, killing more than 200 people.
- Relatives of five people who died when a government boat, the Malu Sara, sank in the Torres Strait in 2005 were considering legal action and called for criminal charges to be laid in the wake of a coronial inquiry.
- Australia's highest ranked Aboriginal politician, NT Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgeour, quit the NT Cabinet, citing her battle with depression.
- Queensland again topped Tasmania to take a second consecutive Imparja Cup cricket final victory at Alice Springs.

- The Federal Government backflipped on a decision to withdraw \$4.5 million in funding from a task force investigating alleged child sexual abuse and crime in Indigenous communities in the NT.
- Aboriginal man Sam Watson said he would run against Premier Anna Bligh in her electorate of South Brisbane in the 21 March Queensland state election.
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# 2009 – The Year in Review

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● The Federal Government's first annual Closing the Gap report generated praise for its commitments, but frustration over a lack of action and outcomes in the year since the Apology to the Stolen Generations.

● Artist Guy Maestri won the 2009 Archibald Prize with a portrait of Yolngu singer and guitarist Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Maestri picked up \$50,000 for the win.

● The Tiwi Bombers Australian rules football team celebrated their first home game in the NT Australian Football competition with a win over the Darwin Buffalos.

## EDITION 447 25 March

● The Federal Government extended until 4 May its negotiations over a \$50 million housing and infrastructure package for Alice Springs town camps to allow for 'more comprehensive consultations' with Aboriginal communities.

● A report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed that Australia's Indigenous population suffered a higher infant mortality rate and a lower life expectancy than those in New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

● One hundred Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from around Australia attended a workshop in Adelaide to lay the groundwork for a new national Indigenous representative body.

● None of the four Indigenous candidates contesting the 2009 Queensland election gained a seat, as the Labor Party took a convincing victory over the Liberal National Party.

● A report from the Centre for Independent Studies suggested the Federal Government was more about talk than action when it came to building houses for Indigenous people. It also argued a lack of property rights on communal land was making home ownership impossible for Indigenous people.

● The Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) said it was working with the NT Government to resolve 'pressing financial issues' which threatened its operation.

● The Australian War Memorial came under fire for its depiction of Aboriginal people in a series of historic gargoyles. It followed criticism that the Memorial was also not recognising early frontier battles between Aboriginal people and invading colonialists.

● The date for a world title fight between Indigenous boxers Anthony Mundine and Tasmanian-born Daniel Geale was set down for 27 May.

## EDITION 448 8 April

● The Rudd Government signed a statement of support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, despite Opposition claims it would elevate Indigenous customary law above Australian law.

● Community leader Noel Pearson accused the Queensland Government of deceiving Indigenous people after Premier Anna Bligh banned development around three Cape York rivers – the Archer, Lockhart and Stewart.

● A Federal Government inquiry into remote stores heard that a shopping basket of groceries worth \$240 in Cairns was costing \$370 on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

● The National Museum of Australia purchased a collection of paintings and artefacts depicting Aboriginal people's experience of the Canning Stock Route in WA.

● Angeline Blackburn, 19, of Victoria was tipped to be the next Cathy Freeman after being named the inaugural winner of Athletics Australia's Indigenous Athlete of the Year award.



Deadly asbestos waste dumped at the Wallaga Lake Koori Village in southern NSW.



Members of Mr Ward's family outside the Kalgoorlie Court House during the inquest.



From left, Cameron James Riley-Brown and mentor Danny Gardner with Aunty Phyllis Pitchford and mentor Charles Bobongie at the opening of the Meenah Miena art space in Launceston, Tasmania. Photo: JILLIAN MUNDY

● Hawthorn Football Club's Lance Franklin announced he wanted to remain a Hawk for the rest of his AFL career, despite interest from the new Gold Coast AFL syndicate.

## EDITION 449 22 April

● Traditional owners in the Kimberley region of WA struck a deal over a site for a proposed liquefied gas hub off the coast of Broome. They chose James Price Point, just north of Broome as their preferred location.

● Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council representatives' pleas to extend the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme beyond 30 June fell on deaf ears, with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin saying she had to be fair to everyone.

● An independent investigation into allegations of high-level mismanagement and misuse of funds within National Indigenous Television found no fraud, but recommended improvements to the company's administrative processes.

● The Cullacabardee community on the outskirts of Perth hit back against media

reports suggesting that sexual and alcohol abuse was rife in the community. The reports had compared Cullacabardee with the failed Lockridge camp, which was closed after a statewide sex abuse inquiry.

● *Herald Sun* columnist Andrew Bolt created a stir when he suggested that fashion, politics and 'plum jobs', rather than actual heritage, had driven the choice of some academics, artists and activists to identify as Aboriginal.

● Stephen Hill joined an elite club of Indigenous footballers by scoring a goal with his first kick in his debut AFL game for the Fremantle Dockers against the Western Bulldogs.

## EDITION 450 6 May

● The Federal and Northern Territory governments raised the stakes in negotiations with Tangentyere Council over the Alice Springs town camps, offering more than \$125 million for housing, infrastructure and services for the town camps in exchange for a 40-year sub-lease over them.

● The Kimberley Land Council signed on the dotted line to enable environmental and cultural heritage studies to proceed at James Price Point, north of Broome, the site of a proposed LNG gas hub.

● Queensland artist Luke Mallie was named winner of the 2009 National NAIDOC Poster competition. The competition judges were struck by the 'exuberance' of Mallie's winning artwork addressing the theme 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Young'.

● There were calls for a nationwide asbestos audit of Aboriginal communities, after Wallaga Lake Koori Village, south of Sydney, was found to be contaminated with the deadly material. The asbestos appeared to come from the demolition of cheap fibro housing at the community in the 1980s and 1990s.

● Newcastle netballer Natarlia Manning was judged 'most valuable' player at the Australian Under 19 Netball Championships in Canberra. The NSW wing defence's performance earned her a spot on the Australian Under 19 Squad.

● Tasmanian boxer and World International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight champion Daniel Geale conceded his underdog status but reckoned he had Anthony 'Choc' Mundine's measure for a title fight in Brisbane in May. Mundine won, but only by a whisker, after a split decision.

## EDITION 451 20 May

● Indigenous leaders welcomed \$1.3 billion for Indigenous programs as part of the Federal Budget – about \$100 million more than last year. They had feared cuts given the global financial crisis, but quickly turned their gaze to the Government's relationship with Indigenous people which they said was 'top-down', even discriminatory.

● Meenah Miena, a Tasmanian arts mentoring program for young Aboriginal offenders and youth at risk, opened new premises in Launceston. Participants credited the program with helping them to get their lives and confidence back on track.

● A WA Coroner's inquest into the death of Goldfields Elder Mr Ward, who died after being transported in a prison van in heatwave conditions, concluded at Kalgoorlie. After the inquest, Mr Ward's family met the State Corrective Services Commissioner who expressed his sorrow for their tragic loss.

● A Halls Creek grandmother praised the WA Liquor Licensing Commissioner for placing alcohol restrictions over her Kimberley town. Doreen Green said the community could now move forward, tackling such issues as Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), which affects the region at a rate 21 times higher than the rest of the state.

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## They're on guard in Yirrkalala

No wonder Murgangiyi Wungungurra, 44, and Gungah Wungungurra, 32, are smiling. They're trainee lifeguards with the Wungah Wungah Surf Life Saving Club, Australia's first Indigenous life-saving club, which was officially opened last week at Yirrkalala in the Northern Territory's Top End. Get the full story on Page 11. ■ Photo: Michael G. Sullivan

## Jobs raw deal

By DARREN DOYNE

6000 jobs in Australian industries are going to overseas markets, while young Indigenous men lose out because of discriminatory red tape.

So says the Boys From The Bush Project, a federal cross-branch business initiative, which has been testing for support from the Federal Department of Employment.

Education and Workplace Relations (DEWR) for 10 months.

The scheme targets in Cape York as a place in 2005, and helped place more than 150 young men, mostly in the horticultural sector, then in the manufacturing industry.

Seven months ago, the project began, which is a mix of non-Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, divided to support nationally. The most industry covered being,

and 120 young men signed up for a start. They are all smiling.

A DEWR spokesman told The Koori Mail that the programme had been working closely with the industry and the business to develop the project.

But Doug from the Bush Project Grounder Milton Jones maintains that the scheme is being starved by red tape, and will be institutionalised system.

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## Court ruling puts Alice town camps takeover on hold – page 3

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● Kurtley Beale and Corey Brown were named in the Australian rugby union squad for next year's IRB Under 20 World Cup.

● The Adelaide Crows honoured Andrew McLeod for an amazing 15 years in the Australian Football League (AFL) and his impending club record of 313 games for the Crows.

**EDITION 452**  
**3 June**

● The film *Samson & Delilah* won Central Australian film-maker Warwick Thornton the coveted Camera d'Or (Gold Camera) Award for best first-time film-maker at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival in France.

● Tangentyere Council rejected the Federal Government's offer of \$125 million for housing and infrastructure in the Alice Springs town camps in exchange for a 40-year sub-lease. The council's Walter Shaw said Tangentyere was not prepared to hand over decision-making in the camps to NT Housing.

● The two Stolen Generations advocacy bodies, the National Sorry Day Committee and Stolen Generations Alliance, marked Sorry Day, 26 May, by renewing calls for full reparations for the Stolen Generations, including compensation.

● Concern and uncertainty surrounded the NT Government's new 'A Working Future' policy which directed \$160 million towards the development of 20 'Territory growth towns' but offered no support for any new outstations and homelands.

- The second annual Indigenous Round of AFL football was held at the MCG in Melbourne, with Essendon beating Richmond



**Film-maker Warwick Thornton with his Camera d'Or Award for *Samson & Delilah*.**



**Mulga United players celebrate their Island of Origin rugby league win on Thursday Island.**

by 40 points in the 'Dreamtime at the G' centrepiece game. Former Essendon great Michael Long led the annual 'Long Walk' from Federation Square to the MCG.

**EDITION 453**  
**17 June**

● The WA Coroner recommended criminal charges be laid against those responsible for the death of Goldfields Elder Mr Ward in the back of a prison van in WA in January 2008. The Coroner found that Mr Ward died because of gross negligence and incompetence on the part of two prison officers, a transport contract company,

and the WA Department of  
Corrective Services.

● South Australia's Nunga Court celebrated its tenth anniversary. The court, which was the first of its kind in Australia, was established to provide a venue that was less intimidating for offenders and their families.

● Aboriginal Australia lost one of its heroes when singer, songwriter, poet, healer, activist and 'cultural visionary' Bobby McLeod passed away. More than 1000 people attended McLeod's funeral in his home town of Nowra on the NSW south coast.

● Mulga United, from Badu Island, took out Queensland's richest All-Blacks rugby league prize — the 24th Seaswift Island of



**SA Minister Jay Weatherill and Aunty Colleen Welch at the Nunqa Court celebration.**



**Action from the 2009 Laura Dance Festival in north Queensland. Photo: WAYNE QUILLIAM**

Origin on Thursday Island. They defeated the Western Bears, a composite team from Dauan, Saibai and Boigu islands, 42-22.

**EDITION 454**  
**1 July**

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities were being warned to brace themselves for swine flu, after a 26-year-old Aboriginal man from Kiwirrkurra in northern WA became the first Australian suffering from swine flu to die.

● About 5000 people from throughout northern Queensland travelled to Cape York to attend the Laura Dance Festival,

making it the biggest yet.

● A new report by the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) revealed that one in four prisoners in Australia was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and Indigenous over-representation was getting worse. Half of the 10-17-year-olds in corrective institutions were Indigenous.

● The Centre for Indigenous Cultural Property (CICP) called for an overhaul of Australia's policies relating to repatriation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remains from overseas and domestic museums.

● Rights pioneer Chicka Dixon called for Aboriginal Australia to unite and form a national lobby similar to the

former Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI).

● Basketballer Patrick Mills joined the American National Basketball Association (NBA) after being drafted in the second round by the Portland Trailblazers. The 183cm point guard followed on the heels of fellow Torres Strait Islander Nathan Jawai, who joined the NBA in 2008.

**EDITION 455**  
**15 July**

● Law Professor and author Larissa Behrendt was named 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year in front of 1300 people at the National NAIDOC Ball held in Brisbane.

● The Australian Productivity Commission released its fourth 'Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage' Report, which revealed little improvement and in some cases a worsening of Indigenous disadvantage. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd described the report findings as 'devastating'.

● A 10-year draft plan on the management of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park sparked debate over whether tourists should be allowed to climb Uluru (Ayers Rock), against the wishes of the local Anangu people who regained title to the land in 1985.

● Head of the Aboriginal Housing Company Mick Mundine was optimistic that money could be found to support a planned \$60 million makeover of The Block in Redfern under the Pemulwuy Project, after the NSW Government announced planning approval for the project.

● The Australian Indigenous Cricket Team won matches and hearts during their 12-match

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NRL CEO David Gallop joined Close the Gap Chair Tom Calma and others at Redfern to launch the league's Close the Gap campaign.

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whirlwind tour of England. The team, captained by batsman Dan Christian, returned home with eight wins, three losses and one draw.

● The Inaugural Indigenous Football Festival was held in Townsville, attracting eight boys' and four girls' teams. The competition was aimed at making soccer more accessible to Indigenous Australians.

## EDITION 456 29 July

● The Federal and NT Governments were in damage control mode after the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) was revealed as seriously off-track and being eaten up by indirect costs. The revelation that not one new house had been built under the program drew widespread criticism from Aboriginal MP Alison Anderson and others.

● Young Aboriginal men learning practical life skills through an Armidale dog-training program Paws Up enjoyed all kinds of success. The young fellas and their border collies won 19 out of 20 dog jumping events they entered across NSW and Victoria, and became national champions.

● Aboriginal Elders and others from Ampilatwatja, north-east of Alice Springs, walked out of their community in protest over poor and overcrowded housing, sanitation and lack of other services. Spokesman Richard Downs said the group would stay at a makeshift camp until the NT Intervention was abandoned and things improved 'on the ground' in Aboriginal communities.

● The Gunditjmarra and Dja Dja Wurrung people of Victoria welcomed home ancestral remains, returned from the University College of London. It was the first overseas repatriation for Victorian Aboriginal people.

● Speculation was rife that Johnathan Thurston might leave the NRL club the North Queensland Cowboys, after several overseas rugby clubs reportedly made a play for the star halfback.

● Toowoomba weightlifter Davina

Hughes won her second gold medal at the Australian weightlifting titles in Melbourne. Roma-born Hughes won the 58kg division.

## EDITION 457 12 August

● The *Koori Mail* revealed that overseas workers were being fast-tracked for work visas in abattoirs while young Indigenous men from remote communities were missing out because of bureaucratic red tape. The Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWS) team said they'd been waiting for a decision on Federal funding for its Boys from the Bush project for more than 16 months.

● Torres Strait Islander leaders told Prime Minister Kevin Rudd they wanted to secede from Queensland and form their own government.

● The people of Yirrkala, in north-east Arnhem Land, launched the Wangawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club. It was suggested that the new club was the first Indigenous surf life saving club, but readers from Palm Island subsequently wrote in to claim that title.

● Rugby League became the first national sporting code to join the Close the Gap campaign, unveiling a range of activities and initiatives aimed at raising awareness of the campaign to improve Indigenous life expectancy and health.

● Sydney Swans veteran Michael O'Loughlin played his 300th Australian Football League (AFL) game when the Swans took on Richmond at the MCG.

● A record number of competitors attended a NAIDOC Week netball carnival in Perth. More than 1200 competitors in 46 teams competed in the competition, which was won by the WA Indigenous 17s state team.

## EDITION 458 26 August

● United Nations special rapporteur on Indigenous human rights James Anaya started a nationwide tour to determine first-hand the situation of Aboriginal and Torres



Toowoomba weightlifter Davina Hughes won gold.

Straits Islander people. Mr Anaya conceded that aspects of the NT intervention were discriminatory.

● Queensland Elder Conrad Yeatman launched a legal battle for the return of wages he said the State Government had 'stolen' from him, rather than held in trust, when he worked as a young carpenter and labourer at Yarrabah. The Qld Council of Unions (QCU) supported Mr Yeatman's campaign.

● Families from the Kimberley community of Billard, north of Broome, issued a call for action to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people everywhere to 'suicide-proof' their communities, in part by training families to be families, and heal themselves with support from governments.

● The Federal and NT governments agreed to support the cash-strapped Batchelor Institute, which was reportedly just weeks away from bankruptcy. The iconic institution has more than 3000 Indigenous students from all over the country.

● Six Indigenous players were selected in the 2009 intake of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) AFL Academy. The talented half-dozen included West Australian trio Gerald Ugle, Brandon Matera and Harley Bennell.

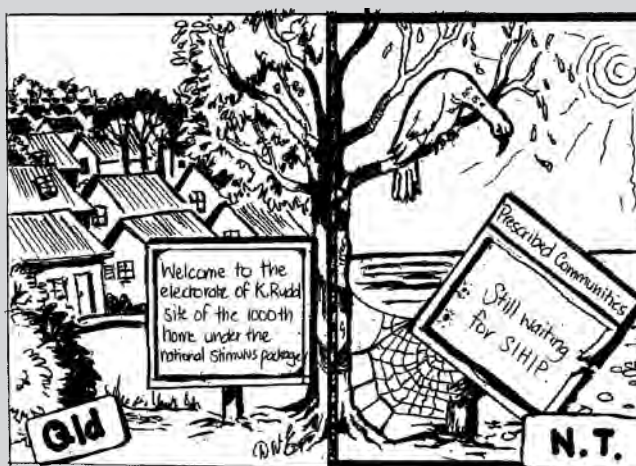
## EDITION 459 9 September

● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma unveiled the proposed model for a new national representative body, calling for Indigenous people to consider the model fully before passing judgment.

● A report into child protection found Indigenous carers and community members frustrated with the gaps in the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS). Lightning Ridge residents said they were 'reeling with disbelief' at DoCS' removal of 40 local Aboriginal children.

● Home ownership vision in Mapoon: Mapoon Elders met with World Vision CEO Rev Tim Costello to discuss their long-standing aspiration to reclaim home ownership. In the early 1960s, many in the

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More works from the past year by *Koori Mail* cartoonist Danny Eastwood.



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far north Queensland community owned their own homes, but the Qld Country Party Government of the day ordered them burned to the ground.

● After his final game, against the Brisbane Lions at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 26 August, Michael O'Loughlin shared his journey with *Koori Mail* readers. He was the first Sydney Swan to reach the 300-game milestone.

● The three Indigenous Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star nominees – Fremantle's Stephen Hill, Collingwood's Brad Dick and Demon Liam Jurrah – missed out at the awards presentation on 2 September.

## EDITION 460 23 September

● The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) predicted a boom in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population to 721,000 by 2021. That was a massive increase of 204,000 in just 15 years.

● After two years of negotiations, the State Government and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Executive Board signed a memorandum of understanding with the hope that it would bring more jobs for young people and improved housing for the community.

● Members of the Ward family presented a 5000-signature petition to the WA Parliament demanding the implementation of all the State Coroner's recommendations over the death of Ngaanyatjarra Elder Mr Ward.

● The *Native Title Act* was amended to allow the Federal Court of Australia to play a larger role in resolving native title claims and, the Federal Government said, to speed up the resolution process, helping to clear a backlog of about 500 claims.

● The return of Tasmanian Aboriginal ancestors' remains from institutions on the other side of the world provoked mixed reactions. While the return was seen as a victory, there was also anger that some British institutions still refused to hand over remains.

● The 'best ever rodeo' was held in the remote far north Queensland community of Doomadgee. With the support of the Australian Indigenous Rodeo Corporation, the three-day event saw more than 3000 people through the gates and 300 competitors vying for a championship trophy buckle.

## EDITION 461 7 October

● A survey about Indigenous eye health revealed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were going blind at six times the rate of other Australians, even though they were generally born with better eyesight.

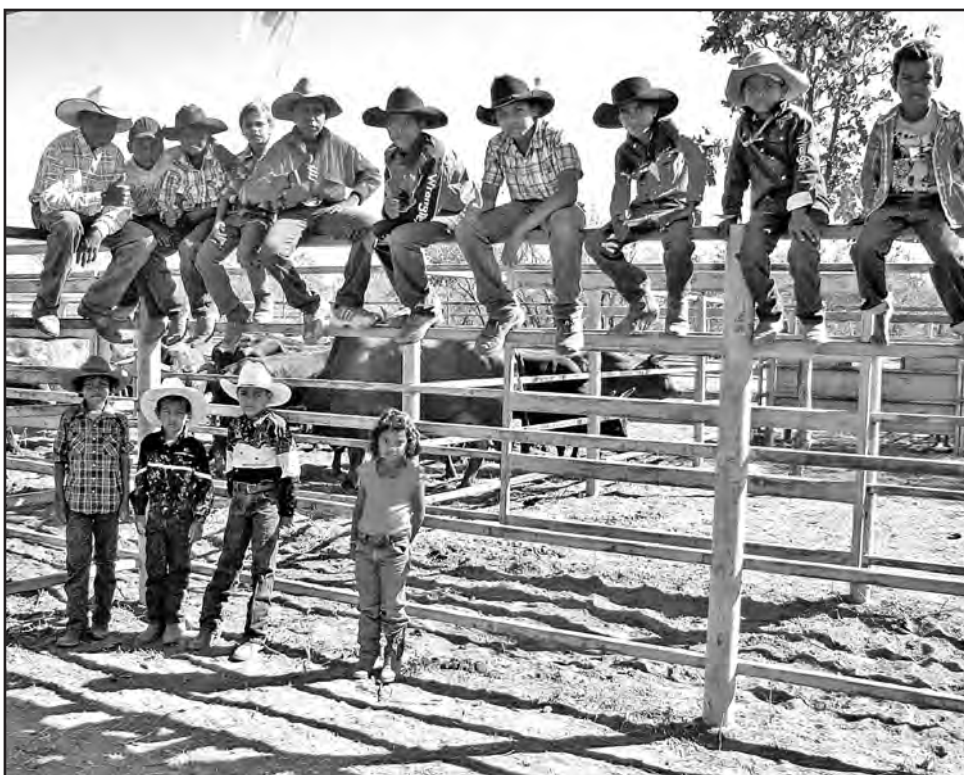
● Calls by angry parents and students to save Sydney's girls-only Biala Aboriginal Hostel were heard when the Aboriginal Hostels board gave the facility a 12-month reprieve to increase bed occupancy.

● High on the Arnhem Land plateau near the tiny homeland of Kabulwarnamyo, a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people gathered for the historic signing of the Warddeken Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) agreement with the Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

● The Stronger Smarter Learning Communities project, led by Indigenous educator Dr Chris Sarra, received \$16.4 million in funding to help school leaders improve educational outcomes for Indigenous children.

● There was plenty of action at the 39th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, in Armidale. Walgett BAC triumphed 48-44 against Mindaribba Warriors.

● Hot favourites the Cairns Dream Team proved too good for the Melbourne Eagles when they took home the fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national men's basketball title in Cairns.



Children from Doomadgee, far north Queensland, at their local rodeo, which was hailed as a huge success.



Laramba students on stage during the second annual Mobfest, held at Ti Tree in central Australia.

## EDITION 462 21 October

● Aboriginal Australia farewellled one of its grand old masters of traditional art after Wamud Namok died in Arnhem Land. Wamud Namok was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2004 for his service to the arts and land management and was remembered as a great teacher and artist.

● Austria's Natural History Museum (NHM) voluntarily handed back the ancestral remains of five Kimberley Aboriginal people and one from Queensland's Moreton Bay/Quandamooka area as part of an historic agreement between the Australian and Austrian governments.

● Aboriginal leaders reacted with anger at the claim from South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson that some young Aboriginal criminals were 'evil' and 'beyond rehabilitation'. The furore surrounded the so-called 'Gang of 49' which some media and politicians claimed were mainly Aboriginal.

● Anti-racism campaigner Stephen Hagan slammed as 'offensive' and 'racist' a 'Jackson Five' skit that appeared on re-born TV variety show *Hey Hey It's Saturday*. The skit sparked a national debate and American singer Harry Connick Jr – who was a guest judge on the show when it aired – expressed his affront at the performance.

● Indigenous leader Professor Patrick Dodson was awarded the 2009 John Curtin Medal. The medal is presented to citizens

who exhibit former Prime Minister John Curtin's qualities of leadership, vision and community service.

● A capacity crowd of almost 2000 people rocked up to the Sydney Opera House for the 15th annual Deadly Awards. The crowd donned their deadliest threads to see who would be crowned the best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievers.

## EDITION 463 4 November

● Renal dialysis patients in remote communities were told they could no longer access life-saving medical treatment in the NT because of a cross-border dispute. After strong community opposition, the decision was overturned, but calls continued for longer-term solutions to the dialysis facility shortage.

● The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) said the Federal Government was 'losing its way' on closing the gap on Aboriginal disadvantage due to shortfalls in its engagement with Indigenous communities.

● Hundreds of children from remote Central Desert schools gathered at Ti Tree in the Northern Territory for Music Outback's 2nd annual Mobfest. The three-day festival gave students the opportunity to take part in music workshops by day and concert performances by night.

● Human rights lawyer Ben Schokman said the proposed Federal Government

acquisition of the Alice Springs town camps against the wishes of residents would not help improve the lives of residents, and he strongly urged the Government to abandon its action.

● Berry Bay, on the lower Yorke Peninsula, was the venue for Surfing South Australia's Indigenous learn-to-surf program in October. 30 Indigenous surfers from Point Pearce community, Port Augusta and metropolitan Adelaide had fun while refining their surfing skills.

● Indigenous sporting sensation Joel Hagan signed up with the Brisbane Broncos in a two-year deal as part of the NRL club's elite player development program.

## EDITION 464 18 November

● Moves towards Aboriginal control over the planning and delivery of health care in the NT communities received a boost, with Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon unveiling a framework to enhance community participation.

● The NT and WA governments agreed that Alice Springs should be a hub for renal dialysis patients, even if they live on the 'wrong' side of the border.

● Nominations for the 2010 Australian of the Year were in, with another impressive line-up of Indigenous Australians up for the top honours. Signer Kev Carmody was nominated in the Queensland Seniors category.

● Former Essendon captain Michael Long and Sydney Swans player Adam Goodes gave their support to the 'My Oath' campaign which called on Australian men to swear an oath never to commit violence against women, never to excuse it and never to stay silent about it.

● The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation held a forum in Melbourne focussed on the contribution that healing could make to closing the gap in Indigenous health and addressing the cycle of trauma and grief in Indigenous communities.

● Five-times national 100m champion and Olympian Josh 'The Boss' Ross announced his retirement from athletics. Ross ended his career as the third fastest Australian ever over 100m.

## EDITION 465 2 December

● In a bid to make the NT Intervention non-discriminatory, the Federal Government announced plans to extend income management beyond NT remote Aboriginal communities to selected Indigenous and non-Indigenous welfare recipients in 'disadvantaged communities' throughout the country.

● Mt Nancy Town Camp resident Barbara Shaw lost a Federal Court bid to stop the Federal Government from taking control of the Alice Springs town camps, exchanging a \$100 million housing and infrastructure package for 40-year leases over the camps.

● It was announced that the new national representative body – the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP) – would receive Federal funding of \$6 million for establishment costs and an additional \$23.2 million for its operations until 2013.

● A parliamentary committee into the cost and quality of food in remote Aboriginal communities recommended significant changes to the community stores system. Among them was the development of a health store policy for all remote Indigenous community stores.

● Wendell Sailor, Johnathan Thurston and others were announced for the Indigenous All Stars line-up which captain Preston Campbell will lead against an elite National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars side in February.

● Another huge year was predicted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AFL players, with 11 more Indigenous men set to debut or return following the AFL's 24th annual draft.





The proud graduates, back, from left, Rose Wanganeen, Judy Walker and Renata Miller. Front, from left, Charlotte Buckskin and Terri Smith. Photo courtesy of Relationships Australia (SA)

# Hard work, but women graduate



SA

FIVE women from Point Pearce, on the west coast of South Australia's Yorke

Peninsula, recently celebrated their success in obtaining Certificate III in Children's Services.

Training was delivered by Relationships Australia (SA)

and work experience provided through an early childhood project located within the local school. Some of the women have now obtained work at the school in ongoing programs.

The community was justifiably proud of the women's achievements, with one saying they were 'an inspiration to our younger kids coming up'.

One of the women said it had been 'hard slog', but their perseverance had paid off.

Another called it 'a success story' and said it was 'an achievement worth celebrating'.

"We've battled, there were hard times, we had a lot of hard times, but determination and all of that kicks in," she said.

## Land now in hands of Wangka Maya Aboriginal Corporation



WA

THE land on which the Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre in South Hedland is built has been given to the local community, under the condition it continues operating as a language centre.

West Australian Lands Minister Brendon Grylls approved the conditional transfer of land to the Wangka Maya Aboriginal Corporation, as well as the allocation of an additional 5000 square metres next to the centre for the group to develop a small cultural precinct, including an art gallery.

The Minister said providing the Wangka Maya Aboriginal Corporation with conditional freehold of the land ensured its continued use as a language centre.

"Under the transfer conditions, the land can only be used for this purpose," he said.

"The corporation is a non-profit group and this change will help ensure they can continue to provide the existing services without the concern

of continually having to raise the money for rent."

Mr Grylls said the centre's services included recording, analysing and preserving the Pilbara's Indigenous languages; translating and interpreting services for Indigenous people who did not speak English; and recording historical and cultural information such as songs, stories and images.

The centre also provided a service that reconnected the Pilbara and Gascoyne Indigenous people to their families and had developed cross-cultural awareness training programs.

"Wangka Maya has done an extraordinary job in developing the centre as a language, culture and history complex and it has provided some great benefits for people in the region since it was finished in December 2008," the Minister said.

"The centre provides an essential community service, preserving the Aboriginal language and culture for future generations."



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INVITATION TO APPLY (ITA) 196/0910

**Administration Agency and / or IT System to support and manage payments to Pharmacists participating in the Closing the Gap – PBS Co-payment Measure**

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from capable and experienced organisations or consortia to provide the following services:

- Develop, Deliver and Support an Administration Agency that will allow for reimbursement payments to be made to Pharmacists participating in the Closing the Gap – PBS Co-payment Measure;
- and / or
- Develop, Deliver and Maintain an IT System to Support the Closing the Gap – PBS Co-payment Measure

The funding period is expected to be from February 2010 to 30 June 2013

On 29 November 2008, the Commonwealth announced funding of \$805.5 million over four years for an Indigenous Chronic Disease Package, as its contribution to the *National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes*. This major investment aims to work toward closing the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

As a component of the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package, the PBS Co-payment Measure will contribute to achieving this aim by introducing access to co-payment relief for PBS medicines for eligible Indigenous Australians. By increasing access to PBS medicines the measure will improve prevention and management of chronic disease, and will complement other elements of the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package to increase access to primary care and chronic disease management.

The objectives of the Project are that an Administration Agency be engaged to make payments to approved Pharmacists who have supplied PBS medicines to eligible patients via PBS Co-payment Measure arrangements.

The Administration Agency would utilise a purpose-built IT system that supports the reimbursement to participating Pharmacists, of co-payment amounts foregone as an outcome of the PBS medicines supply process under the new measure.

Applicants are invited to apply to develop, deliver and support an Administration Agency and / or apply to develop, deliver and maintain the IT system.

**Note: The Department reserves the right to broker partnerships between Applicants, choosing one Applicant to develop, deliver and support the Administration Agency and another to design, develop, build, test and maintain the IT system.**

Organisations interested in applying for funding must address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the Application Form.

Information about the project and how to apply is available on the Department's Internet site at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or by contacting the Project Officer David Pearson, on: Phone (02) 6289 2415, Fax (02) 6289 2375 or Email: [david.pearson@health.gov.au](mailto:david.pearson@health.gov.au)

Applications for funding must be received in the Central Office, Canberra of the Department of Health and Ageing by **2 00 PM on Thursday 21 January 2010.**

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# First Contact Sports



The Clevin mob from Toowoomba enjoy the weekend of touch footy and culture.



A representative of the Pickwick family receiving a plaque on behalf of First Contact CEO Trish Williams. The Warren Pickwick Memorial Trophy is part of the under 18 division.



Street Warriors performing as part of the entertainment at the festival.



A downpour of rain caused only slight delays to the finals.



Seven-year-old Garlen Peace enjoys the rides at First Contact with mate Riley Balyes, 6.



Queensland Department of Communities Sport and Recreation Services group, from left, Michael Brown, Leigh Habner, Helene Fuller, Mark Saran and Chris Wagland.



Members of the Nunuckle Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Troupe performing.



Action from the Swerve On versus Skakipaco touch football clash.



# and Cultural Festival



Enjoying the carnival, back, Bernard Bowie and Adelaide Saylor, and front, Josephine Santo, Joan Saylor and Albert Bowie.



Action from one of the many touch football games held during the 16th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival.

## Action galore in Brisbane



Wearing deadly shirts for the festival were Alfred Orcher and Jarred Roy from Jitty Jitty.



THE 16th annual First Contact Sports and Cultural Festival kicked off last month with three days of footy and fun as families travelled from across the country, including a large contingent of international visitors.

The Robbie Williams Sport and Recreational Reserve in Brisbane was the site for the action, as about 3000 people turned up to see teams battle for the ultimate prize – a win for their community.

Divided into school, mixed and men's teams, players travelled from across Queensland, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea to attend this year's event.

Free show rides proved as popular as ever as hundreds of children and young people spent their time in between games lining up for their turn and families were seen browsing through the food, arts and community market stalls on offer.

The Saturday lunchtime highlight was the fiercely contested 'International Clash', a mixed under-21 touch showdown between the Indigenous Australian team and New Zealand Kiwis team, with the final score, New Zealand 7 beating Australia 5

A brief rain shower and lightning thunderstorm on the final day of play threatened the grand final games, but in the end caused only a 45-minute delay to proceedings.

The men's plate grand final saw the Newcastle Yowies defeat New Era, with a score of 5-4.

In the mixed grand final Koori Kama beat 2 Sharp Lazer 6-3, while Blackest Cats downed Trackadigeniez in the men's decider, 8-4.



Action from the Jitty Jitty (white) versus Native Warriors game.



You're tagged, brother.



Joshua and Rose Henry had a stall at the carnival promoting their Brisbane-based business JR apparel.



# Book focus on family separation



A BOOK which tells the story of an Aboriginal family's experience of

family separation was previewed at Goonellabah Public School in Lismore, northern NSW, last month. Attorney-General Robert McClelland launched the book in Sydney about the same time.

Called *Bidge's Mob*, the book has been published by Interrelate which provides a free service for families and children experiencing family separation and has an Indigenous counsellor and mediator on staff.

The story follows an Aboriginal child who goes for a visit with his grandfather and extended family in the country and learns about the many different kinds of animal families and the variety of support structures they use for raising their young.

"Bidge finds many similarities between the animals and his own situation, and the book examines his feelings and the importance of extended family in his life," Interrelate Chief Executive Karen Morris said.



Julie Leete, of Interrelate, Goonellabah Public School Assistant Principal David Whitelaw, Interrelate's Thea Keane and Mary Cruise, of Goonellabah Public, with children at the launch. Inset: *Bidge's Mob*.

"It's a message that would no doubt resonate with many thousands of children Australia-wide."

At Goonellabah Public School, teacher Mary Cruise read the book to the children. Interrelate has donated copies

to the school to assist children going through family separation. For more information about

the services offered by Interrelate's family centre based in Lismore, call (02) 6622 7003.



At the official opening of the office were WA Department of Indigenous Affairs Director General Patrick Walker and Walgenup Aboriginal Corporation Chairwoman Vivienne Karahoutis.

## Walgenup corporation gets new admin base



THE Walgenup Aboriginal Corporation has entered a new era in its administration. At the recent official opening of its new premises,

Chairwoman Vivienne Karahoutis said the establishment of an office space was central to the corporation's core business and operations. The corporation represents the Aboriginal community of Manjimup and surrounds, acting as an advocate in matters such as the preservation of culture and heritage.

"This couldn't have happened without the support of the Shire of Manjimup, LotteryWest funding to furnish and equip the building and agencies such as the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) who have been a crucial partner to our

development," Ms Karahoutis said.

"We very much look forward to working with the department to help us develop our capacity in areas like governance training, strategic planning, co-ordination of services and advocating on behalf of the community."

DIA Director-General Patrick Walker congratulated the corporation on the work it had done to secure permanent office headquarters, including building capacity to improve service delivery, cultural heritage management and economic development.

"To get to this point, the corporation has undertaken extensive governance training, developed a community plan and built strong partnerships with government and community groups," Mr Walker said.

"Their dedication and commitment is inspiring."

# Research opens up Pathways



RESEARCHERS from the University of Melbourne have created the first online resource to consolidate information for Forgotten Australians, the Stolen Generations, and Victorian 'care-leavers' seeking information about their past.

The Pathways project, under which the researchers worked in consultation with a wide group of Victorian community sector organisations and care-leaver support groups, was officially launched earlier this month.

Care-leavers are people who were wards of the state, but no longer qualify for or receive any government assistance.

### Critical

Chief investigator for the research project Professor Cathy Humphreys said that for many people who were raised in state care, providing this information is critical.

"This isn't just about providing a pathway to records, but providing a pathway to discovering a lost part of someone's childhood and allowing them to reclaim their identity," she said.

The Pathways online resource brings together information about 'care' in Victoria

from the 1840s to the present. It provides historical information about the institutions, explanations of the legislation that led to children being taken into care and profiles of key identities involved in the administration of care.

There is a link at the bottom of the first page which connects to information specific to the Stolen Generations, and Ms Humphreys said archivists and historians would work actively with LinkUp next year to develop the resource.

Frank Golding, from the Care Leavers Australia Network, was raised in state care and says projects like Pathways are essential to assist those trying to 'sift through the records maze, and help make sense of the stories the archives tell'.

"Making sense of the records, and understanding the stories they tell, is not easy. You have to be patient and persistent in the face of delays, and able to live with frustrations and blind alleys," he said.

"You have to be prepared for the unexpected – to be confronted, confused, disappointed, bewildered, amused and excited."

For more information go to the website [www.pathwaysvictoria.info](http://www.pathwaysvictoria.info)





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Walmajarri people perform a smoking ceremony to cleanse the remains before last month's reburial.  
Photo by SIMON KEENAN

# Putting it right

## Respectful ceremony for return of 'old people'

By Koori Mail Editor  
KIRSTIE PARKER

In 2004, Aboriginal Elders from the Kimberley travelled to Stockholm in Sweden to collect the remains of 14 of their ancestors that had been taken during a scientific expedition through the remote West Australian region in 1910-11.

Much was made of the vast difference between the attitudes of the anthropologist who stole the remains, Eric Mjöberg, and his fellow Swedes who later facilitated what was the first voluntary repatriation undertaken by a major European museum.

The sinister way that Mjöberg obtained remains – literally digging

IN the end, there was much that starkly contrasted the way that five Walmajarri ancestors were removed from their traditional country in Western Australia's rugged Kimberley region and then returned a century later.

The removal was carried out sneakily and unceremoniously in 1910 by a foreign white scientist who simply had no right.

The return, just two weeks ago, was respectful and steeped in ceremony carried out by the ancestors' contemporary countrymen and women.

The reversal of circumstances is a sign that, even after the passage of a near century and a traumatic journey to the other side of the world,

them up or cutting them down from trees, sometimes stalking burial parties or bribing people to reveal burial places – disgusted even his expedition colleagues. Upon his return to Sweden, he reportedly descended into madness, fuelled in part by the drowning of his toddler son after whom he had 'named' a Kimberley spring.

Almost a century later, Sweden's King and Queen were personally involved in the return of the remains from the country's Museum of Ethnography, even receiving a painting from the

Kimberley people as a personal thank you gift.

Mjöberg's grand niece, Lotte Mjöberg, made an emotional pilgrimage to Fitzroy Crossing seeking a better understanding of her by-then infamous relative's actions.

And the critically-acclaimed documentary *Dark Science* was made about the whole episode.

But at the time of the historic Swedish repatriation, no-one knew that the 'old people' would have to spend another five years in a shipping container in Fitzroy Crossing 50kms from their

things can be put right again. Dignity can be restored. It is an account that will reassure many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for the return of their ancestors, their 'old people', from the dusty shelves and vaults of the world's museums.

● **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 but *The Koori Mail* apologises for any offence caused inadvertently.

traditional country – cared for, certainly, but still not quite home.

Finally, the journey is now complete for five of the repatriated ancestors.

On 25 November, the Walmajarri people, whose country stretches right out into the Great Sandy Desert, reburied the remains back on country.

Several weeks before that, Elders had visited the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC) at Fitzroy Crossing to select the site and determine the process for reburial.

They settled on Old Cherrabun

Station, a private pastoral property south-east of Fitzroy Crossing and not far from the small community of Bayulu. The station is located on land where the Walmajarri traditionally met with neighbouring tribal groups including the Bunuba, Nyikina and Gooniyandi.

In the days before the reburial, younger Walmajarri men prepared and fenced off a ten metre by ten metre area of ground.

During the ceremony, Elders led their grandchildren and great grandchildren in dance to celebrate the return. And before the remains were placed in the ground in simple wooden boxes, they

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## Our header photos

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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## KALACC's vital work continues

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underwent a smoking ceremony that cleansed them and helped to heal the grief of their countrymen and women.

"The reburial was very moving and very emotional," KALACC Cultural Heritage Officer Neil Carter told *The Koori Mail*.

"The Walmajarri Elders wanted their ancestors all reburied together because they were taken away together.

"And they wanted the kids to be involved in the reburial, to send a message about how important this was for future generations.

"The Elders said afterwards that the reburial gave a sense of closure for the Walmajarri people. They were relieved and satisfied that the remains had finally been put to rest back in country, where they belong, after all of these years."

Mr Carter said that, with the agreement of the non-Aboriginal pastoralist who owned the station, the Walmajarri people could now visit the remains whenever they wished.

"We fenced the area off so it won't hinder the running of the cattle station but cattle won't run over it," he said.

"And when the time comes and we want to put a plaque up there, we'll have the site registered and protected that way too."

The ceremony at Old Cherrabun Station was especially significant because it marked one of the first reburials of about 130 human remains and 600 secret-sacred objects which Australian and overseas museums have returned to Kimberley Aboriginal people during the past decade.

Each of those repatriations has followed years of painstaking research and delicate negotiations by KALACC, which represents the Kimberley's 46 language groups and is located at Fitzroy Crossing because it is considered the region's geographic 'heart'.

Of the 125 remains now left in KALACC's storage facility – the aforementioned shipping container – about 95 have been able to be identified as coming from specific areas. Sometimes, though, the explorers and scientists who took remains kept poor records and others have been lost over the years. Unfortunately, this means that the other 30 remains held by KALACC may never be provenanced beyond the general Kimberley region and therefore can probably never be properly laid to rest.

Neil Carter has been integrally involved in almost all of KALACC's repatriation activities since 2001 when Sydney's Macleay Museum returned a number of human remains and several artefacts.

However, speaking to *The Koori Mail*, he took care to emphasise that authority and decision-making over repatriations to the

Kimberley lay with the organisation's directors – senior men and women who, in turn, took their cues from deeply traditional 'proper lawmen' throughout the region.

Before the Swedish repatriation in 2004, Mr Carter travelled up the Gibb River Road to advise and prepare communities for the return of 'the remains of our babies, of our warriors and our grandmothers'. He spoke of the trip when addressing an international museums conference in Brisbane in July.

"I spoke to the Elders up there and I said 'we are working on bringing back your fella remains, from your country, from your place here. That place, that hill there, Swedish mob took remains away from there back in 1920,' Mr Carter said.

"They didn't know before then that the remains had been taken away but those old blokes just turned around and said 'No wonder that country's sick. We can't get bush tucker there. We can't go good hunting there. That country's been no good all the time'.

"...The spiritual side of this is very, very real and very strong and this is the thing that our Elders talk about, that we need to bring those remains back and put them back into country. Otherwise, the spirits of those people that were taken away don't rest."

The oldest member of KALACC's executive, 74-year-old Tommy May, echoed these words in October when he told *The Koori Mail*, 'When the spirit is in another country, they can't rest. They are very sad'.

Not surprisingly, last month's reburial at Old Cherrabun Station has created new momentum for KALACC's repatriation

activities.

Mr Carter hopes a schedule can now be worked out to return to country the rest of the remains that came back from Sweden, followed by another five repatriated from Austria in October (see separate story), and then those received from various Australian museums.

This will depend, to a large extent, on the level of financial support from the Federal and WA Governments.

KALACC co-ordinator Wes Morris told *The Koori Mail* last week that the organisation's outstanding repatriation work would cost \$600,000 and take another four years or so but was crucial.

Spider Snell (in the yellow shirt) leads the reburial ceremony. He's seen here with other Walmajarri and Wangkatjunga people. Photo by SIMON KEENAN



"After four or five years of continually filling up our keeping place here, it'd be pointless if we couldn't actually take people back to country," he said.

KALACC is doggedly trying to navigate its way through the bureaucratic layers of various government funding programs, including the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs' International Repatriation Program, which helps communities to bring

to house such objects. However, a 2008 report called 'For Now and Forever' and funded by DIA, FaHCSIA and mining companies BHP and Rio Tinto detailed 20 incidents over as many years where the sheds had been destroyed by flood or burned down.

While Minister Hames recently advised KALACC that the department had no funds available for such purposes this financial year, he was reported in March as saying it was not appropriate for remains to continue to be stored in a shipping container.

Mr Morris said he would meet with DIA's Kimberley regional representative later this week. It is possible that the organisation will receive a part of the multi-million-dollar benefits package being negotiated by Aboriginal traditional owners of the proposed site for a lucrative liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant off the Kimberley coast, the details of which have yet to be finalised.

There's also local government to negotiate with (specifically the Derby-West Kimberley Shire) about plans to establish a place in or near Fitzroy Crossing to keep any Kimberley remains that can't be provenanced further, as well as secret-sacred items that would be inappropriate or unsafe to return to country.

In any event, the road ahead for Kimberley communities endeavouring to take their old people all the way home looks neither straight nor smooth. The journey will take courage and determination – something they have plenty of.

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**– KALACC Cultural Heritage Officer Neil Carter**

back human remains from overseas, and the Department of Environment, Heritage, Water and the Arts' Return of Indigenous Cultural Property (RICP) Program, which helps major Australian museums return both human remains and cultural objects.

Then there's the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) and State Minister Kim Hames whom KALACC has asked to support, in addition to reburials on country, development of a 'Kimberley Regional Resting Place' as well as a network of small cultural stores or keeping places for cultural objects.

In the past, the State Government has funded what were essentially garden sheds





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## Insider's view of repatriation

IN October, three Aboriginal people agreed to perform a very important task for their respective Elders: to bring home the remains of some of their ancestors from a museum on the other side of the world.

The trio – Tom Lawford, 39, and Terry Murray, 32, from WA's Kimberley region and Jody Coghill, 37, from Stradbroke Island in Queensland – flew to Austria where they spent five days in the capital Vienna preparing to bring home their 'old people', whose remains had been stolen in the name of science and evolution in the 18th and 19th centuries.

They were supported by Lori Richardson, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman and the Assistant Manager of the Australian Government's International Repatriation Program.

So what's it like inside an international repatriation? What actually goes on?

**Koori Mail** Editor KIRSTIE PARKER accompanied this delegation on their journey to Austria and back. Here is her 'insider' perspective of how the 30,000km round journey unfolded, crossing and recrossing continents as well as time and comfort zones...

FOR Tom Lawford and Terry Murray, the trip from Sydney to Vienna was the continuation of an even longer one – preceded by two days spent travelling from their home town of Fitzroy Crossing to Perth and then across to the east coast.

Fortunately for Stradbroke Island's Jody Coghill, her travel across to the mainland and then from Brisbane to Sydney was less arduous.

Still, after spending nearly 24 hours in the air since Sydney, all three were exhausted by the time they and FaHCSIA's Lori Richardson arrived at Vienna International Airport on the afternoon of 6 October.

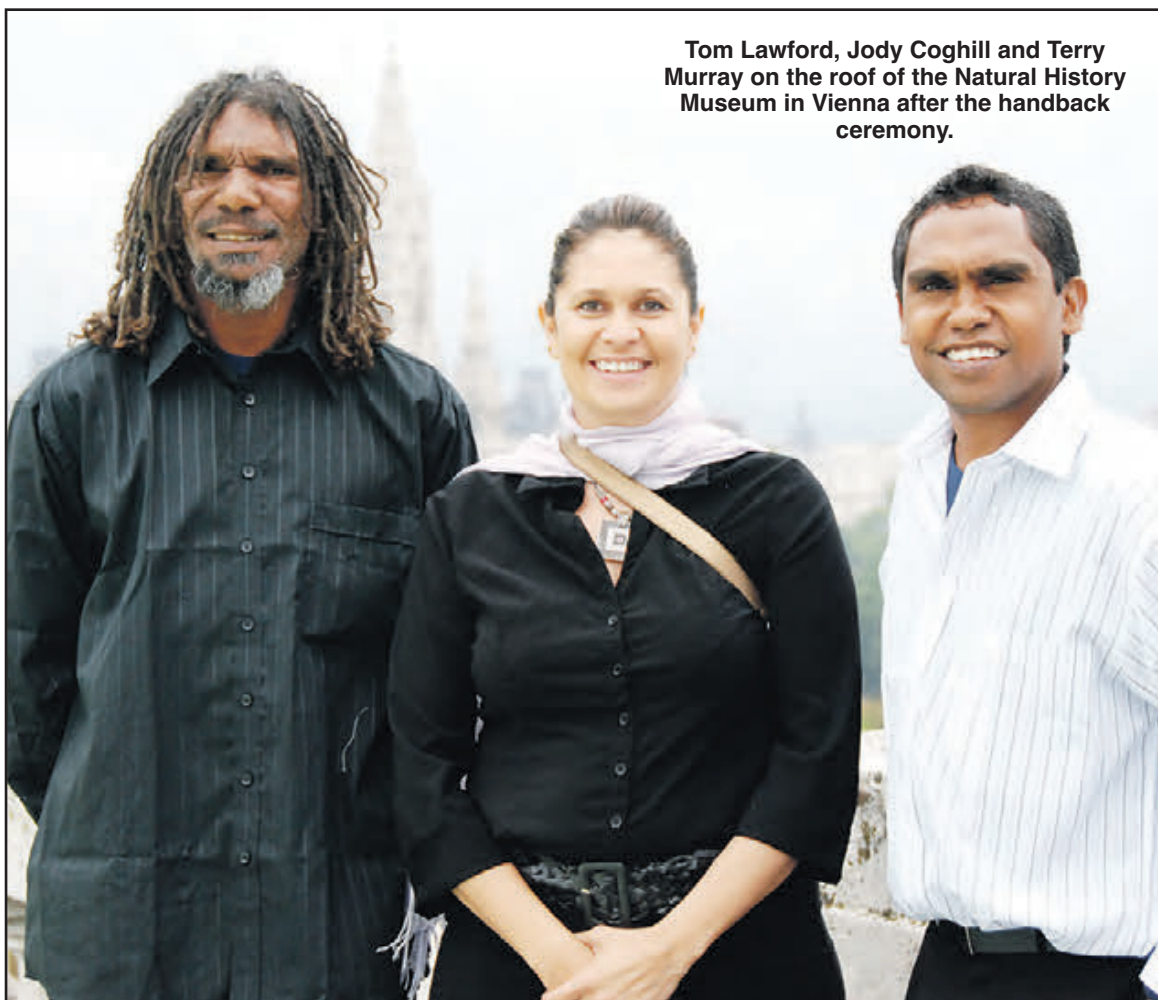
From there, they caught one of the city's thousands of BMW taxis into the city to check into their hotel. The place was undeniably very comfortable, even if the three-jet shower took a while to get used to and the only English language TV channel – the BBC World News Service – lost its appeal after its third rotation. There was definitely no Walmajarri, Gooniyandi or Goenpul language spoken around there.

At about nine o'clock the next morning, I caught up with Jody and Lori in the hotel foyer. Over breakfast, at a startling \$40 a head for the 'Americana' buffet, I was impressed to learn that the fellas – apparently still functioning on Kimberley time – had been up since 4am and were already off exploring the surrounding streets.

Mid-morning, everyone met back in a corner of the hotel foyer to talk strategy and receive reassurance from Richardson who, after years working in repatriation, had done many similar trips.

It was hard not to be struck by the curious artwork that lined the foyer walls – close-up photographs of human bodies.

The main item on the day's



Tom Lawford, Jody Coghill and Terry Murray on the roof of the Natural History Museum in Vienna after the handback ceremony.

agenda was a meeting at the Australian Embassy with diplomatic staff, Head of Anthropology at Austria's Natural History Museum (NHM) Dr Maria Teschler-Nicola, and Director of the Federal Pathology Museum Dr Beatrice Patzak. Both institutions had volunteered to return remains in their collections, under an agreement between the Australian and Austrian governments.

The Australian Embassy shared its building with those of Greece and New Zealand and the national flags of all three countries fluttered outside.

The delegation was met by an Australian staffer called Wanda and her colleagues Richard and Thomas. Ushered into an airy meeting room, everyone was introduced to Drs Teschler-Nicola and Patzak.

A typed list meticulously tracked every conceivable logistical detail of the handover ceremony.

There was a lot of talk about the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags (which the Embassy already had) and the Austrian and Viennese flags (which

invited to take part.

There was a lot of further talk about whether the smoking ceremony would set off the 130-year-old NHM's fire alarms. Tom and Terry had carried hefty pieces of special wood all the way from their traditional country,

especially for the ceremony.

'Will it be smokey?' they were asked more than once, and answered patiently.

And there were questions about whether the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) had the official documents it needed to allow the remains to

pass through customs.

Such papers hadn't been required for previous repatriations from other museums in other countries and Lori was keen to clear the matter up.

Tom, Terry and Jody were very

clear about the expectations of their Elders but had only scant information about the remains they would receive – just that there would be five from the Kimberley and one from the Morton Bay area.

Dr Teschler-Nicola and Dr Patzak spoke about a further ten unprovenanced remains which it had been agreed would be taken back to the National Museum of Australia (NMA) in Canberra where further efforts would be made to determine their origins.

It was disconcerting when Dr Patzak revealed that the Pathology Museum would be handing back four unprovenanced skulls, rather than the expected three. Sheepishly, she explained that for years the museum's staff had believed that the fourth skull was only a mould or cast of one, rather than the real thing. Unsettling as this announcement was, there appeared little that Lori could do but agree to the skull's inclusion with the rest of the remains.

At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that a 'walk-through' or rehearsal for the ceremony should be held the following day. And, before that, the delegation would meet Australia's newly-appointed ambassador to Austria.

On Day Three, everyone was up early again. Having realised that there were much cheaper alternatives to the hotel's breakfast buffet, some of us set off for a café down the road.

Afterwards, we piled into a couple of taxis and headed off into Vienna's labyrinth of ring roads to the Australian Embassy.

Ambassador Michael Potts was formal but friendly, and the short meeting in his office went off smoothly. Things were obviously so much easier when the return of remains was voluntary, rather than litigated and ordered by a court.

Next, the group hopped into an Embassy mini-van and was driven to the NHM where we were welcomed by Dr Teschler-Nicola and given a brief history of the institution and its 40,000 anthropological, ethnographic, botanical and other items.

Then we were ushered up several grand marble staircases to a large room at the back of the building where a team of museum staff, led by a bloke wearing Birkenstock sandals and socks, awaited Tom, Terry and Jody's opinions on the room set-up.

To the left of a lectern dutifully flanked by the aforementioned

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Talking strategy before meeting with the Austrian museums.

someone would be dispatched to find); who would be there; who would speak; at what point during the handback the smoking ceremony would be held, who would explain its purpose (Tom and Terry), and who would be





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# Repatriation – a personal account

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flags, trestle tables covered in white tablecloths held seven numbered wooden boxes roughly the size of eskies.

It took a minute or two for everyone to register that the boxes already held the human remains to be handed back.

With the lids off, the contents were covered but this didn't prevent a sharp intake of breath from Jody who had to turn away. She confided that she would have liked more warning that she would be in the presence of her ancestors.

She relaxed later when she was able to spend a few moments alone with them, introducing herself in much the same way as she would to an Elder back home.

Tom and Terry were calm and methodical as they helped to position the boxes and drape them with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

In the end, everyone was satisfied that the height of the room's ceilings would prevent the smoking ceremony from setting off the fire alarms.

Back at the hotel, everyone opted for an early night.

The big day, 9 October, arrived and there was an energy about the delegation that hadn't been there before – what seemed like a combination of nerves and a quiet determination to do the best possible job for their 'old people'. Everyone had dressed up. The group arrived at the museum with about 15 minutes to spare; just enough time to check that everything was in its place before the room started to fill.

More than 100 people attended, including Ambassador Potts and his wife, representatives of the two Austrian museums, government representatives and members of the local diplomatic community. A few Australian expats made themselves known to the delegation, offering their best wishes.

First, there were speeches from the Austrian-based parties – the Ambassador, and Drs Teschler-Nicola and Patzak – all of whom said they were delighted that the remains were finally being taken home to where they belonged.

By the time Tom, Terry and Jody took centre stage, the room seemed to hum with anticipation. I wondered if anyone in the audience was worried they'd be in for a earful from the Aboriginal delegation, given the disturbing circumstances surrounding their ancestors' removal.

But any such worries would have been unfounded. Tom, Terry and Jody were gracious in their responses. Jody said the Goenpul people had mourned for the remains of their people held in overseas institutions for many years.

"Today is a very important and spiritual event for us, not only for our old people's spirits to continue their journey but also for the spirit of the land and our well-being as Aboriginal people," she said.

Tom and Terry spoke briefly of their great



The official party after the Vienna handover ceremony. From left, KALACC's Terry Murray, Goenpul woman Jody Coghill, Dr Maria Teschler-Nicola of Austria's Natural History Museum (NHM), Australia's Ambassador to Austria Michael Potts, KALACC's Tom Lawford, FaHCSIA's Lori Richardson, Linda Potts, and Dr Beatrice Patzak of Austria's Federal Pathology Museum.



Guests at the Vienna handback ceremony taking part in the smoking ceremony that cleansed the remains.

pride at having been asked to help return their old people to country, and then introduced a short documentary made by Broome-based Aboriginal company Goolari Media.

The film, projected on to a wall, showed glorious Kimberley country and dozens of the region's Aboriginal people expressing

gratitude for the return of the remains.

"Thank you Austria," said one person after another. Tom's brother Alan was one of them, summing up the difference the repatriation would make thus: "Country is lost without people, and people are lost without country."

Afterwards, there were few dry eyes in

the room. And the gratitude expressed during the film was reciprocated when Tom and Terry invited everyone to take part in the smoking ceremony. No-one – even several mums with babies – passed up the opportunity to walk through and inhale the potent wood smoke.

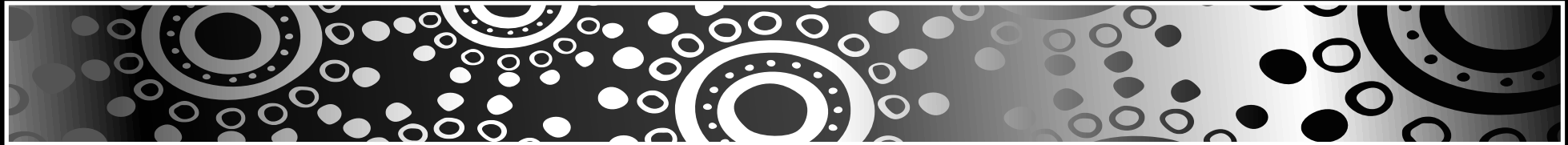
After the ceremony, guests were invited to the NHM's café for refreshments. Later, Tom, Terry, Jody and Lori accepted an invitation to tour the NHM's rooftop where they had an impressive view of Vienna.

These new bearings came in handy the following day, scheduled for rest, when some of them nipped back to the museum for an extended look at its new exhibition on Charles Darwin's evolutionary theory.

Arriving back in Australia on 13 October, this diverse but now tight group – thrown together by circumstance and the actions of others at least a century earlier – travelled on to their respective home communities for the beginning of another chapter.

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# Cole snaps up prize



WATHAURUNG woman and Melbourne-based artist Bindu Cole has taken out the top prize in the 2009 Victorian Indigenous Art Awards.

Cole's evocative photograph of a 'sistagirl', *Ajay*, won her the \$25,000 Deadly Art Award.

She and other winners in the annual awards, developed through Arts Victoria, were selected by an independent judging panel including Monash Gallery of Art director Shaune Lakin and artist Karen Casey.

Cole is described as an emerging artist and photographer 'whose work reveals some uncomfortable truths about the fundamental disconnection between who we are – the communities and identities by which we shape our sense of self – and how the prevailing culture attempts to place and define'.

She was a finalist in last year's awards, as well as the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards.

Ben McKeown's *44 Degrees – I'll Have a Long Black Please* was commended by the judges. McKeown is an artist and curator, and a descendant of the Wirangu language group of the far west coast of South Australia. His work is in a number of collections

including the National Gallery of Australia, the State Library of Victoria, and The United Nations Collection Geneva.

Peter Waples-Crowe's *The End of Innocence* won the \$7000 Koorie Heritage Trust Acquisition Award.

Waples-Crowe is a Melbourne-based contemporary artist with Aboriginal and European heritage, and his art is about his identity and living in many worlds. He has been represented in various group shows, as well as the 2005 and 2006 Telstras. He has been a finalist in the Victorian awards over the past four years.

The \$3000 Boscia Award for Photography and Digital Media went to Nicholas Boseley for his work *Shared Ancestry*.

The Eastern Arrernte artist grew up in Victoria and began painting at age 19, working with photography at 20 and writing and directing films at 23. He says his work is influenced by his history, family stories and ongoing spiritual experiences both in his family's country and his urban Victorian home.

The Victorian Indigenous Art Awards exhibition is open to the public until 23 December at Boscia Galleries, Level 4, 175 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. For more information, visit: [www.bosciagalleries.com](http://www.bosciagalleries.com)

● Pictured: Bindu Cole's evocative photograph, *Ajay*.

# Big year for Uncle Jack



THIS has been a big year for actor Uncle Jack Charles. In May, the self-confessed former heroin addict and 'gentleman' cat burglar won the Tudawali Award honouring his lifetime contribution to Indigenous media.

A month later, a film chronicling his life, titled *Bastardy*, was released to critical acclaim.

And this past weekend, Uncle Jack was waiting to see how *Bastardy* fared for its nomination for the Best Feature Length Documentary in the 2009 Australian Film Industry (AFI) Awards.

Yet, for all of these glamorous accolades, it was only last month that he spread his wings and boarded a jumbo jet to travel overseas for the first time.

Uncle Jack had been invited as a special guest to speak at 'The Truth is Out There', the Sheffield International Documentary Festival held in the United Kingdom on 4-8 November. But British Government officials initially refused him entry based on his criminal past.

"They knocked me back originally because I've got longer than ten years' jail time," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I was pretty pissed off at the fact that a retired old criminal from Australia could find great difficulty to set foot on British soil when they sent all their criminals over to my country and made it a crime scene and all that!"

But the old battler wouldn't take no for an answer, and soon gained support from high places. "The Sheffield Doco film festival mob wrote to the British High Commission and then (Federal Arts Minister) Peter Garrett, (singer/songwriter) Missy Higgins and Peter Rotumah and others wrote letters asking for special dispensation to get me over there to talk about *Bastardy*," he said.

And it worked. On 31 October, Uncle Jack was told he could go to England. Just three days later, he and the film's director, Amiel Courtin-Wilson, boarded a plane.

Once in Britain, Uncle Jack rugged himself up in some 'pretty stylish threads' by his own admission.

"I wore a beautiful full-length sheepskin

coat. It was warm and comfortable, everyone was looking at it so I was setting trends over there," he said cheekily.

As he has been invited to several other film festivals around the globe, Uncle Jack is now campaigning to have his criminal record expunged. "For those men and women who can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are men and women with integrity and honour ... well ... our criminal records should be expunged so we can reach our full potential," he said.

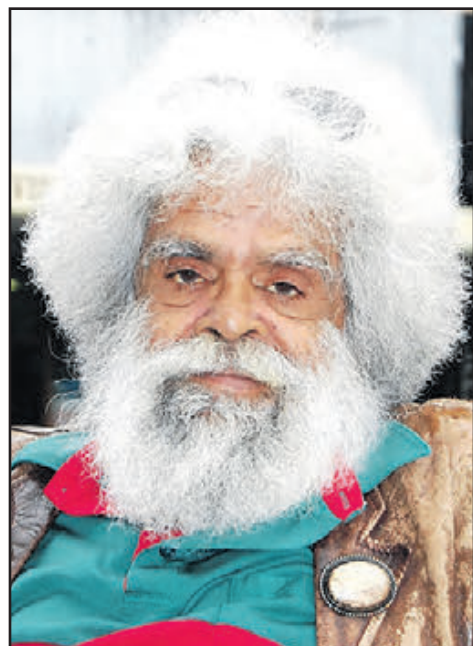
While in Britain, Uncle Jack also met with documentary film-makers from around the world and he says he's keen to travel further.

"I've got places to go to and people to see in foreign countries," he said.

*Bastardy* was released on DVD on 26 November and there are plans to expand it further.

"I'm going to have a coffee table-style book made with pictures I took and images from the documentary," Uncle Jack said.

"And now that the film has been made I am going to write the definitive biography of Jack Charles." – By KERRI-LEE HARDING



UNCLE JACK CHARLES





Pauline Whyman accepts the Uncle Bob Maza Memorial Award at the 2009 VIPA Awards.



Ms Constantina Bush (Kamahi King) & The Bushettes wowed the crowd with a cheeky dance routine.

# Gala evening for the VIPAs

By KERRI-LEE HARDING



DRAG acts, musical performances, and singing were all performed at the recent 2009 Victorian Indigenous Performing Arts (VIPA) Awards in Melbourne.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists joined fellow community members for a jam-packed gala evening.

The cabaret-style variety show and awards night, in its 11th year, is hosted by Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Company.

It's an opportunity for Victorian performing artists to be recognised and to celebrate local artistic endeavours and achievements over the preceding 12 months.

This year's winners were:

- Actor Pauline Whyman, who received the Uncle Bob Maza Memorial Award for outstanding

contribution to Victorian Indigenous theatre.

- Kamahi King, producer of the Ms Constantina & the Bushettes, who received the Uncle Jack Charles Award for Best Achievement by a Victorian Theatre practitioner.

- Cy Fahey, who took out the Aunty Eleanor Harding Memorial Award to encourage and support an emerging talent of Victorian Indigenous Theatre.

## Nominees

Community members nominated performing artists in the various categories. Nominees were then independently assessed by a panel of Indigenous Arts industry experts comprising ATSI Arts Board Member Richard Frankland, Janina Harding from the City of Melbourne, Gavin Somers from Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV), and Ilbjerri Artistic Director Rachel Maza-Long.

"The recipients are judged on their merit alone so it's entirely about, are

they the most appropriate person for the award? And do they qualify for one? And then who shines above the rest?" Ms Maza-Long told *The Koori Mail*.

"I think it has much more integrity as it's a peer assessment, by people who understand the art and understand the industry. So it's a very informed decision as opposed to 'who has the most friends or biggest family?' It's not about the numbers, it's about quality."

VIPA Awards MC Tammy Anderson kept the crowd entertained with banter underpinning a deadly cabaret-style show featuring the likes of Uncle Jack Charles, Miss Ellaneous, Ms Constantina & The Bushettes, Jarrah, Mia Stanford and The Maza Sisters.

Past VIPA Award recipients include the Edwards family collective for the production *Songlines of a Mutti Mutti man*, film producer Sarah Bond, musician Lou Bennett, actor Tony Briggs, Richard Frankland and Wiradjuri woman Naretha Williams.

# Art mobs gain from WA grants



FEDERAL Arts Minister Peter Garrett has announced \$713,800 of funding for arts and cultural activity in regional, rural and remote areas of Western Australia.

Of that amount, \$46,680 will go towards assisting regionally based artists to be mentored in their chosen art form by a professional artist or artists of their choice through the Mentorship program.

Mentorships were awarded to emerging artists Elaine Tribbick (Pilbara), who will develop her skills in creative writing and illustrating; a group of budding, young sound engineers from Manjimup (south-west); and one to a mid-career photographer, David Hyde (Goldfields-Esperance).

A further \$67,120, through the Projects and Residencies program, will go to help regional communities create an artwork or artworks in partnership with professional artists or cultural advisers.

Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation (Pilbara), the Shire of Mullewa (mid-west), Wila Gutharra Community Aboriginal Corporation (mid-west) and Theatre Kimberley (Kimberley) will begin projects in the first half of next year.

Another \$300,000 will go to two regionally-based arts organisations to develop programs and positions that have long-term impact and build community capacity through the Strategic Regional Partnerships program.

Ngaanyatjarra Media Aboriginal Corporation (Goldfields-Esperance) and Kimberley Language Resource Centre (Kimberley) will each receive \$50,000 a year over three years to work with their local communities to develop sustainable skills transfer.

Another \$300,000 will go to two WA arts and cultural agencies for programs in partnership with regional communities as well as to extend networks and strengthen relationships and arts development in the regions through the Arts Agencies program.

Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts (DADAA) and the WA Music Industry Association (WAM) will each receive \$50,000 a year over three years to deliver statewide projects and programs.

# ARIA has Dan sailing home



AT the ripe old age of 80, Torres Strait Islander singer Seaman Dan has taken out another Australian Record Industry Association (ARIA) award.

He recently won the award for Best World Music Album for 2009 for his latest offering and final album *Sailing Home*.

The talented octogenarian's first ARIA came in 2004 for his *Perfect Pearl* CD.

In his acceptance speech, Seaman Dan said that it was time to hang up his ukulele and pass on his love of music to younger musicians coming through.

"My life has been lived by and on the ocean and that is what the *Sailing Home* CD is all about – the always beautiful but perilous oceans of Australia," he said.

"In 2004, when I was a young fella of 75, it was a great honour to be awarded an ARIA for the *Perfect Pearl* CD. With great pride I took it home to Thursday Island and it is on display at our Gab Titui Cultural Centre to show up-and-coming young musicians and singers that if this old fella can do it, they can too."

"I will do the same with this award because I am a product of my Torres Strait Islander culture and proudly carry on its musical traditions."



## Men get down to business



AN exhibition of artworks by men of the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales has opened in Ballina.

More than 60 people attended the opening of the Men's Business exhibition by Bundjalung artist Digby Moran.

Men's Business is the first of its kind in the region, and was opened with a Welcome to Country by Auntie Bertha Kapeen.

Organisers said the exhibition captured a unique and diverse perspective – interpreting land, culture, and Aboriginal spirituality through the eyes of local male artists.

Lismore-based artist Les



From left, artists Jeremy Devitt, from Pottsville, Oral Laurie, from Evans Head, Robert Appo, from Banora Point, Digby Moran from Lismore, who officially opened the exhibition, and Oral Roberts, from Evans Head.

Evans said the exhibition was a celebration of Aboriginal men's art rather than 'secret men's business intended for men's eyes only'.

Men's Business was curated by a panel of first-time curators including Robert Appo, Garth Lena, Michael Philp and Penny Evans,

working with Northern Rivers Indigenous Arts Development Officer Frances Belle Parker.

Mrs Parker said it was fantastic to be able to offer the opportunity to some of the more advanced artists in the region, as well as new artists who were being mentored.

"The dedication of the mentors who have supported and encouraged young artists to create works for the exhibition was invaluable, not only for this event but also for the long-term development of Indigenous arts in the region," she said.

The exhibition will be on show until 17 January at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, 44 Cherry Street, Ballina, from Wednesdays to Sundays, 10am-4pm.

## Wenitong is new NT development officer



KABI KABI man Micah Wenitong, pictured, has been appointed Indigenous Music Development Officer for Music NT.

Based in Darwin, Mr Wenitong will work with musicians



and Aboriginal communities in remote, regional and urban areas of NT to assist their participation in the music industry.

A performer and producer who was born in far north Queensland, Mr Wenitong plays bass and guitar and has worked with bands Karnage, Shakaya and The Last Kinection. He has been working with and in remote communities since 2001, with much of his previous work based around music development, diversionary youth programs and health promotion.

# Strait to Hawaii



MORE than 5000 visitors are expected to see the exhibition *Zamiyakal: Torres Strait Headaddresses and Dance*

*Machines*, currently on display at the East West Center Gallery in Hawaii.

It is the first time Thursday Island's Gab Titui Cultural Centre has toured an exhibition internationally, and East West Center curator Michael Schuster was full of praise.

"The professionalism of the exhibition and (Gab Titui) staff have allowed for an excellent exhibition to be part of (our) program," he said.

"The uniqueness of Torres Strait dance has been effectively captured in the *Zamiyakal* exhibition. Being such a remote centre and overcoming the hardships associated with this, Gab Titui Cultural Centre should be proud of such a professional exhibition."

*Zamiyakal* means dance apparatus, or 'dance machines' in one of the Torres Strait Islander languages (Kala Lagaw Ya), and is the term given to hand-held mechanical moving objects and elaborate moving headaddresses.

Each clan and each island group has its own unique performance styles passed down from generation to generation.

In addition to dance machines, instruments, and costumes, the *Zamiyakal* exhibition features photography and video, including historical footage from 1880.

Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairperson Toshie Kris said the exhibition was a great opportunity to showcase Torres Strait culture to the world and generate interest in the region.

He said Gab Titui staff were



● ABOVE: Gab Titui staff members Aven Noah and Robyn Fernandez (centre, with leis around their necks) with Honolulu's East-West Centre Arts Team.

● LEFT: A Cockatoo Headaddress on display.

● RIGHT: A photograph of dancer (Ned Ware) and Titui (star) dance machine.

Photos courtesy East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii



key to the concept design and implementation, and had gained valuable experience in developing exhibitions to international standards and

touring exhibitions internationally.

"Staff were also able to undertake gallery talks to over 30 students and academics

about the exhibition, the role of Gab Titui Cultural Centre within the Torres Strait region and what projects and outcomes have been undertaken over the past

five years of the centre's existence," Mr Kris said.

The exhibition will continue at the East West Center until 3 January.



# They have a say



A NEW research report has given Melbourne's Indigenous people a voice in the creation and implementation of Government health policy, according to Aboriginal Elder Shirley Firebrace.

The *Talking It Up* project brought together Aboriginal consumers, Wesley Mission Melbourne and Deakin University and found that Aboriginal people in metropolitan Melbourne felt they had no voice in decision-making processes – in particular, when it came to identifying and addressing the issues that impact on their lives and well-being.

"Through this collaborative project, consumers were finally given an opportunity to have their voice heard. That is what is at the core of this report," said Aunty Shirley.

"Listening to the consumers helps to heal the trauma of feeling invisible in the system."

The project trained a group of Aboriginal people as researchers, who recruited Aboriginal consumers and ran a series of community forums, ensuring that it was the consumer voice that formulated the findings.

In launching the research report in Melbourne earlier this month, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said he was impressed by its collaborative nature.

"The fact that Aboriginal consumers were leading the research ensures that the report findings genuinely represent their voice," Mr Snowdon said.

Wesley Mission CEO Poul Bottern said it was important for consumers to be at the centre of policy development.

"More needs to be done to seek out and include the voice of Aboriginal consumers in the creation and implementation of Government health policy," he said.



● ABOVE: Elders who participated in the project with dignitaries who attended the launch. Back row, from left, Darebin Community Health CEO Jim Killeen, Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, Steve Verde, VicHealth CEO Todd Harper, Wesley Mission Melbourne Chairman of the Board James Pfeiffer, CEO Wesley Mission Melbourne Poul Bottern; front row, from left, Aunty Francis, Aunty Margaret, Aunty Sharon Kay Nolman, Aunty Diane King, Aunty Rose Gillman, Aunty Shirley Firebrace, Carole-Anne Hickman and Wesley Mission Melbourne's Sarah Pollock.

● RIGHT: Uncle Reg Blow and Aunty Shirley Firebrace presented the report to Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon.



# Culture plays part in parenting



At the camp are, back row, Michael Cheeseman, Kelly Mawson with son Henry, Leslea Baker with Bayleigh, and Fay Mosely with Ebony; front, from left, Kay Carroll with Joshua and baby Thirston, Hiedi Walsh with son Clayton, and Amanda Charlton with Reece and Eddie.



● LEFT: Pictured with the SSWAHS's NSW Health Award are the service's Area Director of Aboriginal Health Vicky Wade, Tine Tailor (Gandangara LALC), Chryne Griffiths, Patricia Glossop and Peta McLean (SSWAHS), and Miller Playgroup and bus driver Gladys Nimmett.



FIVE families from Sydney's south-west were the first to graduate recently

from an award-winning Aboriginal Parenting Program developed by Sydney South-West Area Health Service (SSWAHS).

The Boomerangs Parenting program, winner of this year's Innovation in Aboriginal Health category of the NSW Health Aboriginal Health Awards, combines existing parenting techniques with the ancient wisdom of Aboriginal culture to improve positive parenting outcomes.

SSWAHS Director for Aboriginal Health Vicky Wade said the program was a critical step in closing the gap for Aboriginal people in the region, estimated to be home to more than ten per cent of the State's Indigenous population.

"If we truly want to close the gap in life expectancy between Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people in

SSWAHS, we need to start early with providing a secure base for our families," Ms Wade said.

"Parenting practices are learned through our experience of being parented and as a general rule, parents are supported in their parenting from their communities and past experiences.

"However, in Aboriginal communities, these families have been robbed of many of the customs, traditions, and way of life that would have held those families together.

"The Boomerangs Parenting Program addresses these issues by bringing these families together in a more traditional way, such as gatherings and camps."

SSWAHS Aboriginal perinatal and infant mental health co-ordinator Chryne Griffiths said the program was called Boomerangs because Aboriginal people traditionally always carried two boomerangs – never one – to represent the mother and the baby, or the

parent and the child.

"As an early intervention program, it uses a group treatment style of learning to provide parent education and therapy based on attachment theory," Ms Griffiths said.

"Over 12 weeks, families are brought together in traditional ways such as camps, where activities include therapies, parent-child-infant interaction guidance, family games, self-care, baby massage and yarnning.

"Participating parents have told us that they now feel more in tune with their children and can pick up on their cues better.

"Their confidence has been boosted, they feel more connected – with themselves, their children and their culture."

SSWAHS received funding from Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Services and Gunawirra Aboriginal Organisation to run the program, and support from Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council and staff from Miller Primary School.



## Alcohol linked to poor child health



**DRINKING** a lot of alcohol during pregnancy can result in bouts of anxiety and aggressive behaviour in children, according to a new study from Perth's

Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. The study was recently published online in the international journal *Addiction*.

Lead author Colleen O'Leary said the analysis was drawn from a random sample of more than 2000 mothers who completed a questionnaire three months after the baby's delivery, and were then followed up when the child was two, five and eight years of age.

"Mothers who reported what we would

classify as heavy drinking in the first trimester of pregnancy were nearly three times as likely to report that their child suffered with anxiety and/or depression or somatic complaints," Ms O'Leary said.

**'Exposure to moderate or heavy levels of alcohol in late pregnancy increased the risk of aggressive types of behaviours in the child'**

"Those who drank moderately during that first trimester were twice as likely to report those types of behavioural issues for their child.

"Exposure to moderate or heavy levels

of alcohol in late pregnancy increased the risk of aggressive types of behaviours in the child. This research suggests that both the timing and the intensity of alcohol exposure in the womb affect the type of

behaviour problems expressed."

In this study, low levels of alcohol did not increase the risk of harm to the baby. However, the evidence clearly shows that the risk to the baby increases with

increasing amounts consumed.

"It should also be noted that in this study, moderate exposure is classified as drinking three to four standard drinks per occasion – that's about two normal glasses of wine – and no more than a bottle of wine drunk over a week."

Heavy drinking included women who were drinking the equivalent of more than a bottle of wine per week.

Researchers said it was important that women who had consumed alcohol while pregnant were not panicked by the findings.

The National Health and Medical Research Council recommends that the safest choice for women who are pregnant or planning a pregnancy is to abstain from alcohol.

## Celebration for Tennant Creek



Tennant Creek student Camille Williams attending to baby Katy Bob and Priscilla Mick, from Canteen Creek.



In the medical ward of Alice Springs Hospital are student Venus Williams from Tennant Creek (right) with Preceptor (Alice Springs registered nurse on medical ward) Monica Mugadza and patient Alfred Lang.



THE community of Tennant Creek has celebrated the achievements of a group of students who completed the academic requirements of their Bachelor of Nursing degrees and Aged Care Apprenticeships.

The Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) students are part of a pilot project which began in the Territory town in 2007 to promote the training of health-care professionals in NT regional centres.

The program has been a three-way partnership between Frontier Services, which operates the local Pulkka Pulkka Kari Aged Care Facility, the NT Department of Health and Families, and Batchelor Institute.

Batchelor Institute nursing lecturer Anne Davies said the program had been an outstanding success.

She said nine students had completed the requirements to apply for registration as a general nurse with the NT Nursing and Midwifery Board, and three students completed the requirements to apply for registration as enrolled nurses. Meanwhile, three students had completed Aged Care Certificate III qualifications, two of them with a dual qualification in Health and Community Services.

### 'Growing our own'

"By delivering the training in Tennant Creek or 'growing our own' we have been able to train and enhance the abilities of local community members instead of having to rely on bringing in outsiders on short term contracts," Ms Davies said.

"This means the local community benefits enormously at many levels. Research has shown that residents from remote locations are more likely to remain or return to work in remote areas on completion of their qualifications.

"Clinical placements have been undertaken in a variety of health-care settings including the Alice Springs Hospital, Royal Darwin Hospital, remote health centres and at Frontier Services Aged Care facilities here in Tennant Creek and in Palmerston.

"Several of the students chose to undertake their placements in hospitals in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

Batchelor Institute Executive Director Strategic Services Peter Garrigan said the institution hoped to replicate the pilot nursing program in other Territory regional centres in the coming years.

## Scabies research pays off



A NORTHERN Territory-based researcher has been awarded for his efforts to curb the detrimental

effects of scabies in Indigenous communities.

Charles Darwin University PhD candidate Wajahat Mahmood was awarded the NT AusBiotech-GSK Student Excellence Award for his research, which examines tackling the spread of mites by inhibiting enzymes known as proteases in the mites' guts.

It is hoped that specially designed inhibitors could be developed as a form of therapy.

Based at CDU's Menzies School of Health Research, Mr Mahmood's research is expected to contribute to new therapies for a disease that is highly prevalent across the world and is particularly acute in Australia's Indigenous communities.

He was officially presented with his award by NT Business Minister Chris Burns, who said his contribution was valued across the Territory.

Mr Mahmood's passion for bioengineering started in his home city of Islamabad in Pakistan, and he said he was excited to contribute skills in Australia.

His PhD supervisor, Dr Deborah Holt, said Mr Mahmood's commitment and energy was respected throughout the university.

"The hope is that the therapy will reduce not only the prevalence of scabies but also the health impacts from other parasitic diseases," she said.

AusBiotech is an umbrella organisation for biotechnology industries, and GlaxoSmithKline is a pharmaceutical company.



## Program is all about living strong



IF you live strong, you live long. So says Rhoda Roberts, the host of NITV's latest magazine-style series exploring health, well-being and lifestyle issues.

*Living Strong* showcases well-known Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and delves into health issues. The program, a collaboration between NITV and Indigenous media company Deadly TV, also aims to provide the viewer with up-to-date and relevant information about health and well-being.

*Living Strong* aims to empower and engage Indigenous people to understand their own health and take sustainable steps to improve their wellbeing.

NITV CEO Pat Turner said the new series was solution-driven and would inform, educate and entertain audiences.

"This series is a vital one in working

towards closing the gap in the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians," she said.

"*Living Strong* is sure to hit the pulse of Australia, and remind everyone of the serious life-threatening issues facing our people every single day of their lives."

Ms Roberts is joined by a team of reporters including Michael Tuahine, former rugby league star Aaron Fa'aoso and journalist Jake Keane as well as Mayrah Sonter, Miah Wright and Alice Eather.

The weekly series will invite guests such as Cathy Freeman, Jimmy Little and Tony Mundine on to the show to talk about their lives and how they have managed to live strong.

*Living Strong* is on NITV Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

● Pictured: The *Living Strong* team hosted by Rhoda Roberts (centre).



## No drawbacks for resources

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR Bundjalung woman Cherie Leon, now seven months pregnant, the

desire to give up smoking came more than three years ago. Cold turkey, she said, was the way to go for her.

For many other Indigenous people, smoking is likely to end in heart disease, lung cancer or other smoking-related illnesses.

The statistics are worrying. Like other poor and underprivileged groups around the world, Indigenous Australians are more likely than the general population to smoke.

That's certainly true in the NSW North Coast health region, where the proportion of Indigenous pregnant women who smoke is significantly higher than the state average – about 50 per cent compared with 22 per cent overall.

That's why staff at the North Coast Area Health Service (NCAHS) are hoping two new resources featuring local Indigenous families and practical information – 'Give smokes the flick, it really makes cents' and 'Healthy happy mums and bubs' – will make a difference.

Created with the NSW Department of Community Services, the resources are part of a targeted health promotion intervention to discourage cigarette smoking among local pregnant Aboriginal women.

Aboriginal Health Promotion



Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer with the North Coast Area Health Service Laurel Rogers and Bundjalung woman Cherie Leon check out the new resources.

Officer Laurel Rogers said the first resource, which includes samples of nicotine replacement therapy and play money, would help health workers talk to women.

"It's a yarning tool for health workers and a visual aid so families can be supported to understand in real terms the cost of their smoking," she said.

"We don't want to shame

and blame people but we do want them to start dreaming again, on all the things they could buy for themselves and their family if they quit.

### 'Future'

"It's not even about giving up straight away, it's about cutting back and making our families healthy and ensuring they have the best possible future."

NCAHS Chief Executive Chris Crawford said the resources were a great example of communities working together for the health and well-being of the local people.

"These targeted and culturally specific resources are specifically designed to assist pregnant local Aboriginal women to quit smoking," Mr Crawford said.

## Deadline for vaccine jab end of year



CANCER Council Victoria (CCV) has urged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who received the first two

doses of the cervical cancer vaccine earlier this year to book their final jab immediately.

The last dose of the vaccine must be given by 31 December this year in order for it to be free under the Government's vaccination program.

Women are able to get their third dose free if they had their first dose before 30 June.

"We're concerned that many women aged 18 to 26 who have taken up the first two doses of the Government's free cervical cancer vaccine have not completed the final instalment," CCV Director Professor David Hill said.

"Women really need to schedule their last dose immediately, particularly as GPs, clinics and community health centres will be busy in the lead-up to Christmas when the deadline for the final dose is approaching."

Cancer Council Victoria Aboriginal Education Program Co-ordinator Kate Russell said Indigenous women were up to five times more likely to die from cervical cancer than other Australian women, 'so it is particularly important that they complete the vaccination program'.

Record numbers of Australian women received the first installment of the vaccine, according to the National HPV Vaccine Register, which indicated a national uptake of 35-60 per cent among women aged 18 to 26.

While Prof Hill said this was an extremely positive response for an opt-in vaccination program, he said it was very important for women to have all three doses, as this provided optimal effectiveness against the four types of human papilloma virus (HPV types 16, 18, 6, 11) protected by the vaccine.

The cervical cancer vaccine will continue to be offered free for girls in Year 7 as part of the ongoing National Immunisation Program.

For more information about the cervical cancer vaccine, Pap tests and HPV, visit [www.papscreen.org.au](http://www.papscreen.org.au) or call the Cancer Council helpline on 13 11 20.



## WA students learn about health and environment



FIVE students from the Fitzroy Valley communities of Bayulu, Mindi Rardi, Kurnangki and Ngalingkadi recently received their Certificate II in Indigenous Environmental Health Work at a graduation celebration at Karrayili Adult Education Centre at Fitzroy Crossing, in Western Australia's Kimberley region.

The community-based course teaches students to look at everything in the environment that affects health – pest control, sewerage systems, rubbish and environmental management, personal and home health, community water supplies, dog health and germ theory.

Students learn through workshops and field work in their own communities how to identify good environmental health and how to resolve concerns.

The 17 November graduation had a theme of 'Celebrating our Students... Past, Present and Future' with around 300 people in attendance and 391 Statements of Attainment awarded for students completing business administration, environmental health and general education courses.



The Certificate II Indigenous Environmental Health Work graduates were, back row, from left, Tristan Lenmardi and Marcus Chestnut and front row, from left, Megan Thirkall, co-ordinating lecturer Tamela Vestergaard holding Jayecena Thirkall, and Tessima Thirkall. Absent on the day was Luke Chestnut (inset).



The CAAEP students show off their certificates of participation.

## Course ends with concert

By BRITTA LISTER



**TALENTED** Indigenous primary school students from Newcastle and the NSW central coast were given a taste of selective schooling recently as part of a local creative arts program at the Hunter School of Performing Arts (HSPA).

The inaugural Creative Arts Aboriginal Education Program (CAAEP) ran over two days per term throughout 2009 and concluded with a concert showcasing the talents of the specially selected students who attended from as far away as Bulahdelah and Woy Woy.

Several scholarships were also awarded at the conclusion of the

year-long program to students who will now receive a year's free tuition at one of two dance and drama academies in an effort to enhance their skills and talents.

HSPA at Broadmeadow (Newcastle) is a fully-auditioned kindergarten to Year 12 performing arts school – the only one of its kind in NSW. Each year prospective students audition for enrolment in dance, drama, music or Aboriginal performance.

The regional outreach aims to support Aboriginal students who are gifted and talented in the performing arts, targeting students who are highly focussed and committed to study in the various performing arts areas.

Auditions were held throughout

local schools with a total of 29 students from Years Three to Six being selected to participate in a series of workshops focusing on dance, drama, music and visual arts.

The end-of-year concert featured workshop items from the visiting regional students, and other students from within the school.

### T-shirts

In addition to designing their own t-shirts, the visiting students displayed many artworks they had created under the program.

HSPA deputy principal Khalil Khay said that based on the success of this year's inaugural CAAEP program, plans were already under way for a similar program at the school in 2010.

## Historian traces war experiences

**A**USTRALIAN Catholic University (ACU) history lecturer Noah Riseman has been awarded the 2009 CEW Bean Prize for his research into Indigenous military history during World War II.

Dr Riseman received the history prize for his PhD thesis, completed at the University of Melbourne in 2008, in which he examined the impact of World

War II on relations between Yolngu and settlers in Arnhem Land, with a particular focus on the experiences of Indigenous soldiers in Papua New Guinea and the United States.

Dr Riseman is now focussing on a research project which looks at the history of Indigenous military service post-World War II, something he said was significant for all Australians.

"Essentially, we want to see what impact Indigenous veterans have had on Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, as well as what impact service had on Indigenous veterans and their families," Dr Riseman said.

The project is running in close consultation with Naomi Wolfe of the Jim-baa-yeer Indigenous Education Unit at ACU's Melbourne campus.



### Koori Tertiary Scholarships

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The Department of Justice (Victoria), as part of the Koori Justice Units Koori Recruitment & Career Development Strategy is offering one Koori Tertiary Scholarship to commence in Semester One, 2010.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students undertaking full-time study at a Victorian tertiary institution in law, criminology, para-legal, psychology, psychiatry, social work and mental health are encouraged to apply.

Other justice-related fields of study are also encouraged to apply.

**Applications close 5.00pm Friday 15 January 2010.**

Applicants will need to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the 2010 Scholarship Guidelines.

Please contact Traci McCormick at the Koori Justice Unit on (03) 8684 1753 or email

[traci.mccormick@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:traci.mccormick@justice.vic.gov.au) for a copy of the 2010 Koori Tertiary Scholarship Guidelines and an Application Form.

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# Mural project leads way

By KERRI-LEE HARDING



IT was the morning of the official launch of the Aboriginal Mural Project at Gladesville Primary School when students noticed the Aboriginal flag on the pole was upside down.

The youngsters acted swiftly to rectify the problem, running directly to school welfare officer Julia O'Callaghan.

"It was fantastic that they came running saying that the Aboriginal flag was upside down," Ms O'Callaghan said. "They were telling the person who put the flag up that they put it up the wrong way."

The Aboriginal Mural Project forms part of a new focus on Aboriginal education at the school.

Ms O'Callaghan took on the mural project, saying of her young charges 'it is really good seeing them using that knowledge and applying it to everyday situations whether it be with Aboriginal or other cultures'.

Recently completed building works at the school were the catalyst for the mural. Ms O'Callaghan saw the wall as a blank canvas and the idea to produce the mural soon took flight.

"We had this wall that existed and we needed something that made a statement," she said. "The kids had just moved into a beautiful new building and there wasn't



Gladesville Primary School welfare officer Julia O'Callaghan with students Phillip, Kelsey, Michael and Chloe (front).

anything that made it their own."

Ms O'Callaghan worked closely with parent member Elke Smirl, who wanted Aboriginal culture to be introduced into her daughter Kelsey's curriculum. That dream soon became a reality and students from prep to grade six now explore Aboriginal culture in new ways.

School activities now include dilly bag making, boomerang throwing, language and bush tucker lessons. Basket

making has proved especially popular.

"All of the students were desperate to do it," Ms O'Callaghan said.

Funding for the mural came from the Shire of Yarra Ranges, and Indigenous Development Officer Garry Detez saw it as a positive exercise.

"This has promoted cultural awareness in an innovative way that addresses a great need as education has been identified as the key element to addressing

disadvantage within our Aboriginal communities in the Eastern Region," he said.

New working relationships have been formed between the school and the local Aboriginal community, with Koori man Shane Charles and Geelong artist Markeeta Cruse on board.

Ms O'Callaghan said there was a need for students to learn more about Australia's Indigenous peoples.

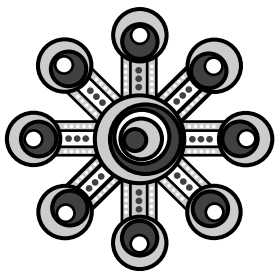
"We only have two Indigenous students, so that in itself said we don't have a lot of knowledge of Aboriginal culture here," she said, adding that she did not want the project to be tokenistic in any way.

"You often see primary schools do the token dot painting or didgeridoo playing, but there's nothing substantial behind it."

And significant cultural changes are already filtering through the school. Each week at the school assembly, staff and students now pay respect to the land's traditional owners in an acknowledgement of country.

The brightly painted mural and the classroom lessons are regarded as stage one of the Aboriginal Education Project. Plans are in hand for stage two, which will comprise creation of an amphitheatre performance space surrounded by a landscaped Indigenous garden where students will learn about bush tucker and the use of Indigenous plants for medicinal purposes.

## Advertisement



## Expressions of interest for membership

Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee

The Minister for Education and Training is seeking suitably qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to serve on the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee (QIECC). Appointments will be for either a three or two year term.

The QIECC is an independent advisory body to the Queensland and Australian Governments on issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education. Taking community views into account, it focuses on strategies for improving the education outcomes of Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the early years of schooling through to post school training and higher education. Information about the QIECC is at: [www.qiecc.eq.edu.au](http://www.qiecc.eq.edu.au)

Applicants should possess some or all of the following:

- Understanding of the key challenges for meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Queensland in at least one of the following areas: education, training or higher education.
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in providing advice to government and education providers on local, state and/or national level strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, training and higher education.
- Experience and expertise in engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and individuals in education or similar services at a range of levels.

Sitting fees in accordance with government rates will apply.

**Closing date for expressions of interest: 8 January 2010.**

For more information and an expression of interest form please visit: [www.education.qld.gov.au/qiecc](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/qiecc) or telephone (07) 3237 0808.



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# ASA focus on issues

By MARGARET SMITH



A REVITALISED Aboriginal Studies Association (ASA) held its annual conference at Sydney University's Koori Centre earlier this month. About 90 delegates heard from keynote speakers including NSW Education Minister Verity Firth, professors Peter Read and Larissa Behrendt, Michelle Hall, from the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET), Jack Manning Bancroft, from the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME), and NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) President Cindy Berwick.

New ASA President Cathy Burgess told *The Koori Mail* it was good to see Aboriginal teachers, as well as community delegates, attending the conference.

"Aboriginal Studies is strong in NSW schools, and one of the key issues for us is to ensure this happens nationwide with the new national curriculum," she said.

ASA says it is also working on an even bigger conference next year, after extensive evaluation from participants.

Ms Berwick said ASA played a key role for Aboriginal Studies teachers.

"It links them up with the AECG and with local communities, and gives them a voice. There's very little professional help provided by the Department of Education," she said.

Ms Berwick, who was elected ASA's vice-president, told *The Koori Mail* the association still struggled to get Aboriginal content and perspectives in all schools.

"We need recognition of the unique place that Aboriginal people have in Australia – not just in history but across the whole syllabus," she said.

Keynote speaker Jack Manning Bancroft, who was recently named NSW Young Australian of the Year for 2009, said he strongly believed education was essential to life. It was this conviction that led him and some of his friends to establish AIME five years ago.

"We had a strong personal commitment to just get on with it. Now we



Keynote speaker Jack Manning Bancroft addressing the conference ... "We partner with any university campus, and they become our major teaching partner."

are providing education mentoring to 500 kids in NSW, and have invitations to do work in WA," he told the conference.

Mr Manning Bancroft said the organisation was pleased to have the support of Aboriginal educator Chris Sarra, retired Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe and media presenter Andrew

Denton. The program consists of volunteers mentoring for one hour a week for 17 weeks.

"We partner with any university campus, and they become our major teaching partner," he said. "This spreads out to schools both private and public ... We're trying to get to 3000 kids by 2014."

AIME now has 13 full-time staff and this will increase to 20 next year. The organisation says it is also developing text books for Years Nine and Ten and has increased the matriculation and university entrance rates of mentored students. It is currently evaluating its work through student feedback.

# Spectacular success for dancers



ABORIGINAL students from Cowra High School's Wagambirra Dance Group recently joined 150 other Indigenous dancers in what they described as 'an experience of a lifetime'.

They performed in the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble at the Sydney Entertainment Centre as part of Schools Spectacular 2009.

The Aboriginal Dance Ensemble with their Welcome, One Mob Corroboree was the opening act of the show, following the national anthem.

The Wagambirra dancers, performing as part of a large group in front of audiences numbering up to 10,000, in four separate performances, said it was an experience they'll never forget.

The group left Cowra on 25 November and had two days of rehearsals before public performances 27 and 28 November.

This year was the first time that

Wagambirra (which means to dance and play in the Wiradjuri language) had auditioned for the Schools Spectacular. They were among more than 3000 students from public, primary and high schools across NSW taking part in the event, which this year had the theme of 'Reaching Out'.

To top off their experience, on the Friday night they met NSW Governor Marie Bashir before the show.

Also representing Cowra High were seven students who were part of the combined choir, and another seven drama students who were part of the group from Drama West, which provided the foyer entertainment before each show and during interval.

ABC-TV filmed the show and a shortened version was to be shown on ABC1 on 13 December and a longer version on 20 December on ABC2.

Arts OutWest financially supported the school's participation at Schools Spectacular.



Wagambirra Dance Group members who went to Schools Spectacular. Back, from left, Tarcia Kennedy, Blake Murray, Harley Tarrant, Sarah Williams, Bianca Reed, William Reid and Matilda Lamshead. Front, from left, Kieren Murray, Maddison Simpson, Chaydin Reid, Kerri-Anne Cutmore and Shawn Townsend.



# PALS award for Borden



NOT having any Indigenous students didn't stop Borden Primary School, in the south of Western Australia, and its Noongar Heritage Day activities being declared the overall winner at the PALS School Reconciliation Awards.

Standing for Partnership, Acceptance, Learning and Sharing, PALS is an initiative of the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs, in partnership with BHP Billiton, encouraging young West Australians to develop projects promoting and advancing reconciliation.

This year more than 160 schools from across WA gained funding for a range of projects.

The PALS Awards were announced at the Wardarnji Aboriginal Cultural Festival, held last month on the Fremantle Esplanade.

Borden School won the BHP Billiton Prize for the school whose project was deemed to have the most significant impact on improving relationships in their local community.

Borden School's Noongar

Heritage Day involved former students and teachers speaking about attending the school, working on local farms and life on the three government reserves that existed in the town.

Project co-ordinator Bruce Anthony said the combination of study programs, stories and the Noongar Heritage Day had enhanced the students' understanding of the town's history. "The interest and understanding evident among the children has likewise sparked interest in the wider community," he said.

## Outstanding

Meanwhile, the Troy Cook Youth Award for the school that made an outstanding effort to promote reconciliation and Indigenous culture in the school and wider community went to Culunga Aboriginal Community School and St Stephen's School for their joint endeavour titled 'Sowing the Seeds'.

The two schools worked to create a vegetable garden at Culunga, with assistance from Channel Nine's *Garden Gurus* and local residents.

The schools began their

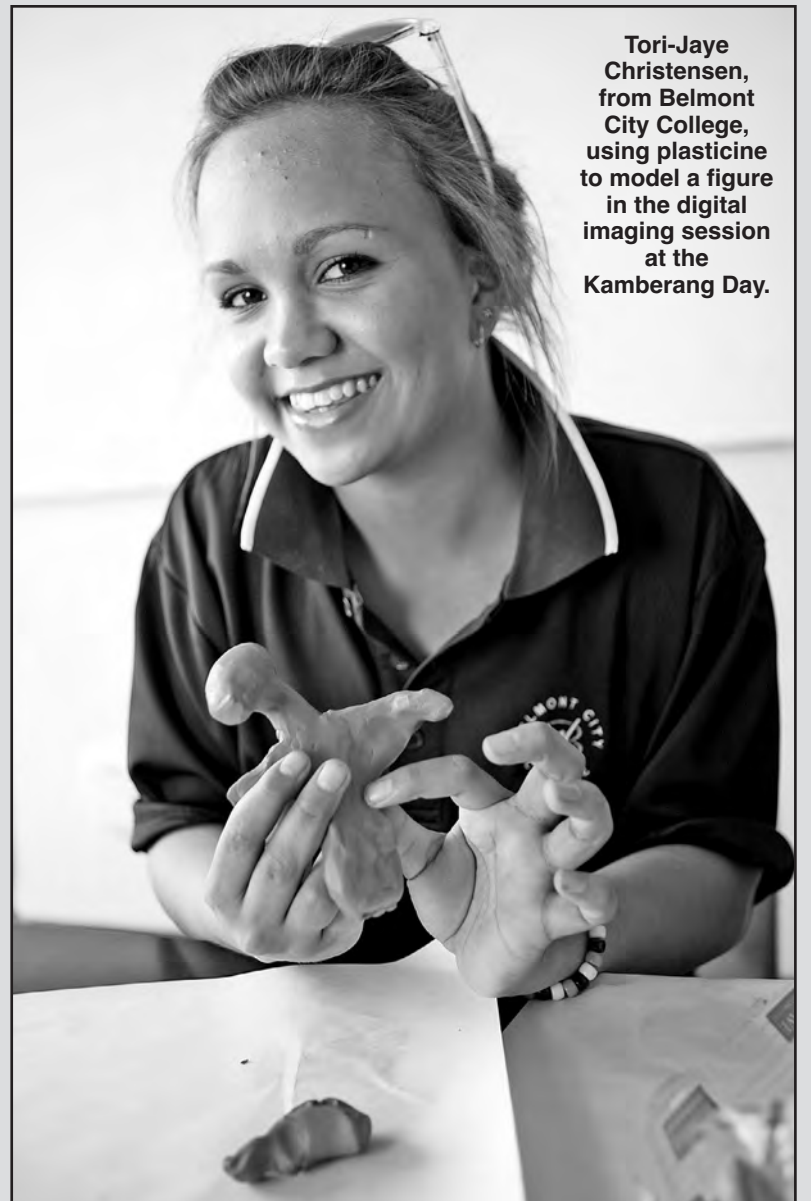
relationship through a PALS project in 2008, and working on the garden has allowed relationships to flourish.

Culunga teacher Sue Mulholland said growing their own fruit and vegetables had increased the students' interest in healthy alternatives to processed and fast food.

"The garden has also been a drawcard for parents, family and community members since its inception," she said.

Other winners were:

- Koorana Primary School and Riverlands School (joint winners, Sustainable Partnerships)
- Narrogin Primary School (Community Development)
- Baldvis Primary School (Environment)
- Riverlands School (Health)
- East Waikiki Primary School (Education)
- Moorditj Noongar Community College (Arts and Culture) with a high commendation to One Arm Point Remote Community School
- Palmyra Primary School (School Community Award)
- Edale Kindergarten (Innovation Award).



Tori-Jaye Christensen, from Belmont City College, using plasticine to model a figure in the digital imaging session at the Kamberang Day.

# Kamberang a time for fun and learning



NEARLY 140 Indigenous Year 10 and 11 students from across Western Australia gathered recently at Curtin University of

Technology's Bentley Campus for a day of fun and learning.

The inaugural Kamberang Day was organised by Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) and its Prospective Student Services Unit. It was held to raise the aspirations of Indigenous high school students and support their retention through to Year 12 and into university.

CAS Director Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong said the event was just one way Curtin had tried to encourage more Indigenous people to undertake tertiary studies.

"We want to inspire young Indigenous students to commit to their studies and take on the challenges of tertiary education," she said.

"An exciting and educational day like this allowed them to see all the opportunities open to them at university and beyond. The day was such a success that we plan to make it an annual event."

The students came from high schools across Perth, and the program included a motivational

address by Channel Ten Perth's news presenter Narelda Jacobs and a range of fun and engaging activities.

Information about university life and career opportunities was also provided through group sessions in science and engineering, business, health sciences and humanities.

The students also played basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer at the Curtin Stadium, the university's new \$27 million sporting complex.

## Benefitted

Scotch College Indigenous liaison officer Gillian Johnson, who accompanied three students to Curtin, said her students benefitted from the visit.

"Attending Kamberang Day was a very positive experience for our students because it gave them the opportunity to be in a university environment around peers who share similar goals in terms of pursuing higher education," she said.

"Experiences like this are important to help build the students' enthusiasm for attending university."

Kamberang signifies October and November on the Nyoongar seasonal calendar.

# Goonellabah students loud and very proud

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



STUDENTS from Goonellabah Public School at Lismore,

northern NSW, joined teachers and locals in singing loud and proud at the recent launch of their debut CD. *Ngulli Muggi Mijunnwern* – strong and happy in one of the dialects of the local Bundjalung language – is the name of the CD composed with the help of music teacher Laura Nobel and local language teacher Uncle Ricky Cook.

It is the culmination of a language revitalisation program in the school aimed at teaching students local language while having fun in the process. The songs are sung in the Bundjalung dialect and English by Indigenous and other students.

Uncle Ricky admitted it was as much a learning process for him as it has been for the students.

"I'm from Cabbage Tree Island and this isn't my language. There are about 16 different Bundjalung dialects so it was a process of learning it for me as well," he said.

Uncle Ricky said the journey



Uncle Ricky Cook leads a group of Indigenous and other students of Goonellabah Public School in one of the Bundjalung songs.

had been 'immensely rewarding', and one the students had embraced wholeheartedly.

"They're having fun as they're learning and that makes learning this language so much easier for them," he said.

## Great connector

Ms Nobel comes from a background of helping Aboriginal youth reconnect with their language through music. She spent some time in the

Northern Territory working on the Warlpiri language, and said music was often a great connector to learning.

"The Bundjalung language is such a musical language and it fits really well into song. The students are picking up the language so easily because they are also having fun with it," she said.

*Ngulli Muggi Mijunnwern* is available from Goonellabah Public School for \$10. Call (02) 6624 1444.



**W**elcome to *The Koori Mail's* National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to [calendar@koomail.com](mailto:calendar@koomail.com), faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

**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](mailto:artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au)

Tour dates as follows:

- Until 17 January 2010, Albury Art Gallery & Library Museum
- 28 January-28 March 2010, Port Macquarie Hastings Regional Gallery
- 2 April-16 May, Gosford Regional Gallery
- 22 May-26 June, Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina
- 2 July-6 August, Coo-ee Heritage Centre Gilgandra
- 13 August-26 September, 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:

- 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](http://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](http://www.judithwrightcentre.com)
- 19 December at Joes Waterhole, Memorial Drive, Eumundi, from 7.30pm onwards. Contact: (07) 5442 8144.

**Until 18 December:** *MAMMA: The Untouchable Ones from Cave to Canvas* Art Exhibition. All welcome. Held at the Australian Catholic University Gallery, 26 Brunswick St, Fitzroy, Vic. Details: Heather Winter on (0417) 035 600 or email [ngarinyin@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ngarinyin@yahoo.com.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](http://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](mailto: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 Bligh Street, Sydney. Details: Maria or Veronica on (02) 9223 1700 or email [art@wentworthgalleries.com.au](mailto:art@wentworthgalleries.com.au) or visit [www.wentworthgalleries.com.au](http://www.wentworthgalleries.com.au)

**Until 20 December:** Perinatal Dreaming Exhibition. The exhibition comprises of a unique sound scape, images and soft sculptures, set up with laser and specific

## Anangu art is on show in Adelaide

**A**NANGU Backyard is an annual exhibition showcasing artworks made in the seven Aboriginal-owned art centres on the APY Lands. It runs until 7 February as part of the Adelaide Festival Centre's Artspace Gallery (access via Festival Drive, or Dunstan Playhouse foyer).

The Anangu use art and narrative to share knowledge and many of the works depict traditional activities, such as women gathering bush foods such as tjala (honey ants), maku (witchetty grubs) and kampurarpa (bush tomatoes). Drawing in the red desert sand is a traditional aspect of Anangu storytelling which



**Yurpiya Lionel Kapi Tjukula's painting *Waterhole*.**  
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visitors can experience for themselves in the Artspace Gallery's own sandpit.

A free family event will be held on 22 January from 4-8pm at the gallery and outdoors on the Terrace and includes sessions with Pitjantjatjara

storytellers, and an opportunity to meet the artists.

The exhibition is open from Wednesday-Saturday noon-5pm, and Sunday 10am-4pm.

Entry is free and all works are for sale.

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](mailto:mwobcke@bigpond.com) or visit [www.accessarts.org.au](http://www.accessarts.org.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](mailto:sydney@honeyantgallery.com) or visit [www.honeyantgallery.com](http://www.honeyantgallery.com)

**Until 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](mailto:info@artitja.com) or visit [www.artitja.com.au](http://www.artitja.com.au)

**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](http://www.aboriginalartstore.com.au)

**Until 11 January 2010:** East-West Exhibition. The exhibition features a wide variety of styles from more than 20 Aboriginal artists. All welcome. Held at Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, SA. Details: (08) 8648 4844 or visit [www.aboriginalartnews.com.au](http://www.aboriginalartnews.com.au)

**Until 15 January:** IYLP tertiary scholarships available for 2010 – Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. Scholarships are available to Indigenous students, mostly from remote and regional areas to assist them to attend university full time whilst developing leadership potential through practical experiences and study tours. Details: (08) 9259 5700 or email [info@madalah.com.au](mailto:info@madalah.com.au) or [www.madalah.com.au](http://www.madalah.com.au)

**Until 19 January:** Lea Ambrum Stevens' first solo exhibition *From the Land, Through the Rainforest, to the Sea*. The artist, born in Atherton and based in Cooktown, produces paintings based on animals and environments connected to her culture. All welcome. Held at the UMI Arts Offices and gallery space, Shop 2/151 Martyn St, Parramatta Park, Cairns,

from 9am-5pm. Details: (07) 4041 6152.

**Until 29 January 2010:** *Ilgarijiri Things Belonging to the Sky* Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition by Yamaji artists with many works for sale. All welcome. Held at AIATSIS, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au/events/ilgarijiri.html](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/events/ilgarijiri.html) or [www.ilgarijiri.wordpress.com](http://www.ilgarijiri.wordpress.com)

**19-20 December:** 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](mailto: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](mailto:qff@woodfordfolkfestival.com) or visit [www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://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](mailto:info@merribrook.com.au) or visit [www.merribrook.com.au](http://www.merribrook.com.au)

**17-20 January 2010:** Hands on Health Summer Camp. This camp is for Indigenous senior secondary students who are interested in exploring the Monash course in health sciences. Free including accommodation and transport. All welcome. Held in Melbourne, Vic. Details: (03) 9905 4200 or (03) 9902 0276 or email [issu.enquiries@general.monash.edu.au](mailto:issu.enquiries@general.monash.edu.au)

**17-24 January 2010:** 13th Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School. This is a five-day live-in summer school. This is your chance to find out and meet engineers, visit engineering projects, take part in hands on activities, gain insight into the careers opened to engineers and more. All welcome. Details: (02) 9385 7324 or visit [www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess](http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess) or [www.engineeringaid.org.au](http://www.engineeringaid.org.au)

**18-23 January 2010:** Tamworth Country Music Festival - Cultural Showcase. This is a week-long community event that provides Aboriginal people from across Australia the opportunity to perform, gather and promote their talents, and to develop skills through participation in workshops delivered by leading Aboriginal artists. All welcome. Held in Tamworth, NSW. Details: Steve Blanch (02) 6766 4645 or Joanne Stead (02) 6701 9020 or visit [www.culturalshowcase.info](http://www.culturalshowcase.info)

**26 January 2010:** Saltwater-Freshwater Festival. Australia Day 2010 will bring together black and white communities on the NSW Mid-North Coast celebrating a day full of music, dance, food, activities, art, games and more. All welcome. Held at the Botanic Gardens, Coffs Harbour, NSW. Details: Alison Page on (02) 6658 1315 or Steve Brambley on (02) 6656 4695 or (0424) 601 844.

**26 January 2010:** Yabun Festival. A celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture in art, craft, music, dance, literature and heritage showcasing some of the deadliest artists and performers from all around Australia. Free and all welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Sydney. Details: Miah Wright on (02) 9384 4000 or email [events@gadigal.org.au](mailto:events@gadigal.org.au) or visit [www.gadigal.org.au](http://www.gadigal.org.au)

**28-29 January 2010:** National Social Inclusion Conference. Guest speakers. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon St, South Wharf, Melbourne, VIC. Details: Janis Dogan on (02) 6271 5742 or email [janis.dogan@pmc.gov.au](mailto:janis.dogan@pmc.gov.au) or visit [www.conferenceonline.com](http://www.conferenceonline.com)

**8-15 February 2010:** Dance Class with Sani Ray. This is a contemporary dance for Indigenous Parade entry at Mardi Gras 2010. All welcome. Held at Redfern Community Centre, Redfern from 5-9pm. Details: Shaun Edwards on (0434) 112 772 or (02) 9206 2114.

**24-26 February 2010:** National Community Education Programs Forum 2010. The forum will expose delegates to effective tools and frameworks to better develop, support and sustain any community education program strategy. Guest speakers. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Mantra on Little Bourke, Melbourne. Details: Scott Folkard on (02) 9431 8755 or visit [www.liquidlearning.com.au](http://www.liquidlearning.com.au)

**3-27 March 2010:** East Kimberley Painting Revisited. The exhibition will feature recent paintings by Freddie Timms and Rusty Peters and will be set within the historical context provided by the two founding fathers of the East Kimberley style of painting – Paddy Jaminji and Rover Thomas. All welcome. Held at Michael Reid Gallery, 44 Roslyn Gardens, Elizabeth Bay, NSW. Details: Michael Reid on (02) 8353 3500 or (0439) 776 655 or visit [www.michaelreid.com.au](http://www.michaelreid.com.au) or [www.artmonthsydney.com](http://www.artmonthsydney.com)

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**30-31 March 2010:** Improving Social Determinants of Indigenous Health Conference. The conference will examine factors such as housing, education, family, community and self-esteem to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Mercure Hotel, 85-87 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld. Details: 1300 316 882 or (07) 3237 2300 or email [registration@criterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@criterionconferences.com) or visit [www.improvingindigenoushealth.com](http://www.improvingindigenoushealth.com)



## Emelia's 'tough' job



● MAIN PICTURE: The view from Aunt Mary's Bakery on Thursday Island.

● INSET: From left, Brian Reader, Maor Arjuan and Emelia Weston in the bakery.

Story and photos by ALF WILSON

**E**MELIA Weston reckons she has the best view of any worker in Australia.

The 33-year-old works at Aunt Mary's Bakery By The Sea on Thursday Island, just metres from the idyllic Coral Sea.

The busy enterprise is believed to be the most northern bakery in the country. Emelia serves customers and helps out by making salad rolls and the like.

"I have been here for over a year and it's a great job," she told *The Koori Mail* earlier this month.

"I get to meet so many great people who are so friendly on TI, and the view is just great."

The seating on the footpath outside the bakery offers wonderful views of the TI jetty, the blue ocean and nearby Prince of Wales and Horn Islands.

Every day, hundreds of locals and tourists stop at the bakery for a variety of pastries, hot bread, breakfast and coffee.

Many Torres Strait people from outer islands patronise Aunt Mary's Bakery, leaving their dinghies or 'Kingswoods', as they are known in the region, on the beach near the shop.

David Morris, a tourist from Mt Isa, said it was one of the most scenic places to sit and enjoy some food.

"Four dinghies have motored past while I've been here," he said.

Maor Arjuan has leased Aunt Mary's Bakery for the past five years and agreed with Emelia, whom he described as a dedicated worker, that the locals are the friendliest in the world.

Maor might know, too, having moved to Australia from Israel. His new life at one of Australia's northern outposts is a far cry from being near a terrorist bomb attack which killed hundreds back in Israel.

There are some things that Maor, Emelia and workmates like Brian Reader can count on.

"By far our best sellers are sausage rolls, and people like egg and bacon rolls," Maor said. The bakery opens Tuesday through to Sunday.

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Before applying, please obtain selection documentation by emailing [admin@hsexecsearch.com.au](mailto:admin@hsexecsearch.com.au) quoting **Ref. No. 566**. Further information may be obtained by contacting **Amanda O'Rourke** on **(02) 6162 7777**.

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- Applicants must obtain a package between the hours of 9am to 5pm Mon to Fri and must undertake an initial phone screen prior to 5pm on the closing date.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people and the ability to communicate sensitively and to effectively engage with Aboriginal people and communities.
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- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
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- General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our website – [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

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**Inquiries/Information Pack:** Sarah Healey on (02) 4032 7304 or [sarah.healey@randstad.com.au](mailto:sarah.healey@randstad.com.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** PoliceLink CSR recruitment, Level 1, 119-125 Beaumont Street, Hamilton NSW 2303

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**Religious Education &  
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Applications addressing selection criteria should be marked "Confidential" and sent to: The Director, Catholic Education Office, PO Box 3317, MANUKA ACT 2603 or Fax (02) 6234 5493.

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As a Community Liaison Officer you will be required to manage, coordinate and deliver marine safety education activities in the Torres Strait as well as providing support to the Torres Strait Marine Safety Program. This position is located on Thursday Island, and has community and liaison responsibilities throughout the Torres Strait. This is a fantastic opportunity for an individual with a developed understanding of the Torres Strait, and demonstrated experience in the maritime environment, safety and education, as well as a certificate IV in workplace training and assessment. Preference may be given to applicants with other experience of value, such as emergency management, search and rescue and / or experience with the operation and maintenance of small craft / outboard motors / electronic accessories in an environment such as Torres Strait.

\* In addition to the above remuneration package, the successful applicant may receive a locality allowance, remote area travel, assistance with accommodation and a vehicle.

If this sounds like an organisation you'd like to be part of, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information contact

Colin Barr  
Manager, Planning and Business Support  
(02) 6279 5741

How to apply

To obtain the position descriptions and further information on how to apply for this role go to [www.amsa.gov.au/jobs](http://www.amsa.gov.au/jobs)

Closing date

Sunday, 10 January 2010.

[www.amsa.gov.au/jobs](http://www.amsa.gov.au/jobs)

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**Aboriginal Client  
Service Officer**

Clerk Grade 5/6,  
Community Offender Services,  
Moree District Office.  
Permanent Full-Time

**Vacancy Number: 000001EQ.** 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:** Philip Hartmann ph: (02) 6643 2585

**Email:** [Philip.Hartmann@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Philip.Hartmann@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:**

Diane Maddrell ph: (02) 6643 2585

**Email:** [Diane.Maddrell@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Diane.Maddrell@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications To:** Apply on line for this position [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** 25/12/2009

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**Centrecare is a not-for-profit organisation committed to delivering quality professional counselling, support, mediation and training services. We offer you a chance to share in this commitment.**

**Indigenous Counsellor Ref # K005**  
Full-time or Part-time, KALGOORLIE

You will provide counselling, community education and support to people in the Kalgoorlie region. Your duties will include facilitating groups, community liaison and other clinical duties as directed by the Executive Manager. You will also possess relevant qualifications and/or experience in counselling. If you are still in the process of completing a course, Centrecare will support your continued study until completion. For job specific information please contact Rosemary Hunt on (08) 9091 1833.

Additionally, Centrecare offers all its employees additional personal leave, paid maternity leave, the option to participate in an attractive salary packaging scheme and the ability to develop further through training programs. **JOB APPLICATION PACKAGES** can be obtained by visiting [www.centrecare.com.au/employment](http://www.centrecare.com.au/employment) or by phoning Human Resources on (08) 9325 6644.

**Applications close 5pm Tuesday 29th December 2009.**

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**Queensland Aged & Disability advocacy inc.**

**INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE**

Queensland Aged and Disability Advocacy Inc (QADA) is offering an opportunity for people interested in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people, younger people with disabilities, and their carers to be heard. This is an exciting chance to work with a dynamic state-wide independent advocacy organisation, to provide information, education, support and representation to enable people to better understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities.

QADA has developed a framework for providing advocacy support and information / education for people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

QADA is seeking applicants for a full time position as an Advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be located in Brisbane (SACS 5 above award rate with attractive salary packaging).

Please contact QADA for a comprehensive application package. Phone: (07) 3637 6000.

**Applications close 5.00 pm 21st Dec 2009**

**Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation**  
Doing Good Work with Families

Waltja is a community based Aboriginal organisation working across the Central Desert Region, supporting the development and management of innovative and appropriate services in remote communities. Waltja is a Registered Training Organisation offering nationally accredited training and apprenticeships, and is widely acclaimed as a unique, credible and respected business and service centre for remote areas. Waltja's Board of Management is seeking applicants for the following positions to commence in 2010.

**Trainer/Assessor Project Worker**  
**37.5 hours Grade 6, NT SaCS Award**  
Work as part of a small team developing, delivering and evaluating Community Services training courses. Delivery will be at targeted Early Childhood services in the APY lands. Must have extensive work history in community services and be a qualified trainer and assessor.

**Program Manager**  
**37.5 hours Grade 6 - 7, NT SaCS Award**  
Work at a senior management level to oversee the management and acquittal of various funded programs and activities.  
*This is an identified Indigenous position as per section 57 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1996(NT)*

**Job Services - Site Manager**  
**37.5 hours Grade 7, NT SaCS Award**  
Achieve high performance in the DEEWR Job Services Contract 2009-2012 at Attijere, Engawala and Mulga Bore. Assist and support job seekers and employers through individualised plans designed to connect people to local employment opportunities. Relevant industry experience is essential.

**Book Keeper**  
**15 hours Grade 4 - 5 NT SaCS Award (pro rata)**  
Support the Finance Officer with book keeping duties including MYOB entry, creditors and debtors.  
Waltja will offer Salary Packaging and above award conditions to the successful applicants after completion of 3 month probation period.

**To apply:** Go to [www.waltja.org.au](http://www.waltja.org.au) or contact Megan Hunnam on (08) 8953 4488.  
**Applications close 15/01/10** and shortlisted applicants only will be contacted by **COB 29/1/10**.

**NSW Human Services**  
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND COMMON SELECTION CRITERIA**  
The NSW Public Sector is an equal opportunity employer and values the diversity of its workforce. This means that the person most capable of doing the job will be chosen, without discrimination based on age, sex, pregnancy, disability, race, colour, ethnic or ethno-religious background, descent or nationality, marital status, homosexuality, transgender identity, or carers' responsibilities. Selection for NSW Government jobs is based on merit. This means that the person whose skills, knowledge and experience best match the job requirements will be selected. Applicants for permanent jobs must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Overseas applicants for temporary jobs must have a work visa.

**Service Support Officer, Grade 2 – Aboriginal Position**  
**Metro Residences – Job Reference No. 09/XF28/002.**  
**Total remuneration package valued up to \$42,732pa (salary \$38,724)**

Responsible for Cleaning of buildings, operating of machinery required to process Residents laundry, serving meals and other Food Service related duties in a large residential facility for persons with a Developmental Disability. Metro Residences provides services to people with developmental disabilities, who may have physical disabilities and/or challenging behaviour in large residential settings.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Experience working within the cleaning field in a large Residential Centre or Aged Care Facility
- Knowledge and understanding of HACCP Food Safety Legislation
- Knowledge and understanding of the Australian Laundry Code of Practice
- Ability to work unsupervised and to a schedule
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Knowledge and Understanding of the Disability Services Act 1993 and issues relevant to disabled people.
- Aboriginality/Indigenous status.

**Inquiries:** Sandra Burgess (02)9334 0581  
*All applicants are required to apply online through [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au) or [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au).*  
**Closing date:** 8 January 2010

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**Wuchopperen Health Service**  
Keeping Our Generations Growing Strong

Wuchopperen Health Service was established in 1979 and today provides a comprehensive suite of primary and social health services in the Cairns and Atherton regions. The purpose of the service is to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes through excellence in service delivery.

**BRINGING THEM HOME COUNSELLOR**  
*Social and Emotional Well Being Service, Cairns*

This position provides and promotes culturally appropriate counselling and support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait people who have been affected, either directly or indirectly, by the removal and separation of children from their families, and those going through the reunion process.

**How to apply:**  
Ideally applicants for the above position will:

- Demonstrate relevant experience and/or qualifications
- Possess a current driver's licence (essential)
- Possess, or be eligible for, a Blue Card (for suitability to work with children and young people)
- Consent to a broader criminal history check, where relevant.

For information about this positions, or for a recruitment package, please contact [hr@wuchopperen.com](mailto:hr@wuchopperen.com). To be eligible for interview, applicants must respond to the selection criteria in the position description.

Organisational details are available at [www.wuchopperen.com](http://www.wuchopperen.com)  
**Closing date for applications:** Thursday, 24 December 2009 at 5 pm  
*Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply*

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**Home and Community Care (HACC)**  
**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer**

**Salary: \$62,172 per annum (+ super)**  
**EEO Exemption No: A260/2009**  
(Only applicants from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background need apply)

The HACC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer (HALO) position aims to increase access to Local Government HACC services by Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HACC target populations (Elders, people with a disability and their carers) in the Cities of Whittlesea and Darebin. To achieve this, you will work with staff in the participating Local Governments, Aboriginal assessment officers and allied health staff, to facilitate access into appropriate services such as home care, meals on wheels and personal care. The position has a strong client focus with emphasis on supporting client needs through priority access, care monitoring and advocacy to increase positive outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander clients, using Local Government HACC services.

The HALO position has been developed through a partnership of six organisations - the Victorian Aboriginal Community Elders Service, the Aborigines Advancement League, the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and the Cities of Whittlesea and Darebin. Strategic direction for the position is provided through the HACC Metro Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Network, with the City of Darebin being the auspicing agency for the position.

You will also have significant experience working within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations related to aged and disability community care services. Demonstrated experience in working independently to deliver service outcomes for clients is a key selection criterion. Respect and understanding of the diversity within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities along with the ability to develop service links between mainstream and Aboriginal sectors is a key requirement. Commuter use of a vehicle is available with the position and the successful applicant will be required to apply for a Working With Children Check.

To receive a position description and background information, please call Janet Hahn on (03) 8470 8333. All applicants are required to address the Key Selection Criteria in their written application. Applications, quoting position no. 410006, close on Friday 8 January 2010 at 4.00pm and should be addressed to: Manager Organisation Development, City of Darebin, PO Box 91, Preston 3072, or e-mail to: [applicants@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:applicants@darebin.vic.gov.au)

*The City of Darebin is an Equal Opportunity Employer and safety screening processes apply.*

**State Government of Victoria Department of Health**

**Manager Programs, Aboriginal Health**

Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services Division  
Aboriginal Health Branch  
**\$89,668 to \$119,995 plus superannuation**  
Full Time, Ongoing

Are you committed to improving the health outcomes for Indigenous Victorians? Do you have a sound understanding of the strategic issues facing the health of Aboriginal people?

You will be responsible for ensuring funded health programs are effective in achieving better access and outcomes for Aboriginal people. You will work closely with key internal and external stakeholders to ensure health programs and services work together and complement each other in a coherent way. You will build strong relationships between the Victorian Aboriginal community and the Department of Health, ensuring community participation in the work to close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous people.

Please quote reference no DH/RUR/278786

**Manager, Policy and Performance, Aboriginal Health**

Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services Division  
Aboriginal Health Branch  
**\$89,668 to \$119,995 plus superannuation**  
Full Time, Ongoing

Are you committed to improving the health outcomes for Indigenous Victorians? Do you have a sound understanding of the strategic issues facing the health of Aboriginal people?

You will support new approaches in proposing innovative and effective solutions. You will have a high level of understanding for possible future trends, opportunities and contingencies and build strong relationships between the Victorian Aboriginal community and the Department of Health, ensuring community participation in the work to close the life expectancy gap for Indigenous people.

**If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Janet Laverick on (03) 9096 7021.**  
Please quote reference no DH/RUR/278789  
Closing date for applications is Sunday 20 December 2009

*Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DH recruitment practices.*

To apply online and view the job description, visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) and click on Vacancies.

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# JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

## Aboriginal Health Worker

Silverwater Complex

Permanent Full Time – JH No: 09/368

**Salary:** Non-Graduate: \$41,972 to \$61,821 & Graduate: \$48,343 to 71,589 per annum plus additional allowances.

This position-holder is an integral part of the health team providing services for Aboriginal people at the assigned sites. The position-holder will work within Justice Health and NSW Health policies, procedures and guidelines as well as Department of Corrective Services rules and regulations as set out in the relevant legislation.

**Enquiries:** Jammuna Bond on (02) 4582 2202.

**Closing Date:** 24 December 2009.

**Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from:** Employee Services, (02) 9700 3035. Applications to: Justice Health, PO Box 150, Matraville NSW 2036.

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE CENTRAL METROPOLITAN REGION

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## General Administrative Support Officer - Aboriginal targeted position

Miranda Local Area Command

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 1/2  
**Employment Status:**

**Temporary Full-Time (up to 12 months)**

**Suburb:** Miranda and Cronulla

**Vacancy Ref:** NSW PF 09/135

**Salary Package:** \$60,102 – includes salary (\$50,100 – \$54,465), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

Provide support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public and NSW Police Force. This position provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support to the LAC staff.

### Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to 12 months.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- General Administrative Support Officer's are employed as a non-continuous shift worker in a six week roster cycle and are required to work a 9 day fortnight, 35 hours per week
- Position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours Sunday to Saturday and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts in accordance with the flexible rostering guidelines
- A current typing certificate must be included with each application.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details.
- If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence
- Ability to maintain accurate filing and recording systems
- Effective communication and customer service skills
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people and the ability to communicate sensitively and to effectively engage with Aboriginal people and communities.
- This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Inquiries/Information Pack:** Jayne Gibson on (02) 9527 8140 or gibs1jay@police.nsw.gov.au

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:**

Jayne Gibson, Local Area Manager,  
Miranda Local Area Command,  
34 The Kingsway, Cronulla NSW 2230

**Closing Date:**

Wednesday 23 December 2009



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## PUBLISHING MANAGER (full-time)

Based in Broome, Western Australia, Magabala Books is Australia's oldest independent Indigenous publishing house. We publish award-winning books by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander creators across a range of genres including social history, memoir, and children's books.

We seek an experienced book publishing professional to strategically develop and manage Magabala's national publishing list.

The role requires someone who has worked in a senior editorial role and has proven organisational and interpersonal skills. Operating in a small team environment, the ability to work to deadlines and budgets is critical. The Publishing Manager is responsible for quality control, working closely with marketing and sales staff, and is required to undertake production tasks and manage in-house and freelance publishing staff.

A desire to work with emerging creators and understand Indigenous cultural protocols is essential.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information and a detailed position description, please email the Chief Executive Officer: [suzie@magabala.com](mailto:suzie@magabala.com)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 21 DECEMBER 2009**



## NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE LACHLAN LOCAL AREA COMMAND

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## General Administrative Support Officer - Aboriginal targeted position

Lachlan Local Area Command, Parkes

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 1/2

**Employment Status:** Permanent Full-Time

**Suburb:** Parkes

**Vacancy Ref:** NSWPF 09/138

**Salary Package:** \$60,102 – includes salary (\$50,100 – \$54,465), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

Provide support within the local area command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public and nsw police force. This position provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support to the LAC staff.

### Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- Position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours Sunday to Saturday and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details.
- If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence
- Ability to maintain accurate filing and recording systems
- Effective communication and customer service skills
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people and the ability to communicate sensitively and to effectively engage with Aboriginal people and communities.
- This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Inquiries/Information Pack:** Jennifer Barrott on (02) 6862 9902 or barr1jen@police.nsw.gov.au

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:**

Mrs Jennifer Barrott,  
Local Area Manager,  
Lachlan Local Area Command,  
PO Box 191, Parkes NSW 2870

**Closing Date:**

Wednesday 23 December 2009



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## Resourcing Manager Indigenous Employment

- Deploy Indigenous talent attraction and recruitment strategies
- Build and influence relationships across ANZ
- Extensive Indigenous recruitment experience required

An exciting, newly created opportunity exists for an experienced recruitment professional to contribute to the implementation, management and expansion of ANZ's Indigenous employment strategy in Australia.

This role will be responsible for managing relationships with 3rd party providers of Indigenous candidates, the promotion of Indigenous employment at ANZ to internal and external stakeholders and Indigenous candidate management.

The Resourcing Manager – Indigenous Employment will be a dynamic, highly motivated, recruitment professional with extensive experience in the area of Indigenous employment, with experience supporting internal recruitment teams, hiring managers and Indigenous candidates.

To be considered for this role you must have:

- Extensive experience in Indigenous employment
- Experience in the development and deployment of Indigenous talent attraction and retention strategies
- Proven experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- A track record in developing and maintaining influential relationships across Senior Management and non-management levels
- Ability to identify issues and implement process improvements.

**\*\* Candidates from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply. \*\***

To apply for this position log on to [www.anz.com/careers](http://www.anz.com/careers) quote reference no CIT113116. For more information please contact Stephanie Craze on 03 8654 0706.

Applications close 18 December 2009.



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## Human Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND COMMON SELECTION CRITERIA

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Applicants for permanent jobs must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Overseas applicants for temporary jobs must have a work visa.

## Trainee Assistant in Nursing, Metro Residences - Lachlan Centre (Aboriginal Positions)

**Metro Residences – Lachlan Centre. Job Reference No: 09/XD49/003**

**Remuneration for the period of training is \$37,732 pa (\$28,972pa under 18 years or & \$34,193pa over 18 years).**

Metro Residences in conjunction with TAFE is offering a 12 month traineeship for Assistants in Nursing **commencing on the 1st February 2010.**

During the traineeship successful applicants will undertake the Certificate III - Aged Care. The 12 month training course consists of both theoretical Modules and Workshops conducted on site by TAFE, and Clinical experiences in Residential Units at the Lachlan Centre

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated sound written and communication skills
- Current NSW Drivers license.
- Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain prior to commencement date
- Willingness to work a (7) seven day roster consisting of both morning and afternoon shifts throughout the 12 months duration.
- Aboriginal/indigenous status.

Your appointment during the training period will be a temporary contract under Section 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act, 2002 in terms of the Nurses, Dept. of Community Services State Award.

Permanent appointment to the position of Assistant in Nursing is conditional upon:

- Your satisfactory completion of the Certificate III in Aged Care (Disability Work) within the specified training period effective from your commencement date. The non-completion of this course will result in the termination of your temporary contract.
- Satisfactory conduct, attendance and services.
- Availability of Permanent Positions

### PRIOR TO COMMENCING WORK ON 1/2/2010:

You will be required to provide the following documents / information on or prior to commencement of the course 1/2/2010. You will not be able to start

If you do not provide these documents:

- Current NSW Drivers license.
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Vaccination Record showing immunization against:
  - ==> Hepatitis B
  - ==> Tetanus
  - ==> Tuberculosis

**Inquiries:** Geoff Lockwood (02) 9805 7222.

**All applicants are required to apply online through [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au) or [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au).**

**Closing date:** 8 January 2010



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Ref No. 1398/09

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Do you have a passion for science? Do you want to become an integral part of helping create highly trained scientists and researchers? Do you want to gain your own scientific qualification at the same time?

A unique opportunity is available for highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as a technical trainee to complete a three year program with the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences.

With guidance and support from the Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement, and the Technical Manager, the trainee's primary focus will be to provide technical support to staff, students and assist with various research projects in the School of Biomedical and Health Science. The trainee will participate in a rotational on the job training schedule within the School as well as undertake studies relevant to the apprenticeship at TAFE.

An interest in developing a career in the technical fields will be a strong requirement. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification. The course will be located at TAFE in the Sydney CBD.

**Position Enquiries:** Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, melissa.williams@uws.edu.au

**Closing Date:** 29 January 2010

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**Human Services**  
Community Services

## Manager, Child Protection & Out of Home Care

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**Ashfield**

This position is responsible to lead and manage a specialised team responsible for undertaking significant strategic initiatives and projects in the Branch specifically aimed at supporting Aboriginal children and young people in the child protection and OOHC systems such as the application of the child placement principles, involvement of Aboriginal families in the placement decisions and strategies to recruit and/or support foster carers.

You will need:

- To identify as an Aboriginal.
- Demonstrated experience and skills in developing frameworks for strategic initiatives, for example corporate policy.
- High-level project management skills including a thorough understanding of the principles of project management from inception to finalisation and experience in managing complex information needs for projects.
- Demonstrated experience in leading and managing cross-functional teams and/or specialised teams, managing large and complex projects, and delivering projects within strict deadlines and tight budget constraints.

**Join us now.**

For the full selection criteria contained in the job information package and to apply online, visit [www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers).

For information about the position, please call Simon Jordan on (02) 9716 2354.

**Applications Close: 8 January 2010**

**Vacancy No: 09-CS-21056**

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## Achieve positive outcomes for Indigenous people

ASIC's **Indigenous Outreach Program** has been designed to identify and address financial services issues impacting on Indigenous consumers and investors.

As a member of our **Deposit Takers & Insurers** team you will actively contribute to delivering this program by undertaking compliance activities, casework and delivering financial literacy education with a focus on remote and regional communities. Travel will be required.

Your ability to engage with Indigenous communities, experience working in financial services and your excellent problem solving skills will afford you the opportunity to work with and achieve positive outcomes for Indigenous people and communities.

The following roles are available:

**Indigenous Outreach Officer (Executive Level 1) – Ref: IOP12**  
Sydney only

**Indigenous Outreach Officer (ASIC 4) – Ref: IOP13**  
Sydney, Darwin and Perth

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.**

For more information and to apply, go to <http://careers.asic.gov.au/iop> and search by the relevant job reference.



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### Indigenous Publications Officers (Ongoing & Non ongoing)

Communication & Media Branch, Indigenous Communications & Events Section

Public Affairs Officer Level 3 (\$91,838 - \$101,802),

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Application Information Packages are available at this  
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on (02) 4926 7626.

### Service Manager

Mental Health Services, Mehi / McIntyre Clusters, Moree  
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Closing Date: 8 January 2010.

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### Coordinator, Prison Support Unit

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd has a vacancy  
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Identified position.*

For more information and copy of selection criteria details,  
please contact Vikki Lennon on Phone: (02) 8303 6699, or  
email: [vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au).

Closing date: 4/1/2010

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER NSW

### Aboriginal Co-Management Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8, Central Coast, Gosford,  
Temporary Part-time

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-286

Total remuneration package to \$91,779 p.a. including salary  
\$75,137 p.a. to \$83,171 p.a. Salary package includes base  
salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to  
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for the Central Coast Hunter Range Region Co-Management  
Committee and assist the Regional Manager with the  
implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and  
contribute to the effective co-management of parks and  
reserves within the Central Coast Hunter Range Region. The  
Executive Officer organises meetings, workshops and  
field trips, prepares agendas and minutes, manages  
correspondence, distribution of information, preparation  
and delivery of discussion papers, reports, briefs,  
correspondence, articles, grant applications and presentation  
material. The role provides logistical support with travel and  
training arrangements, and provides advice to the Regional  
Manager on issues.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and cultural association with one or more of  
the local Aboriginal communities.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication  
skills, strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated skill  
and experience in consultation and engagement with  
Aboriginal people and Communities.
- Demonstrated organisational and project management  
skills. Demonstrated ability to work with minimal  
supervision and as part of a multidisciplinary team and  
deal with internal and external stakeholders.
- Knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal cultural  
and cultural heritage management issues.
- Demonstrated liaison, consultation and facilitation skills  
and experience in dealing with cross cultural issues.
- Demonstrated analytical, conceptual and problem solving  
skills.
- Demonstrated experience in use of computer based  
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and spreadsheet applications.
- A Current Drivers Licence and an ability to operate 4wd  
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**Job Notes:** Temporary part-time position 14hpw for up to  
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the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications  
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**Inquiries:** Tom Bagnat (02) 4320 4200

**Information Packages:** Tom Bagnat (02) 4320 4200

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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

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Northern Region

(There is more than one position available)

**Queensland Police Service**

**Salary:** \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a. (\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if  
under 21 years of age)

**Location:** Mount Isa

**REF:** PO388/09

**Enquiries:** Kym Jackson (07) 4744 1125

**Closing Date:** Monday, 4 January 2010

### Police Liaison Officer

Northern Region

**Queensland Police Service**

**Salary:** \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a. (\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if  
under 21 years of age)

**Location:** Camooweal

**REF:** PO389/09

**Enquiries:** Conrad Van Egmond (07) 4748 2148

**Closing Date:** Monday, 4 January 2010

### Police Liaison Officer

Northern Region

**Queensland Police Service**

**Salary:** \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a. (\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if  
under 21 years of age)

**Location:** Normanton

**REF:** PO390/09

**Enquiries:** Kylie Rigg (07) 4745 2555

**Closing Date:** Monday, 4 January 2010

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efficient and equitable delivery of integrated services that reflect the philosophy  
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#### To be successful in this role you will possess:

- Tertiary level qualification and registration with the Queensland Registration  
Board in the relevant discipline (Health or Mental Health). Significant relevant  
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- Previous experience leading a team of Health Professionals
- Previous experience in community capacity building
- Experience in accessing or providing professional supervision
- A sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld Section) is an equal opportunity employer  
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#### Interested?

For further information or to apply for this role please contact Gil Hainey,  
Manager – Primary Health Care on (07) 4040 0444, or [ghainey@rfdsqld.com.au](mailto:ghainey@rfdsqld.com.au)  
Applications close 31 December 2009.

[www.flyingdoctor.org.au](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au)



**Royal Flying  
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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements - State of Queensland

Notification day: 30 December 2009



**Q12009/032 Santos Petronas Gangulu GLNG ILUA**

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement is a 1 km corridor covering about 103km, located approximately 60km south-west of Gladstone, extending easterly from the Dawson River to the Gladstone/Banana local government authority boundary as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Banana Shire Council.

**The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:**

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd ABN 12 131 271 648  
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson Lawyers,  
Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Petronas Australia Pty Limited ABN 25 064 998 867  
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson Lawyers  
Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Louis Boyd Toby, Robert Kerry Toby Jnr, Edna Joan Fraser, Karen Lorraine Austin, Lynette Gail Blucher and Viola Sheridan on their own behalf and on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group  
C/- Francis Mannix, D & G Lawyers, 114 Boundary Street, SOUTH TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

**The agreement contains the following statements:**

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 3.1

The Native Title Applicants and the Native Title Claim Group:

(a) consent to the Grant or doing of all Project Approvals; and

(b) consent to the undertaking of all Project Activities

Clause 3.6

The Parties consent, for the purposes of section 24 EB(1)(b) of the NTA [Native Title Act] and regulation 7 (5) of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999 (Cth), to the doing of any of the acts referred to in this clause 3 that are Future Acts.

Clause 3.7

Subdivision P, division 3 of part 2 of the NTA [the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply and does not apply to the Future Acts authorised by this Agreement.

Clause 3.8

In accordance with section 24EB(3) of the NTA, the non-extinguishment principle in section 238 of the NTA applies to the Future Acts which the Native Title Applicants' consent to under this Agreement to the extent that the Future Acts are capable of having the non-extinguishment principle apply.

Native Title Claim Group means the Gangulu People, being the Native Title Claim Group represented in the Native Title Claim.

Project means the construction and operation by the GLNG Project Entities of:

(a) approximately 435 km gas transmission pipeline between upstream gas fields in Central Queensland and Curtis Island, near Gladstone;

(b) a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island; and

(c) all other necessary infrastructure associated with the pipeline and facility.

Project Approval means:

(a) the Grant of the Pipeline Licence;

(b) any Approval Granted or proposed to be Granted to any person or entity which is necessary or desirable for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning or rehabilitation of the Project within the ILUA Area;

(c) for the purpose of the Grant of any Approval, where it is necessary to obtain the grant of tenure from or by any Government Agency or other competent authority or as a consequence of the grant of a Part 5 Permission, the compulsory acquisition of Native Title pursuant to the P&G Act or the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 (Qld); and

(d) the approval of the Grant of easements, and where applicable to the registration of such easements, as public utility easements or otherwise under the Land Act 1994 (Qld).

Project Activities means all activities and operations proposed or undertaken by the GLNG Project Entities, their contractors, servants, or agents relating to the Project within the ILUA Area including:

(a) access and entry to the Pipeline Land;

(b) the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Pipeline on the Pipeline Land; and

(c) any other activities conducted pursuant to the Project Approvals within the ILUA Area.

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified**

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Limited the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, BRISBANE QLD 4001 by 30 March 2010.**

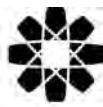
Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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Regional Manager

We are seeking a practical and passionate social services professional to manage BoysTown services within the Tjurubalan Region.

In this role you will develop, monitor, and evaluate services directed towards achieving of BoysTown's mission and corporate objectives.

Ideally you will have lived and worked within remote Indigenous communities and have a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and societies.

Previous experience in achieving project objectives, managing staff and monitoring financial outcomes is essential.

Case Worker

In this unique role of program development and delivery, you will actively engage with all sectors of the community including Elders, families and young people.

As outreach will be a significant component of the position, we are seeking a practical and passionate person who has sensitivity for cultural beliefs and practices.

Previous experience in providing case work services, as well as building community relations, will be highly regarded.

This is an exciting challenge for a proactive self-starter to establish BoysTown family services in the region.

Enquiries welcome to Human Resources 07 3867 1202.  
**Closing Monday 4th January 2010.**  
Applications via [www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies)

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Senior Lecturer/ Lecturer  
in Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Health

School of Rural Medicine and School of Health

**The School of Health is long established and well known for its excellence in teaching in the areas of nursing, counselling, complementary and allied health, and health management. More recently a new course in Social Work has been established. The geographical position of this university affords excellent opportunities for indigenous health research, and is an area for scholarly development that the School is keen to establish and build in partnership with the School of Rural Medicine.**

This position also represents an exciting and innovative opportunity to assist in the establishment of a national and international reputation in rural medicine, through the Joint Medical Program (JMP) in partnership with the University of Newcastle and in setting the foundation for the newly established School of Rural Medicine at the University of New England.

The School of Rural Medicine has an annual intake of 60 students and in 2010 will have approximately 180 students. The JMP is underpinned by problem based learning (PBL) with early clinical exposure and substantial community involvement. The medical curriculum, established by the University of Newcastle is widely recognised. This exciting joint project will involve working with rural practitioners to develop innovative models for the delivery of rural medical practice, and provide national and international leadership in the delivery of rural medical education and research.

Applicants for this position will require qualifications and experience relevant to the level of the position that is being applied for. This will include a research profile, curriculum development and teaching, and involvement in cultural mentoring programs. Desirable criteria include a higher research degree relevant to a field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health or equivalent research achievement as demonstrated by a research publication record, or enrolment in a research degree relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

We are seeking applicants who have an interest in and commitment to rural medicine and health and are looking for an opportunity to work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders and to further develop the discipline. Consideration may be given to filling the position on a less than full-time basis.

The University of New England, according to Strategy 2.1 in its EEO 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 Professor John Fraser (Head, School of Rural Medicine), Professor Steve Campbell (Head, School of Health), or Associate Professor Peter O'Mara (Discipline Lead for Aboriginal Health, Joint Medical Program, University of Newcastle).

Professor Fraser: phone: (02) 6773 2751 or email: [jfrase22@une.edu.au](mailto:jfrase22@une.edu.au)  
For further information about the School of Rural Medicine visit: [www.une.edu.au/rural-medicine/](http://www.une.edu.au/rural-medicine/)

Professor Campbell: phone: (02) 6773 2975 or email: [scampb44@une.edu.au](mailto:scampb44@une.edu.au)  
For further information about the School of Health visit: [www.une.edu.au/health/](http://www.une.edu.au/health/)

Associate Professor O'Mara: phone: (02) 4921 7734 or email: [Peter.Omara@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Peter.Omara@newcastle.edu.au)

<b>Salary:</b>	\$84,081 to \$96,822 per annum (Senior Lecturer); or \$68,796 to \$81,535 per annum (Lecturer) plus 17% employer superannuation and optional salary packaging
<b>Closing Date:</b>	18 January 2010
<b>Reference No:</b>	209/1800

**An application package, including selection criteria that must be addressed, may be obtained from [www.une.edu.au/recruit](http://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.**

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## Indigenous Health Project Officer

General Practice Gold Coast (GPGC) is a general practice member based organisation that was established in 1994 to support general practices to improve the health of the Gold Coast population in a changing environment with a rapidly growing population.

As a part of the national strategy to close the gap in disadvantage between Indigenous and non Indigenous communities, funding has been made available to improve Indigenous access to mainstream primary care services in collaboration with indigenous health organisations.

GPGC is looking for a motivated person to develop, implement, and manage this project. This involves identifying and collaborating with all of the relevant stakeholders to identify local indigenous health care needs and implement strategies to address these. This position will work closely with other indigenous workers and agencies to identify barriers to indigenous people accessing mainstream primary care services. A key role will be to improve the capacity of general practice to deliver culturally appropriate primary care services.

The successful applicant will require knowledge and understanding of the health and well being issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the ability to plan and manage projects effectively. Excellent interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills will be vital. This is a full time position until June 2012. A very competitive salary with salary sacrificing is available consistent with these challenging responsibilities.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement for this position under section 7 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld).

For a position description and further information please contact Matt Carrodus on (07) 55 07 7777 or email mattc@gpgc.com.au.

Applications addressing the selection criteria close on 15 January 2010.



### Human Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND COMMON SELECTION CRITERIA

The NSW Public Sector is an equal opportunity employer and values the diversity of its workforce. This means that the person most capable of doing the job will be chosen, without discrimination based on age, sex, pregnancy, disability, race, colour, ethnic or ethno-religious background, descent or nationality, marital status, homosexuality, transgender identity, or carers' responsibilities.

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Applicants for permanent jobs must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Overseas applicants for temporary jobs must have a work visa.

## Trades Assistant/Handyman (Aboriginal Position)

Service Support Officer, Grade 2, Metro Residences.

Job Reference Number: 09/XD21/002.

Total remuneration package valued up to \$42,732 p.a. (\$38,724 p.a.).

Provides assistance to various trade staff within Metro Residences, including Electricians, Fitters, Plumbers, Carpenters, Painters and Bricklayers. Responsible for cleaning of plant rooms and other equipment, roofs, gutters, pools and spas and general minor maintenance at all Metro Residences sites.

Metro Residences provides services to people with developmental disabilities, who have physical disabilities and/or challenging behaviour.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrable experience in the maintenance/building industry.
- Possess building trade skills and the ability to use appropriate tools.
- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Understanding of issues relevant to people who have a developmental disability.
- Ability to work flexibly with minimal supervision and as part of a team.
- Current NSW driver's licence.
- Completion of the Induction Training for Construction Work Accreditation course.
- Aboriginality/Indigenous status.

Inquiries: Richard Walsh (02) 9842 2480.

All applicants are required to apply online through [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au) or [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)

Closing date: 8 January 2010.

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### Australian Government

### Department of Health and Ageing

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The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) is currently seeking a motivated individual to join their dynamic and interesting work environment. The OATSIH is one where leadership, strategic program management, a performance based culture, enthusiasm to make a difference, and cross cultural sensitivity are highly valued.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

### Business Management Unit

Executive Level 1 \$83,137- \$94,819

CANBERRA Ref No: 09-0728

The Business Management Unit provides corporate, accommodation, business implementation, HR and assets management coordination and support for the division.

These functions include advice and support on recruitment, staff development, health and safety issues and other issues affecting HR governance; business support including asset management, assisting with IT service delivery and accommodation planning and management; and leadership and co-ordination on change management and business continuity issues.

Contact officer: Bernadette Shanks on (02) 6289 5345 or [bernadette.shanks@health.gov.au](mailto:bernadette.shanks@health.gov.au)

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Applications close 7 January 2010, 7pm AEDT.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/458	Rodney Thomas Drage	99.94ha	93km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°48' Long 116°05'	Upper Gascoyne
16/2641	Cazaly Resources Ltd	201.76ha	33km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
24/4473	Zeendam Enterprises Pty Ltd	145.97ha	49km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3737-8	Zeendam Enterprises Pty Ltd	223.75ha	30km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2142	McVerde Minerals Pty Ltd	196ha	10km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°08'	Menzies
31/1978	Mario Peric	4.86ha	124km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°47' Long 122°18'	Menzies
31/1984	Trevor James Ellice	77.81ha	118km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°51' Long 122°14'	Menzies
37/7816	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	121.75ha	39km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°03'	Leonora
51/2631	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	71.73ha	53km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°01' Long 118°09'	Cue
53/1410	Echo Resources Ltd	99.46ha	80km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
80/1750	Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd	152.21ha	112km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°42' Long 128°19'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

**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: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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.

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## 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
20/515	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	331768	148.37ha	48km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°05' Long 118°08'	Cue
29/555	Australian Nickel Mines Pty Ltd	331768	25.35ha	68km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°04' Long 121°35'	Menzies
29/657	Siberia Mining Corporation Pty Ltd	334004	51.25ha	52km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°09' Long 120°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
37/899	Jabiru Metals Ltd	333086	25.64ha	52km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°11'	Leonora
52/1607	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	325070	19.4ha	139km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°34' Long 117°40'	Meekatharra
		326221	19.40ha	140km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°24' Long 117°40'	Meekatharra
74/379	Traka Resources Limited	330240	189.88ha	13km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°11'	Ravensthorpe
77/1591	Bronze View Pty Ltd	333487	122.35ha	103km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°55' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Queensland



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

Notification day: 30 December 2009

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Queensland Registry, PO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, BRISBANE, QLD 4003 on or before 29 March 2010**. After 29 March 2010 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: QC08/11 Barada Barna People

Federal Court file no: QUD380/08

Date filed: 12 November 2008

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

**Location:** The area subject to this application is located approximately 60km south of Mackay in the vicinity of Nebo and Moranbah as shown on the locality map. The application area covers approximately 16,370km<sup>2</sup>.

**Description:** The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of Central Highlands Regional Council, Isaac Regional Council & Mackay Regional Council.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact Felicity Thiessen on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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## 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
47/1238	Ferro Metals Australia Pty Ltd	39.42 ha	15km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat 20°49' Long 117°54'	Roebourne

**The Purposes for G47/1238 are:** village accommodation facilities and associated infrastructure; aircraft runway and landing strip; electricity generation, transmission or distribution facility; roads and other transport facilities; for erecting, placing and operating machinery thereon; water management, distribution or reticulation facility; cable, antenna, tower or other communication facility; storage and distribution for oil or gas and derivatives of oil or gas; any other purpose directly connected with mining.

**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: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/168	A1 Minerals Ltd	364.61ha	32km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°37'	Laverton
38/169	A1 Minerals Ltd	497.17ha	36km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°38'	Laverton

**The purposes for L38/168 & L38/169 are:** search for groundwater, taking water, power line, road, pipeline, water management facility

**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: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1794	William James Stillman	196.32ha	23km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
15/1795	Allan Brian Stockwell	186.47ha	20km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
53/961	William James Stillman	59.13ha	60km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°49'	Wiluna
53/964	Allan Brian Stockwell	76.6ha	64km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
53/965	Newmont Yandal Operations Pty Ltd	9.19ha	63km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°38' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
53/967	Newmont Yandal Operations Pty Ltd	13.28ha	66km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°40' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
63/426	Newmont Yandal Operations Pty Ltd	45.64ha	108km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°29' Long 120°38'	Dundas
63/427	Lake Johnston Ltd	47.57ha	106km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°30' Long 120°39'	Dundas
63/428	Lake Johnston Ltd	45.63ha	104km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°31' Long 120°40'	Dundas
63/434	Lake Johnston Ltd	1.94ha	95km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°36' Long 120°43'	Esperance
63/436	Lake Johnston Ltd	20.3ha	122km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°52' Long 120°21'	Coolgardie
63/437	Lake Johnston Ltd	22.26ha	121km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°52' Long 120°22'	Coolgardie
63/438	Lake Johnston Ltd	73.39ha	120km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°52' Long 120°23'	Coolgardie/Dundas
63/439	Lake Johnston Ltd	93.67ha	119km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°53' Long 120°25'	Dundas
63/440	Lake Johnston Ltd	49.75ha	119km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°55' Long 120°26'	Dundas
63/441	Lake Johnston Ltd	47.79ha	118km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°56' Long 120°27'	Dundas
63/442	Lake Johnston Ltd	73.33ha	117km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°58' Long 120°28'	Dundas
63/443	Lake Johnston Ltd	42.48ha	120km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 32°00' Long 120°27'	Dundas
63/458	Lake Johnston Ltd	22.18ha	124km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 32°02' Long 120°13'	Dundas
63/459	Lake Johnston Ltd	22.18ha	125km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 32°02' Long 120°14'	Dundas
63/460	Lake Johnston Ltd	96.94ha	126km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 32°02' Long 120°15'	Dundas
63/462	Lake Johnston Ltd	51.14ha	130km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 32°04' Long 120°15'	Dundas
63/463	Lake Johnston Ltd	47.78ha	117km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°59' Long 120°29'	Dundas
63/464	Lake Johnston Ltd	70ha	116km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 32°00' Long 120°31'	Dundas
63/466	Lake Johnston Ltd	47.57ha	103km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°30' Long 120°41'	Dundas
63/467	Lake Johnston Ltd	93.15ha	93km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°34' Long 120°46'	Dundas/Esperance
63/468	Lake Johnston Ltd	27.44ha	90km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°37' Long 120°46'	Esperance
63/497	Lake Johnston Ltd	45.65ha	109km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°27' Long 120°39'	Dundas
63/498	Lake Johnston Ltd	71.13ha	101km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°31' Long 120°42'	Dundas
63/499	Lake Johnston Ltd	45.6ha	97km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°34' Long 120°43'	Dundas/Esperance
63/500	Lake Johnston Ltd	20.09ha	94km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°35' Long 120°45'	Esperance
63/506	Lake Johnston Ltd	47.76ha	116km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 32°03' Long 120°32'	Dundas
63/507	Lake Johnston Ltd	71.36ha	115km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 32°01' Long 120°32'	Dundas
63/509	Lake Johnston Ltd	12.24ha	126km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°12' Long 120°26'	Dundas
63/565	Lake Johnston Ltd	67.87ha	114km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°15' Long 120°34'	Dundas
63/566	Lake Johnston Ltd	71.26ha	113km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°16' Long 120°35'	Dundas

**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: 16 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 **16 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. 16 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.

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### Applications close Monday 4th January 2010

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website [www.batchelor.edu.au](http://www.batchelor.edu.au) (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email [recruitment@batchelor.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@batchelor.edu.au)

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- Demonstrated computer and keyboard skills, including knowledge of and experience with relevant word processing, spreadsheet and database software.
- Ability to acquire quickly, knowledge of the Agency's structure, roles, strategies and its relationship with other human service agencies and its clients.
- Knowledge of records management principles and the ability to efficiently track the flow of correspondence and submissions within the local office and to and from the Regional Office.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Jenny Shumack (02) 6363 8655

**Information Package:** [www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6363 6150.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: Manager, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800

**Closing Date:** Friday 8 January 2010

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## Indigenous Project Research Officer.

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For further information, please contact Dr Phyllis Lau at [plau@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:plau@unimelb.edu.au) or +61 3 8344 9042, or attend the information session on Thursday 17 December 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Department of General Practice. For details about the information session, please contact Dr Lau.

**Applications:** by Monday 4 January 2010.

**Salary:** \$47,212 - \$51,707 p.a. pro-rata (Research Assistant Grade 1) or \$51,707 - \$70,167 p.a. pro-rata (Research Assistant Grade 2, Level A) plus employer superannuation contributions of 9%. Level of appointment is subject to qualifications and experience.

**Job No:** 0022535.

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This position 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.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 30 December 2009.  
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## Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service AUSTRALIAN NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ANFPP) (Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

The ANFPP was launched by the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon in February 2008. The program is part of the 'Health@ Home Plus' package announced in the 2007/08 Budget which aims to provide support to Indigenous children aged 0-2 in targeted areas.

The ANFPP is based on the Nurse-Family Partnership model of home-visiting developed over the last 30 years by Professor David Olds, Director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado, USA.

The ANFPP has established seven (7) sites across Australia which will provide support to pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, and women pregnant with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child until the child reaches 2 years of age.

Each home visiting team will be nurse-led and accompanied by a Family Partnership Worker, and will support up to 25 families. Teams will be supported in their role by the ANFPP Support Service who will provide training, professional development and ongoing support including clinical supervision.

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has been selected to Auspice and implement the program targeting families based in Dubbo and Wellington in 2009-2010.

To support the role out of this program, Wellington Aboriginal Health Service is currently recruiting to the following position:

### HOME VISITING NURSE (Non Clinical)

Re-advertised

- The ANFPP Home Visiting Nurse (R/N) is responsible for providing comprehensive community health nursing services to Indigenous women and their families identified for the ANFP Program in Dubbo and Wellington.
- The successful applicant will need to be a Registered Nurse in the state of NSW and have at least two years recent experience.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicant including the opportunity for salary packaging after the completion of a compulsory probation period.

Applicants must contact Judy Townsend, ANFPP Nurse Supervisor on telephone (02) 6845 2565 for an information package or for further information relating to the advertised positions.

It should be noted that this position will need to be commenced by February 2010.

Applications close  
Friday 15 January 2010.



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## DIVISIONAL MANAGERS

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The commencing salary will be negotiable depending on your skills and experience and the successful candidate will have access to excellent conditions.

For further information, please contact Dayton Lindholm, Manager Human Resources on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490. Position documentation, Cover Note and more information are available on our website [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au).

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the ILC website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Wednesday 6 January 2010. Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Mr Adam Jenkins, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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## Project Manager

Closing date for applications is Friday 15 January 2010, 5pm.

Enquiries: To obtain the selection documents visit [www.nswreconciliation.org.au](http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au) or contact Leanne Townsend on (02) 9562 6352, or email [leanne.townsend@nswreconciliation.org.au](mailto:leanne.townsend@nswreconciliation.org.au)

The NSW Reconciliation Council is the peak reconciliation body in NSW. The Council is seeking a Project Manager (FT) to work in its Sydney office. Duties include community liaison, management of anti-racism projects, communication and event organising support. JOB SHARE welcome.

Salary \$48K-\$52K plus super, or pro-rata equivalent. 12 month contract. Please note some work may be required on public holidays and weekends.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

Notification day: 30 December 2009

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. **Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.**

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 29 March 2010.** After 29 March 2010, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **29 March 2010**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



**Applicant's name:** Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council #3

**Non-native title interest:** Freehold title in certificate of title folio 207/728018

**Federal Court File No:** NSD1200/2009

**Description of the application area:** The area subject to this application covers about 9 hectares, located north of Eden and covers Lot 207 on plan DP728018 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Bega Valley Shire Council.

**Data statement:** Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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Native Title  
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Notification day: 30 December 2009

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A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 29 March 2010.** After 29 March 2010, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **29 March 2010**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



**Applicant's name:** Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council #2

**Non-native title interest:** Freehold title in certificate of title folio 98/1036338

**Federal Court File No:** NSD1199/2009

**Description of the application area:** The area subject to this application covers about 100 hectares, located approximately 6.5km south-west of Eden and covers part Lot 98 on plan DP1036338 in the vicinity of Boydton and Kiah as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Bega Valley Shire Council.

**Data statement:** Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

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- Located in Milton, Brisbane
- Additional training provided

We are seeking expressions of interest from applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to work with a nationally recognised leader in the provision of telephone and online counselling services to enable young people, especially those who are marginalised and without voice, to improve their quality of life.


**Successful applicants will have:**

- Relevant degree
- Experience in counselling
- Demonstrated interest in the wellbeing of children, young people and families
- A commitment to counselling frameworks of child centred practice and empowerment, as well as advocacy for the rights of children and young people.

Applications will close on the 12th January 2010 and successful applicants will proceed through to our Information Session and interview.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about what BoysTown can offer to further your career aspirations. To contact our HR Team please call (07) 3867 1202 or (07) 3867 1340.

To apply to be a Kids Helpline Counsellor, please go to [www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies) - Further information about Kids Helpline / Parentline can be obtained from [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.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)*



Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation

Doing Good Work with Families

Team Leader

Remote Reconnect Youth Program

37.5 hours Grade 6, NT SaCS Award

Waltja is a community based Aboriginal organisation working across the Central Desert Region, supporting the development and management of innovative and appropriate services in remote communities. Waltja is a Registered Training Organisation offering nationally accredited training and apprenticeships, and is widely acclaimed as a unique, credible and respected business and service centre for remote areas.

Waltja's Board of Management is seeking applicants for the above position to commence in 2010.

**The successful candidate for this rewarding role will have:**

- Program Management experience with a demonstrated ability to co-ordinate day to day tasks.
- Knowledge and experience of working in remote Aboriginal communities and of local industry networks.
- Ability to work in a respectful and culturally appropriate manner.
- High standard of written and oral communication skills and knowledge of reporting and acquittal requirements of Government funded contracts.
- Current NT Drivers License and ability to spend up to 50% of work time in remote areas for service delivery support.
- Experience managing, mentoring, training and supporting Indigenous workers.

**Desirable criteria:**

- Qualifications in a discipline such as social work, youth work, community development or similar. Alternatively Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.
- Experience driving 4WD vehicles in a remote environment.

**To apply:** go to [www.waltja.org.au](http://www.waltja.org.au) or contact Megan Hunnam on 0889534488.

**Applications close 15/01/10** and shortlisted applicants only will be contacted by COB 29/1/10.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Leases

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The State of Queensland - Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Authority to Prospect Applications 889 and 965 and the proposed grant of Petroleum Lease Applications 261, 262, 276, 277, 279, 299 shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

The State of Queensland - Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to Authorities to Prospect 621, 632, 647, 648, 651, 767, 768, 795, 852 under section 100 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) and of the proposed addition of excluded land to Petroleum Leases 171 and 180 under section 170 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) and the *Petroleum Act 1923*. The Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases currently exclude land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Grantee party has applied to add the Excluded Land to the Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) and the *Petroleum Act 1923*.


**Authorities to Prospect to which this notice applies:**

Authority to Prospect Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN																																						
ATP889	Approx. 45 km East from Roma Centred at approximate Lat.26°34' 49"S Long.149°11'48"E Local Government Area: <b>Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 518 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 169 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1860</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2006</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2151</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2368</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2440</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2511</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.</td></tr><tr><td>2512</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1860	All	2006	All	2151	All	2368	All	2440	All	2511	c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.	2512	All	<b>Pure Energy Resources Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 115 514 880</b>																						
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ATP965	Approx. 35 km West from Moonie Centred at approximate Lat.27°51'15"S Long.150°41'15"E Local Government Area: <b>Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council and Goondiwindi Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 1212 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane and Armidale <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 400 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>Brisbane</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3034</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3106</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3177</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3178</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3248</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3249</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3250</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3319</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3323</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3391</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3392</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3393</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>3394</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>Armidale</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	Brisbane		3034	All	3106	All	3177	All	3178	All	3248	All	3249	All	3250	All	3319	All	3323	All	3391	All	3392	All	3393	All	3394	All	Armidale		7	All	8	All	9	All	<b>Pure Energy Resources Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 115 514 880</b>
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**Petroleum Leases to which this notice applies:**

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN												
PL261	Approx. 20 km East South East from Tara Centred at approximate Lat.27°19'04"S Long.150°39'13"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 228 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 75 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2816</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2817</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2888</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	2816	All	2817	All	2888	All	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>				
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PL262	Approx.28 km South East from Tara Centred at approximate Lat.27°25'44"S Long.150°40'53"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 228 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 75 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2889</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2960</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2961</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	2889	All	2960	All	2961	All	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>				
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PL276	Approx. 30 km West South West from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°17'00"S Long.149°40'49"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council and Maranoa Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 228 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 74 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1940</td><td>q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1941</td><td>q, v, w.</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>f, l, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1940	q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1941	q, v, w.	2012	All	2013	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	2014	f, l, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (68%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>  <b>BG International Limited (17%)</b> <b>ARBN 114 818 825</b>  <b>AJ Lucas Group Limited (15%)</b> <b>ACN 060 309 104</b>
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Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN										
PL277	Approx. 27 km South West from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°13'05"S Long.149°42'38"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council and Maranoa Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 157 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 51 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>1940</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>1941</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>e</td></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, u</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	1940	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	1941	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z	2013	e	2014	a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, u	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (68%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b> <b>BG International Limited (17%)</b> <b>ARBN 114 818 825</b>  <b>AJ Lucas Group Limited (15%)</b> <b>ACN 060 309 104</b>
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PL279 (Part)	Approx. 30 km South West from Dalby Centred at approximate Lat.27°20'30"S Long.151°00'30"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 6 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>2892</td><td>v, w</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	2892	v, w	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (55%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>  <b>Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (31.25%)</b> <b>ACN 001 646 331</b>  <b>BG International Limited (13.75%)</b> <b>ARBN 114 818 825</b>						
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PL299	Approx. 35 km West from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°05'51"S Long.149°36'13"E Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> Abt 228 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 75 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>1796</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1867</td><td>a, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1868</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1869</td><td>l, q, v</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	1796	All	1867	a, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1868	All	1869	l, q, v	<b>Pure Energy Resources Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 115 514 880</b>
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Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Authority to Prospect (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN														
ATP621	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 23 km South East from Tara  Centred at approximate Lat.27°22'20"S Long.150°40'26"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area of part 1:</b> Abt 456 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 150 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>2816</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2817</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2888</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2889</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2960</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2961</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	2816	All	2817	All	2888	All	2889	All	2960	All	2961	All	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (80%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>  <b>BG International Limited (20%)</b> <b>ARBN 114 818 825</b>
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ATP632 (Part)	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 25 km South West from Miles  Centred at approximate Lat.27°52'26"S Long.150°05'26"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 454 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 150 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>2161</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2449</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2450</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2521</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2522</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2594</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	2161	All	2449	All	2450	All	2521	All	2522	All	2594	All	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (90%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>  <b>SGA (Queensland) Pty Ltd (10%)</b> <b>ACN 114 116 068</b>
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ATP647 (Part)	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 18 km South West from Chinchilla  Centred at approximate Lat.27°47'00"S Long.150°05'26"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 151 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 50 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>2377</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2378</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	2377	All	2378	All	<b>Starzap Pty Ltd (100%)</b> <b>ACN 079 932 246</b>								
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ATP648 (Part)	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 50 km South West from Dalby  Centred at approximate Lat.27°22'12"S Long.150°48'21"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 67 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 23 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <table><tr><td><b>Blocks</b></td><td><b>Sub-blocks</b></td></tr><tr><td>2890</td><td>a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2892</td><td>v, w</td></tr></table>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Sub-blocks</b>	2890	a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	2892	v, w	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (55%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>  <b>Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (31.25%)</b> <b>ACN 001 646 331</b>  <b>BG International Limited (13.75%)</b> <b>ARBN 114 818 825</b>								
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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) 53315344



ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES

INDIGENOUS OFFICIAL VISITOR

CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT ACT 2007

Call for Expressions of Interest

Interested persons are invited to submit expressions of interest for appointment to the position of Indigenous Official Visitor for the purposes of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

The role of the Indigenous Official Visitor is to liaise with the ACT's indigenous detainees, listen to and inquire into complaints, liaise regularly with Senior Corrective Services Management, provide quarterly written reports to the Attorney General and ensure that operations are in accordance with the provisions of the *Corrections Management Act 2007*.

**Eligibility:** Current employees of the Public Service are not eligible to apply for the position of Indigenous Official Visitor. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry is considered highly desirable.

**Duration:** The Indigenous Official Visitor is appointed for a period of up to three years.

Remuneration will be on a *per diem* basis, as determined by the ACT Remuneration Tribunal.

For further information regarding the position, please contact Ms Kim Hosking, ACT Corrective Services.

**Phone:** 6207 0388 **Email:** kim.hosking@act.gov.au

**Applications close on Monday 4th January 2010.**



Pangula Mannamurna Inc.  
Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service

Clinic Manager - Health Service

- Join the leader of primary health to the Aboriginal communities in the SE
- Opportunity to build on your skills & exp. in a supportive learning environment
- Salary packaging is available

Pangula Mannamurna Inc supports the Aboriginal Community through a holistic and culturally appropriate approach to service provision in the South East. Pangula Mannamurna Inc provides a range of health and community support services and are committed to innovation and quality in all we do.

Pangula's Health Clinic is located in Mt Gambier and provides a wide range of services to patients including outreach services to Millicent, Naracoorte, Kingston and Bordertown. Onsite medical services include Health Checks, vaccinations, counselling, health education as well as general family health.

We are seeking a Clinic Manager to co-ordinate the clinical services, health information and provide support for the Health Team as well as to the Program Manager. This position will allow the right person to build on their existing skills and experience.

Experience working with Aboriginal clients and a good understanding of the Aboriginal Community would be an advantage. A competitive salary will be negotiated including salary packaging, depending on skills and experience.

**Copies of the Job Description** are available by contacting reception on (08)87247270 or email reception@pangula.org.au

**Applications addressing the job and person specification to be forwarded to:**

Cathy Ray  
Pangula Mannamurna Inc  
PO Box 942  
Mount Gambier SA 5290

**Applications to be received by 4.30pm**

**22nd January 2010.**

A National Police check clearance and current driver's licence are essential.

*Applicants of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.*



Indigenous Program Position (0.8 EFT/ 4 days per week)  
Trainer/Educator

Would you like to work in a small friendly organisation where support and on-the-job training is available? **If the answer is yes, please consider this position.**

Hepatitis C Victoria is a not for profit, community based, public health organisation. This position will work closely with our team of educators and in partnership with key Aboriginal organisations to deliver education programs about hepatitis C to Aboriginal people and workers. The position will be situated at VACCHO for an agreed part of each week. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

**Salary and conditions:** Equivalent to SACS Award 2000 (CDW, Level 3), with above award conditions. Attractive salary packaging available.

Call 03 9380 4644 for a position description or go to [www.hepcvic.org.au](http://www.hepcvic.org.au)

For a confidential discussion about the position call Emily Adamson (Programs Manager) on 0400 187 044.

Applications close January 8th, 2010.

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE  
TITLE PARTIES  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT  
1971 SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **IRONCLAD MINING LIMITED ACN 124 990 405** (“Ironclad”) of 307A Pulteney Street, Adelaide SA 5000 proposes to undertake mining operations on an area of land within Registered Mineral Claim Numbers 4143, 4144, 4145, 4146, 4147, 4148, 4149, 4150, 4151, 4152, 4153, 4154, 4155, 4156, 4157, 4158 and 4159, held by Ironclad, in which a mining lease is to be applied for (“Land”). Ironclad has served Form 27 Notices on all relevant parties in accordance with section 63M of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA).

The proposed mining lease is located in the Wilcherry Hill, Ultima Dam East, Ultima Dam West, Weednanna and Weednanna North areas, within and adjoining hundreds of Cunyarie Wilcherry and Moseley County of Buxton and within County of Hore Ruthven (Uno Pastoral Lease). The proposed mining lease area is approximately 41 square kilometres, being the area generally bounded by coordinates as follows:

*MGA94 Zone 53 S, Co-ordinates using GDA 94 datum, commencing at a point being the intersection of Easting 633,000.00mE and Northing 6,379,391.49mN, then east to a point being Easting 637,744.10mE and Northing 6,379,326.87mN, then south to a point being Easting 637,744.10mE and Northing 6,378,500.30mN, then east to a point being Easting 640,000.00mE and Northing 6,378,500.30mN, then south to a point being Easting 640,000.00mE and Northing 6,371,000.20mN, then west to a point being Easting 635,500.00mE and Northing 6,371,000.20mN, then north to a point being Easting 635,500.00mE and Northing 6,377,429.30mN, then west to a point being Easting 633,250.00mE and Northing 6,377,429.30mN, then north to a point being Easting 633,250.00mE and Northing 6,378,500.45mN, then west to a point being Easting 633,000.00mE and Northing 6,378,500.30mN and then north to the point of commencement.*

**Ironclad** proposes to commercially mine the area referred to above. The nature of the proposed mining operations to be carried out on the Land is mineral production operations to recover haematite and magnetite using open pit mining techniques at Wilcherry Hill, Ultima Dam East, Ultima Dam West, Weednanna and Weednanna North areas, South Australia, located approximately 110 kilometres west of Port Augusta and 350 kilometres north-west of Adelaide.

The area is subject to Native Title Determination Application SC97/7 Gawler Ranges Native Title Claim.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates, Ironclad may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land.

**ANY PERSON** who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact the proponent, Ironclad, for the purposes of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within six (6) months of the initiation of these negotiations, Ironclad and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* (SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the Land.

If you require further information, please contact:

**Ironclad Mining Limited**  
Attention: Patrick Clifford  
307A Pulteney Street  
Adelaide SA 5000  
**T: 08 8224 0411 F: 08 8227 0411**

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect  
and Petroleum Leases and Addition of Excluded Land  
into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Leases

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Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN																
ATP651	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx.30 km West North West from Wandoan  Centred at approximate Lat.26°15'40"S Long.149°41'16"E  Local Government Area: <b>Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 384 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 125 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1940</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1941</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1940	All	1941	All	2012	All	2013	All	2014	All	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 553</b>				
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2014	All																		
ATP767	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 42 km North North West from Roma  Centred at approximate Lat.26°12'08"S Long.148°52'19"E  Local Government Area: <b>Maranoa Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 455 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 148 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1787</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1859</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1932</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1933</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2002</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2073</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, q, v</td></tr><tr><td>2074</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1787	All	1859	All	1932	All	1933	All	2002	All	2073	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, q, v	2074	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	<b>BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (100%)</b> <b>ACN 090 629 913</b>
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1933	All																		
2002	All																		
2073	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, q, v																		
2074	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k																		
ATP768 (Part)	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 18 km North West from Wandoan  Centred at approximate Lat.26°02'00"S Long.149°47'16"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 231 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 75 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1726</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1798</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1870</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1726	All	1798	All	1870	All	<b>BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (100%)</b> <b>ACN 090 629 913</b>								
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ATP795	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 37 km North East from Roma  Centred at approximate Lat.26°16'55"S Long.148°56'55"E  Local Government Area: <b>Maranoa Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 307 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1931</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2003</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2004</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>2005</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1931	All	2003	All	2004	All	2005	All	<b>BNG (Surat) Pty Ltd (100%)</b> <b>ACN 090 629 913</b>						
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ATP852	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 40 km West North West from Wandoan  Centred at approximate Lat.25°59'00"S Long.149°35'16"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council and Banana Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 1155 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 375 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1650 to 1653 (inclusive)</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1722 to 1725 (inclusive)</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1794 to 1797 (inclusive)</td><td>All</td></tr><tr><td>1867 to 1869 (inclusive)</td><td>All</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	1650 to 1653 (inclusive)	All	1722 to 1725 (inclusive)	All	1794 to 1797 (inclusive)	All	1867 to 1869 (inclusive)	All	<b>Pure Energy Resources Limited (100%)</b> <b>ACN 115 514 880</b>						
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1722 to 1725 (inclusive)	All																		
1794 to 1797 (inclusive)	All																		
1867 to 1869 (inclusive)	All																		

Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

Petroleum Lease Number	Location of Petroleum Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN								
PL171	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 20 km South from Wandoan  Centred at approximate Lat.26°15'27"S Long.149°55'37"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area of part 1:</b> Abt 42 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2016</td><td>c, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, z</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	2016	c, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, z	<b>Roma Petroleum NL (80%)</b> <b>ACN 066 018 979</b>  <b>Victoria Petroleum NL (20%)</b> <b>ACN 008 942 827</b>				
Blocks	Sub-blocks										
2016	c, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, z										
PL180	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  Approx. 25 km East from Condamine  Centred at approximate Lat.26°58'59"S Long.150°23'21"E  Local Government Area: <b>Western Downs Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Excluded Land in Authority to Prospect</b>  <b>Area:</b> Abt 137 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 45 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <table><tr><th>Blocks</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2525</td><td>b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2526</td><td>f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, v, w</td></tr><tr><td>2597</td><td>b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v, w, x</td></tr></table>	Blocks	Sub-blocks	2525	b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	2526	f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, v, w	2597	b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v, w, x	<b>Queensland Gas Company Limited (59.375%)</b> <b>ACN 089 642 55</b>  <b>Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (40.625%)</b> <b>ACN 001 646 331</b>
Blocks	Sub-blocks										
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# Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of a Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
ML10343 Mt Carlton	Approx.45km North West of Collinsville Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>Whitsunday Regional Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 4899 on SB765 – Preferential Pastoral Holding 5/4899 Lot 7 on SB730 – Pastoral Holding 5/5533 <b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease:</b> 1313.3157 ha	<b>Conquest Mining Limited</b> ACN 009 232 277

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

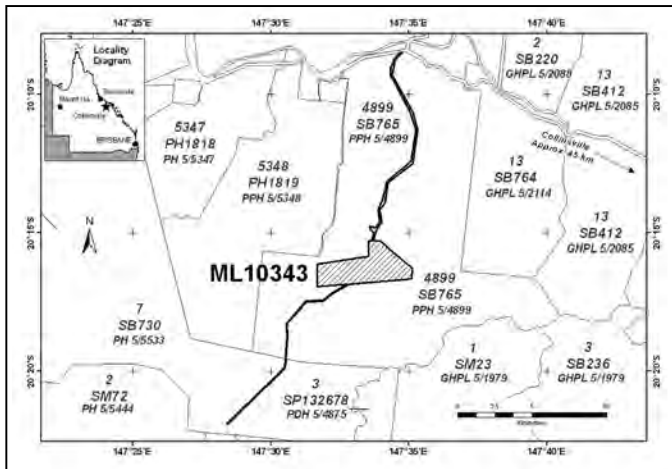
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Qld 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 18 January 2010**



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# Notice of Proposed Grant of Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and Addition of Excluded Land into Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Leases

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\* Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) and the number of Sub-blocks (the Sub-block Code) the application covers. Queensland Mines and Energy (The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 75 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 Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

Grant of a Petroleum Lease under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of Petroleum. It is proposed to grant the Petroleum Leases subject to section 120 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

It is also proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect under section 100 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) and to the Petroleum Leases under section 170 of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production & Safety) Act 2004* (Qld). On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Authority to Prospect and in the existing Petroleum Leases. This authorises the holder to explore for petroleum on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Authority to Prospect and produce petroleum from the granted Petroleum Leases.

It should be noted that this land will not be granted over a National Park (Scientific), National Park, National Park (Aboriginal Land), National Park (Torres Strait Islander Land), National Park (Cape York Peninsular Aboriginal Land), National Park (Recovery) or Conservation Park that are in existence on the date of effect of the tenure (or of the approval of the application of the excluded land).

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The grant of the Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and the grant of the application to add Excluded Land to the Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Leases under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) will be granted by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

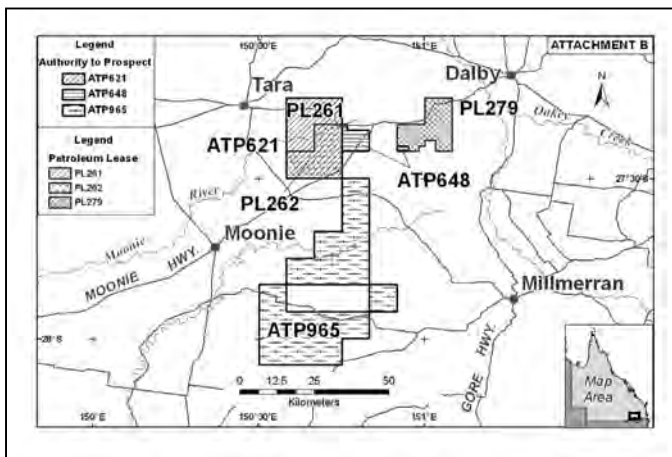
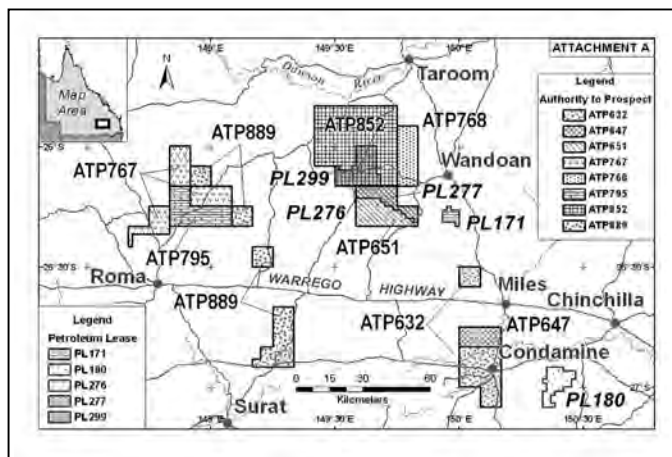
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed future acts, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Authorities to Prospect and Petroleum Leases and the proposed grant of the application for the addition of excluded land in the Authority to Prospect and Petroleum Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 13 January 2010**



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We are seeking expressions of interest from applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to work with a nationally recognised leader in the provision of telephone and online counselling services to enable young people, especially those who are marginalised and without voice, to improve their quality of life.

**Successful applicants will have:**

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- Experience in counselling
- Demonstrated interest in the wellbeing of children, young people and families
- A commitment to counselling frameworks of child centred practice and empowerment, as well as advocacy for the rights of children and young people.

Applications will close on the 12th January 2010 and successful applicants will proceed through to our Information Session and interview.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about what BoysTown can offer to further your career aspirations. To contact our HR Team please call (07) 3867 1202 or (07) 3867 1340.

To apply to be a Kids Helpline Counsellor, please go to [www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies) - Further information about Kids Helpline / Parentline can be obtained from [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

## NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MINING ACT 1971 SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **CAULDRON ENERGY LIMITED** ACN 102 912 783 of 35 Richardson Street, West Perth WA 6005 and any of its respective successors or assigns propose to undertake mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licence Number 4279 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with the Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held over the area of the Exploration Licence or any part of that area) on the following land:

**EL 4279 OLD HUT AREA** - approximately 120 km ESE of Marree, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°46'S and longitude 139°11'E, thence east to longitude 139°17'E, south to latitude 29°47'S, east to longitude 139°20'E, south to latitude 29°48'S, east to longitude 139°21'E, south to latitude 29°53'S, west to longitude 139°19'E, south to latitude 29°55'S, west to longitude 139°12'E, north to latitude 29°49'S, west to longitude 139°11'E, and north to the point of commencement. All the within the stated latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on Page 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette Number 84 dated 6 October 1966 (AGD66) ('land').

**AREA:** approximately 223 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploration operations, to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation, which may include (without limitation) such activities as magnetic, gravity, electrical, electromagnetic and seismic surveying; geophysical surveys; geological mapping; geochemical, soil, calcrete and rock chip sampling; shallow trenching; auger, rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation or diamond core drilling.

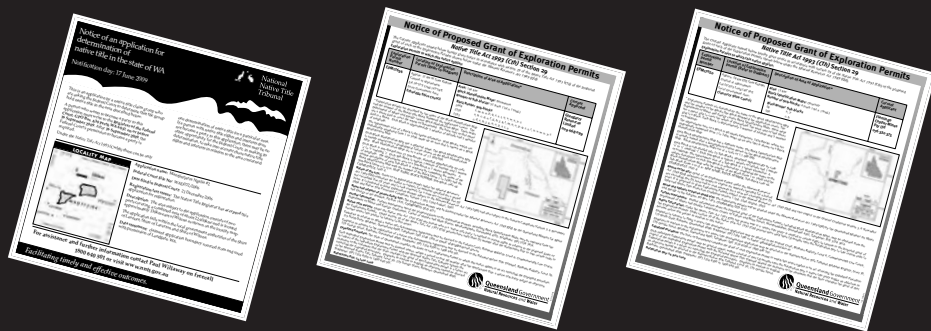
**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the land there are no native title parties in relation to the land to which this notice relates, Cauldron Energy Limited or any of its respective successors or assigns may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the *Mining Act, 1971* authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land is invited to contact the proponent Licensee and any of their respective successors or assigns for the purpose of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the land.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within four (4) months from the initiation of these negotiations, the Licensee and any of its respective successors or assigns and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act, 1971* for a determination in relation to the conduct of the mining operations on the land to which this notice relates.

**Cauldron Energy Limited**  
c/- Teneman Consulting  
PO Box 115  
KENT TOWN SA 5071  
Phone: 08 8414 3352  
Mobile: 0415 397 870  
Contact: Teena Coppin





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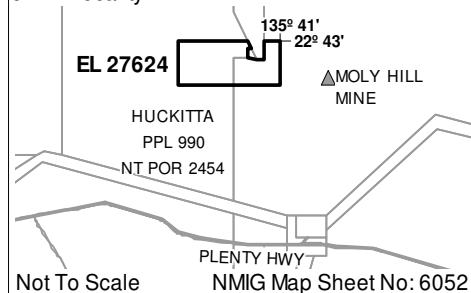
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

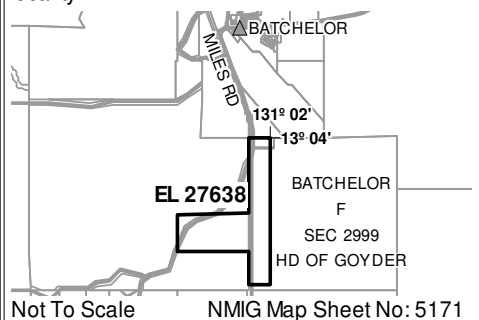
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

#### Applications to which this notice applies:

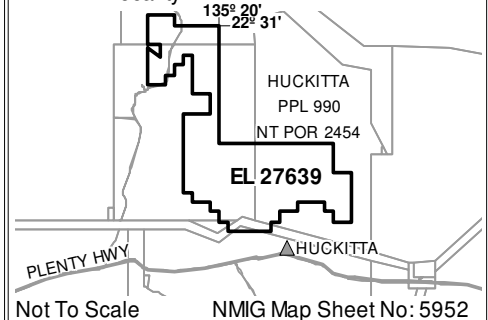
Exploration Licence 27624 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 AND RIDING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 009 456 455 over an area of 24 Blocks (72 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.



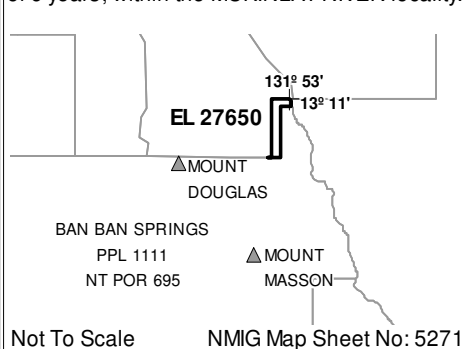
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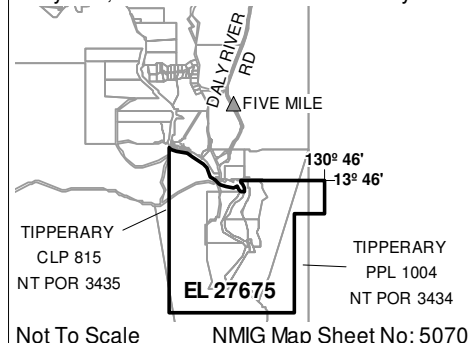
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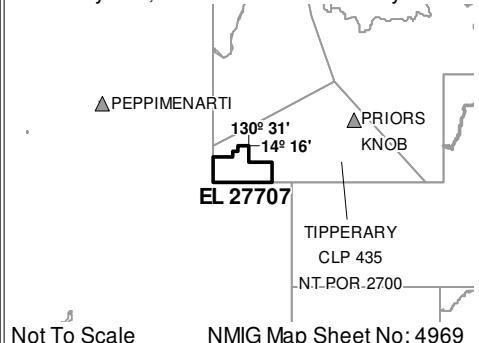
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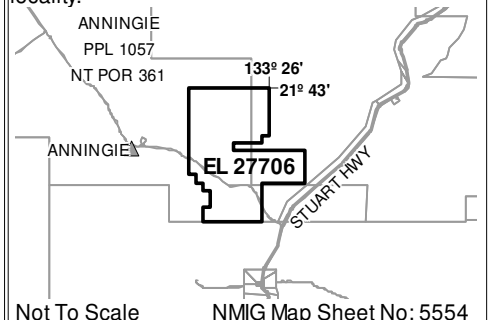
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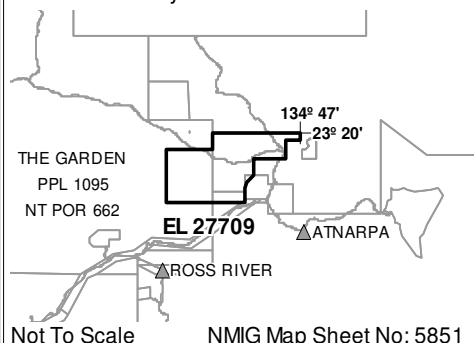
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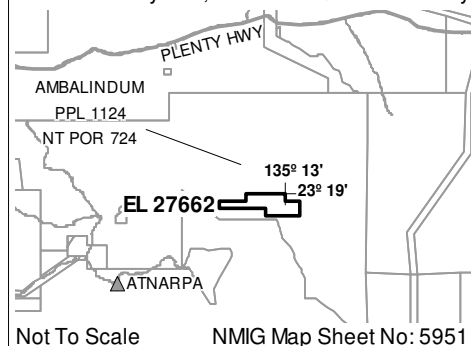
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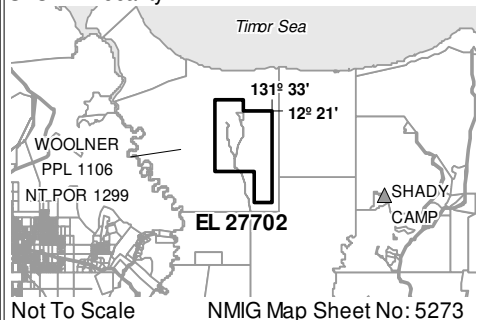
Exploration Licence 27709 sought by ALISTAIR MACKIE over an area of 89 Blocks (275 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



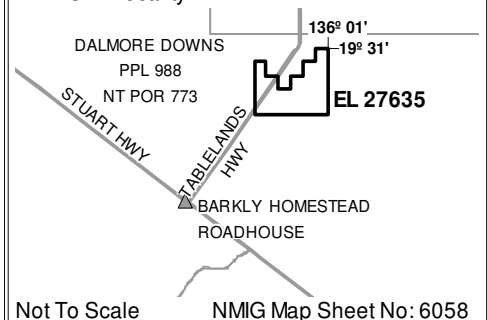
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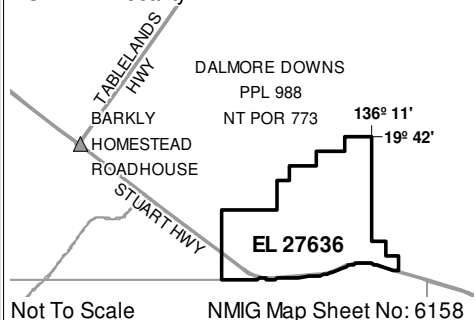
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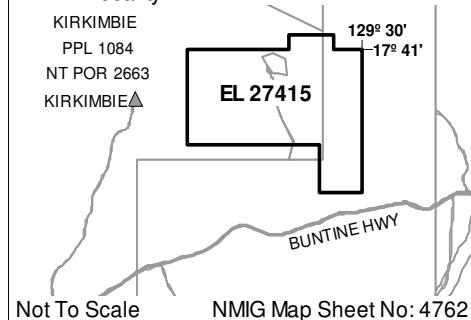
Exploration Licence 27635 sought by NORTHERN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 21 Blocks (68 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



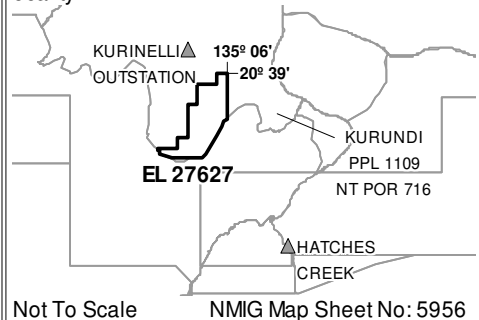
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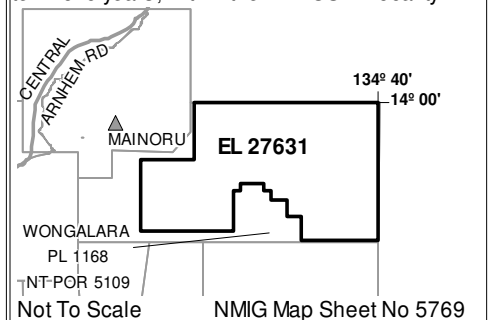
Exploration Licence 27415 sought by RIO TINTO EXPLORATION PTY LIMITED, ACN 000 057 125 over an area of 84 Blocks (275 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPIER locality.



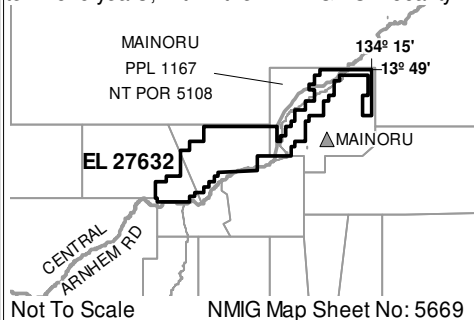
Exploration Licence 27627 sought by SPUNDAILY PTY LIMITED, ACN 009 617 109 over an area of 29 Blocks (83 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HATCHES locality.



Exploration Licence 27631 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 417 Blocks (1388 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the THROSBY locality.



Exploration Licence 27632 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 290 Blocks (965 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FLYING FOX 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 renewals. 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 Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 16 December 2009



# They're off to cricket's Country tournament



TWO of Queensland's leading Indigenous cricketers will show their prowess on the national stage at the Australian Country Cricket championships in Albury-Wodonga in the New Year.

Cairns-based duo Barry Weare and Glen Martin were chosen recently in the Queensland Brahmans team to defend the title they won last season.

Weare, the regional cricket manger for Queensland Cricket in far north Queensland, captained the inaugural Imparja Cup team for Queensland in 2004 and played for the Prime Minister's XI against Pakistan in 2005.

Martin, an Imparja Cup representative in 2003 and 2005, was an ATSSIS Chairman's XI representative on three occasions.

He also toured the United Kingdom in 2001 with the national Indigenous development team where he became the first player of Torres Strait Islander heritage to play cricket at Lords.

Martin and Weare have come through the Queensland Cricket player development pathway, with each being members of the Australia Post Emerging Players scheme that identifies talented young players between the age of 12 and 16.

**A**NOTHER player to emerge from that pathway, teenage Ingham batsman Trent Clemments, has also enjoyed State representation away from the Imparja Cup this month.

The Townsville Brothers right-hander was named in the Australia Post Queensland under 17 team for the national titles in Adelaide in January.

Clemments has also enjoyed a summer bonus with confirmation recently that he was one of three Queensland recipients of scholarships from the Kerry Packer Foundation.

The \$10-million Packer Foundation provides annual scholarships to promising young cricketers with the funding designed to benefit their cricket development and overall education.

Clemments, 17, was a member of the Queensland Imparja Cup team that won the national Indigenous titles last year and toured England during the winter with the Australian Indigenous team.

Other Queensland recipients were Hervey Bay wicketkeeper Beth Mooney and Rockhampton batsman Michael Simmers.



TRENT CLEMMENTS

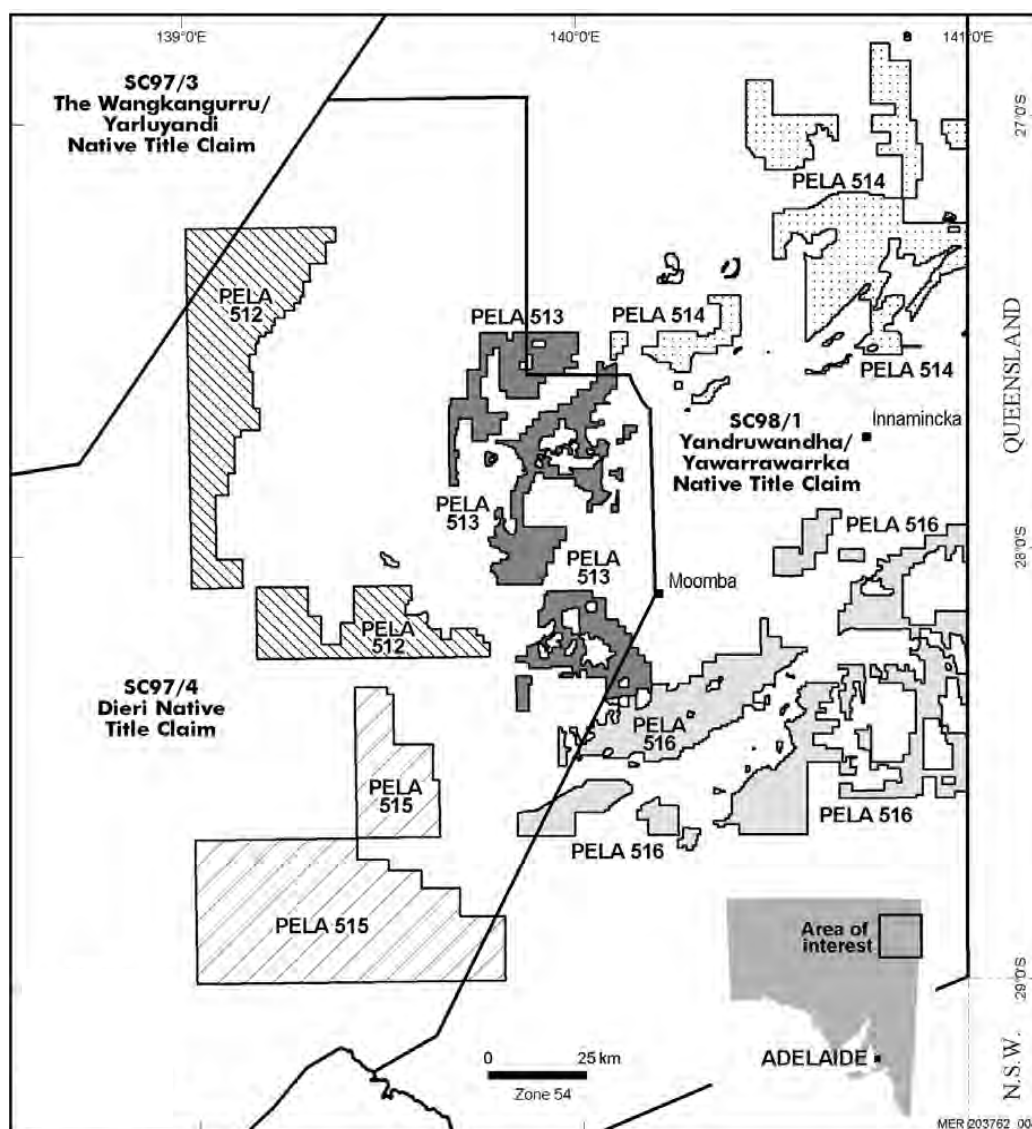


Government of South Australia  
Primary Industries and Resources SA

## PROPOSAL TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES (Section 29) NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of South Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mineral Resources Development, C/- Petroleum and Geothermal Group, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 has received the following Exploration Licence applications (PELAs) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*:

- |           |                                      |           |                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1. NUMBER | PELA 512 (ex CO2009-A)               | 4. NUMBER | PELA 515 (ex CO2009-D)             |
| AREA      | 2,366km <sup>2</sup> approximately   | AREA      | 3,029km <sup>2</sup> approximately |
| APPLICANT | Liberty Petroleum Corporation        | APPLICANT | Strike Oil Ltd.                    |
| 2. NUMBER | PELA 513 (ex CO2009-B)               | 5. NUMBER | PELA 516 (ex CO2009-E)             |
| AREA      | 1,494km <sup>2</sup> approximately   | AREA      | 2,626km <sup>2</sup> approximately |
| APPLICANT | Great Artesian Oil and Gas Pty. Ltd. | APPLICANT | Stuart Petroleum Ltd.              |
| 3. NUMBER | PELA 514 (ex CO2009-C)               |           |                                    |
| AREA      | 1,917km <sup>2</sup> approximately   |           |                                    |
| APPLICANT | Planet Gas Ltd.                      |           |                                    |



### LOCALITY: Refer Plan Attached

The five application areas are wholly contained within an area broadly defined by a northern latitude of 26°40'25"S GDA94, a southern latitude of 28°59'00"S GDA94, a western longitude of 139°00'00"E GDA94 and the South Australia/Queensland state border.

Coordinate descriptions for the application areas have been published by notice in the South Australian Government Gazette dated 17 September 2009, pages 4472 – 4488, and as amended by notice dated 24 September 2009, pages 4703 – 4708.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of five (5) years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for a further two (2) five (5) year terms. The *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* also provides a holder of an Exploration Licence with a right (subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*), to apply for a Production Licence where a discovery that warrants production is made. Production Licence rights include the right to undertake regulated activities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* to enable the petroleum to be produced, processed, transported and marketed. The acts may also include the grant of appropriate Production, Retention or Associated Activities Licences emanating from the issued Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* or any substituting legislation as well as any Speculative Survey Licences outside of but abutting the licenced area necessary for the recovery of petroleum within the licenced area.

### Notification day: 23 December 2009

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the area covered by the Exploration Licence application.

The three (3) month period closes on 23 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 regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA 5000, telephone: (08) 8306 1230. Any negotiations conducted in respect to the Exploration Licences will include matters relating to the conduct of any future production and associated infrastructure and facilities and the issue of the necessary licences or authorisations to undertake these activities (including associated exploration activities) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

The Exploration Licences will be granted if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (i.e. 23 April 2010) there is no native title party in relation to the area of the Exploration Licences.

For further information about the acts (including spatial data or coordinate descriptions for the PELAs), contact the Manager Licensing and Royalties, Petroleum and Geothermal Group, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000, or telephone (08) 8463 3203.





# Terri-Ann loyal to Queensland

Story and picture by  
**GRIFFITH THOMAS, The  
Satellite Newspaper**



AT the age of ten, Inala sprinter Terri-Ann Cain turned to her father and said ‘I was born to

run’. Since then, the Aboriginal pocket rocket has made shockwaves in athletic

circles, breaking numerous state and national records, including smashing the 100m 14 years girls state record at last month’s Queensland Secondary Schools athletics championship.

Terri-Ann, 13, recently had to make a life-defining choice of which secondary school she would attend once finished primary school this year.

While it’s a task every child has to make, it’s not often a school comes chasing a student.

Amazingly, four schools from as far away as Western Australia and Townsville were trying to woo the destined star to move away from home.

But Terri-Ann would not budge, instead electing to enrol at Forest Lake College for 2010.

The school, which won its first-ever The Associated Schools (TAS) Red Division athletics carnival in October, and will move up to the premier Blue Division next year, has one of the most prosperous athletics/sports programs in south-east Queensland.

In the end, it wasn’t a difficult choice for the fleet-footed Terri-Ann and she couldn’t be happier.

“I’m pumped,” the strong-willed Durack State School student said. “I didn’t want to move from home

and didn’t want to leave Met (Metropolitan) West.

“The region has been good to me and the school is only five minutes from home.

“It’s an amazing school... I like a lot about it, it’s perfect.”

A former Metropolitan West touch footballer, Terri-Ann described the decision as a ‘comfortable’ one and felt Forest Lake College would provide her the best tutelage as she endeavoured to reach the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

“They’ll help me a lot and also my education,” she said.

“It was very important for me that I was happy with which school I chose.

“I’m comfortable with this decision.

“This is my place, my home – I’m looking forward to it.”

## Two-way benefit

Head of the school’s Department Physical Education and Sport, Richard Haines, said not only would Terri-Ann benefit from Forest Lake College’s growing athletics program, but the school would too.

“It’s really good to have her here and good the school can attract quality athletes like Terri-Ann,” he said.

“We’ve already got a number of state champions, but having Terri-Ann join the program will make it even stronger.

“The college has a number of new facilities to maximise the performance of its students, including our new gymnasium which has just opened.”

Terri-Ann competed at the Australian All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships in Hobart beginning on 4 December.

She reached the final of the 100m and 200m sprints, but missed placings.



## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1946	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	247.79km <sup>2</sup>	112km NW'y of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°44' Long 124°38'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1943	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	373.09km <sup>2</sup>	60km NW'y of Pannawonica	Lat 21°21' Long 115°50'	Ashburton/Roeboorne
09/1622	Milan Mirkovic	240.62km <sup>2</sup>	121km NE'y of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°09' Long 115°53'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1687-8	Edel Resources Pty Ltd	1218.95km <sup>2</sup>	50km N'y of Kalbarri	Lat 27°15' Long 114°16'	Northampton/Shark Bay
09/1689	Edel Resources Pty Ltd	302.94km <sup>2</sup>	95km N'y of Kalbarri	Lat 26°53' Long 114°28'	Shark Bay
15/1061	Paul Richard Martin	11.79km <sup>2</sup>	32km NW'y of Coolgardie	Lat 30°45' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
15/1137	International Exploration Limited	2.91km <sup>2</sup>	117km SE'y of Southern Cross	Lat 31°51' Long 120°18'	Coolgardie
15/1168	Avoca Resources Ltd	32.09km <sup>2</sup>	30km S'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°45' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
15/1169	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.91km <sup>2</sup>	25km S'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°39'	Coolgardie
15/1170	Avoca Resources Ltd	2.92km <sup>2</sup>	5km SE'y of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°31' Long 121°37'	Coolgardie
16/372	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	148.35km <sup>2</sup>	88km NE'y of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie/Menzies
20/710	Venus Resources Ltd	218.26km <sup>2</sup>	138km W'y of Meekatharra	Lat 26°09' Long 117°12'	Meekatharra/Murchison
20/722	Emu Nickel NL	140.11km <sup>2</sup>	27km NE'y of Cue	Lat 27°16' Long 118°05'	Cue
24/166	Matsa Resources Ltd	35.55km <sup>2</sup>	62km NW'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°05'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/144	Northern Mining Ltd	2.94km <sup>2</sup>	25km SE'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/415	Peter Romeo Gianni	47.21km <sup>2</sup>	27km NE'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/416	Peter Romeo Gianni	71.16km <sup>2</sup>	82km NE'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°08' Long 121°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
28/1965	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	20.59km <sup>2</sup>	88km NE'y of Kambalda	Lat 30°52' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1981	St Barbara Ltd	23.45km <sup>2</sup>	80km E'y of Kambalda	Lat 31°15' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/892	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	23.9km <sup>2</sup>	75km SE'y of Leonora	Lat 29°21' Long 121°52'	Menzies
36/723	Alamar Resources Ltd	42.67km <sup>2</sup>	73km NW'y of Leinster	Lat 27°22' Long 120°18'	Leonora
37/1022	Bruce Robert Legendre Legend Resources Pty Ltd	48.18km <sup>2</sup>	46km NE'y of Leonora	Lat 28°32' Long 121°35'	Laverton
37/1031	Enterprise Metals Limited	18.18km <sup>2</sup>	45km E'y of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/1032	Jabiru Metals Ltd	3.01km <sup>2</sup>	61km N'y of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°05'	Leonora
38/2326	Eleckra Mines Ltd	24.43km <sup>2</sup>	78km E'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°07' Long 123°40'	Laverton
38/2345	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	53.96km <sup>2</sup>	43km S'y of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°16'	Laverton
38/2361	A1 Minerals Ltd	3.02km <sup>2</sup>	52km W'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°03' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2363	Eleckra Mines Ltd	204.53km <sup>2</sup>	125km SE'y of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°38' Long 123°56'	Laverton
45/3525-7	Balx Pty Ltd	670.49km <sup>2</sup>	66km NE'y of Nullagine	Lat 21°21' Long 120°22'	East Pilbara
47/1977	Murchison Metals Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	52km W'y of Tom Price	Lat 22°43' Long 117°17'	Ashburton
47/2104	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	66.17km <sup>2</sup>	22km NW'y of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°01' Long 117°34'	Ashburton
51/1356	Kiamora Pty Ltd	30.94km <sup>2</sup>	66km N'y of Meekatharra	Lat 25°59' Long 118°28'	Meekatharra
51/1357	Kallenia Mines Pty Ltd	215.31km <sup>2</sup>	53km NW'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°18' Long 119°48'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
51/1358	Kallenia Mines Pty Ltd	43.02km <sup>2</sup>	78km W'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°23' Long 119°28'	Meekatharra
51/1359	Kallenia Mines Pty Ltd	163.06km <sup>2</sup>	64km NW'y of Wiluna	Lat 26°17' Long 119°41'	Meekatharra
51/1369	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	6.16km <sup>2</sup>	73km N'y of Meekatharra	Lat 25°56' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra
52/2370	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	296.4km <sup>2</sup>	126km NW'y of Meekatharra	Lat 25°42' Long 117°43'	Meekatharra
63/1327	Hannans Reward Ltd	75.36km <sup>2</sup>	108km W'y of Norseman	Lat 32°25' Long 120°39'	Dundas
63/1358	Lignite Pty Ltd	480.22km <sup>2</sup>	111km SW'y of Balladonia	Lat 33°01' Long 122°53'	Esperance
69/2657	Zinc Co Australia Ltd	123.59km <sup>2</sup>	174km NE'y of Wiluna	Lat 25°36' Long 121°35'	Wiluna
70/3311	Garreg Pty Ltd WP & EA Darcey Pty Ltd Accent Resources NL	303.22km <sup>2</sup>	22km NE'y of Katanning	Lat 33°31' Long 117°39'	Dumbleyung/Katanning/Woodanilling
70/3687	Edel Resources Pty Ltd	610.06km <sup>2</sup>	45km N'y of Kalbarri	Lat 27°18' Long 114°06'	Northampton/Shark Bay
74/332	Traka Resources Limited	14.33km <sup>2</sup>	12km N'y of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°29' Long 120°00'	Ravensthorpe
74/445	Great Western Exploration Ltd	8.67km <sup>2</sup>	87km E'y of Hyden	Lat 32°41' Long 119°48'	Kondinin
74/446	Great Western Exploration Ltd	8.66km <sup>2</sup>	92km N'y of Ravensthorpe	Lat 32°46' Long 119°52'	Kondinin/Lake Grace
74/451	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	5.77km <sup>2</sup>	90km E'y of Hyden	Lat 32°44' Long 119°48'	Kondinin
77/1683	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	69.79km <sup>2</sup>	82km E'y of Hyden	Lat 32°10' Long 119°43'	Kondinin/Yilgarn
80/4289	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	39.1km <sup>2</sup>	48km N'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°47' Long 127°39'	Halls Creek
80/4298	Arnhem Resources Pty Ltd	65.83km <sup>2</sup>	123km NE'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°15' Long 128°14'	Halls Creek
80/4303	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	183.07km <sup>2</sup>	128km NE'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°10' Long 128°09'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4304	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	160.1km <sup>2</sup>	124km NE'y of Halls Creek	Lat 17°14' Long 128°13'	Halls Creek
80/4307	Tanami Exploration NL	283.39km <sup>2</sup>	53km NE'y of Balgo Mission	Lat 19°47' Long 128°19'	Halls Creek
80/4308	Newera Uranium Ltd	248.91km <sup>2</sup>	128km SW'y of Halls Creek	Lat 19°16' Long 127°08'	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:** 16 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 **16 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. 16 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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## Sport briefs Sport briefs Sport briefs

### Golf clinic

INDIGENOUS children and women are being targeted for a golf coaching clinic in the greater western area of Sydney.

The clinic will be held at the Dunheved Golf Club in Links Road, St Marys, on 19-20 January 2010.

A second session may be held on 27-28 January.

Organisers are seeking interest from children between the ages of five and 16, and from women of all ages.

Professional golfer Paul Marantz will be in charge of tuition.

Participants and parents can contact the Aboriginal Medical Service of Western Sydney, 2 Palmerston Road, Mt Druitt Village, or phone (02) 9832 1356 (ask for Seheilah for registration details).

Light refreshments will be available at the clinic.

### Cricket for girls

ACRICKET skill development camp for girls will be held at Borambola in January 2010.

Borambola is on the Sturt Highway between Wagga Wagga and the junction with the Hume Highway.

New South Wales Sport and Recreation is organising the camp and is inviting girls between ten and 17 and of all cricketing levels from across NSW to attend.

It will be held at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Monday 11 January to Wednesday 13 January.

The camp will cost \$225. ● Details: NSW Sport and Recreation (02) 6928 4300.





# Highs and lows of '09

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the club (rounds three and four).

"Wade showed us some really exciting things early last season, and with a full pre-season, we think he can fill an important role in our team in 2010," Power Football Operations Manager Peter Rohde said.

**Marlon Moltop** will be looked at as a project player still, adding three games to his pair in 2008.

## West Coast Eagles

(11th – 8, 14, 0)

Liam Bedford \* (0, 0), Adam Cockie \* (7, 3), David Worrpanda (18, 11).

After a modest first half of the season, the West Coast Eagles showed real potential in the last third of the winter, finishing with eight wins.

Back in the west, after his two years on the Geelong rookie list, **Liam Bedford** played the entire season with Claremont. He played eight games early in the year at senior player and the remaining 11 in the reserves.

Quicksilver mid-fielder **Adam Cockie** had a strong year, producing a number of good performances during his eight games for Subiaco, forcing the West Coast to promote him to the AFL squad, where he played seven matches.

In what proved to be his final season of AFL football, Eagles' Aboriginal statesman the versatile **David Worrpanda** was used in attack and defence. He played 18 fixtures this year and finished his stellar career with 227 matches for the West Coast, being an important member of the 2006 premiership team, after gaining All Australian honours the previous winter.

**Gerrick Weedon**, a local Eagles recruit at the 2009 AFL draft, impressed at WAFL level with Claremont, where his strong skills in the air and strong vision and awareness in traffic made him an invaluable member of the forward line.

Weedon also represented WA in the under-18 championships and lists former Eagle Worrpanda as an inspiration.

## Sydney Swans

(12th – 8, 14, 0)

Michael K O'Loughlin (17, 24), Adam Goodes (22, 38).

Dual Brownlow medallist **Adam Goodes** continued his exemplary performances for the Swans, gaining his third All Australian honours, having been previously selected in the Brownlow Medal winning seasons of 2003 and 2006.

He was also fifth in the Bob Skilton Medal, an award he has also won twice and also won the prestigious Paul Kelly Players' Player Award.

**Michael O'Loughlin**, passing the landmark 300-game milestone and the only Swans player to play in three grand finals since World War II, retired after a career that started in 1995. He achieved everything a footballer would desire, including the 2005 AFL premiership, the club's best and fairest in 1998 and being a dual Swans leading goal kicker.

This year he also won the Barry Round Trophy for best clubman.

While O'Loughlin retired this year, the Swans' recruitment staff have grabbed a couple of exciting Indigenous products – **Lewis Jetta**, from Perth, with its first selection; and strongly built South Australian on-baller **Byron Sumner**, from the Woodville-West Torrens club.

## North Melbourne

(13th – 7, 14, 1)

Lindsay Thomas (19, 21), Daniel Wells (7, 4), Cruize Garlett \* (5, 1), Matt Campbell (12, 11), Warren Benjamin (0, 0).

Attacking small forward **Lindsay Thomas** played 19 of the Kangaroos' possible 22 games, but this Mallee Park export needs to have a more sustained impact on games moving forward.

**Daniel Wells** missed a major chunk to the 2009 season with hip problems, with the Kangaroos yearning for his special talent to be back in the blue-and-white jumper.

**Matt Campbell** was absent for a good period due to a hamstring injury, with his bite around the packs and goal-scoring ability being missed.

**Cruize Garlett** was rewarded for a

level. He needs to have an impact in 2010.

## Fremantle

(14th – 6, 16, 0)

Antoni Grover (21, 5) Roger Hayden (8, 3), Des Headland (9, 13) Stephen Hill (22, 9) Michael Johnson (10, 8) Casey Sibosado \* (0, 0), Michael Walters (3, 2).

It was another season of frustration for the Dockers, who didn't deliver as a club again, but did blood a lot of players.

One of the high points was the performance of the Fremantle's first selection, **Stephen Hill**, at number three. He had a top-three finish in the Norwich Rising Star award.

Hill, who was one of only seven Fremantle men to play all 22 home and away games, agreed to a one-year extension to take him through to the end of

## Richmond

(15th – 5, 16, 1)

Shane Edwards (15, 5), Alroy Gilligan \* (0, 0), Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls (4, 1), Richard Tambling (20, 8).

The Tigers, talked up pre-season as a true top eight side, started poorly and went from bad to worse, with coach Terry Wallace being sacked mid-season.

**Richard Tambling**, a first-round draft selection from 2004, secured the Fred Swift Medal (fourth place in the club's best and fairest) in his best season at AFL level.

Tambling also finished among the top ten Jack Dyer Medal vote-getters for the first time. He averaged 21.5 disposals a game, which was a considerable increase on the 13.6 a game he was averaging in his four seasons.

**Shane Edwards** is something of an enigma, having struggled over the first half of the season to keep a regular place in the senior team. He played every game from rounds 11 to 22, being consistent, without having a huge impact on games during this period.

Rookie **Alroy Gilligan** played four games at VFL level after consistent form in the reserves where he was among the best players in half of the 14 games he played.

After a four-year tenure that included 13 games and one goal, **Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls** was delisted by the Tigers. A first-round draft selection in 2005, he was involved in just four games in the 2009 campaign.

## Melbourne

(16th – 4, 18, 0)

Matthew Whelan (10, 1), Austin Wonaeamirri (0, 0), Liam Jurrah (9, 20), Neville Jetta (15, 7), Aaron Davey (22, 9), Jamie Bennell (16, 2).

The Demons again stayed at the bottom of the table, but did blood a number of good young prospects.

Indigenous champion **Aaron Davey** won the 2009 Keith 'Bluey' Truscott Memorial Trophy for the club's best and fairest.

Davey, who finished third in the best and fairest in 2005, produced his most productive AFL season, which included career-best disposals (504) and tackles (90).

Veteran **Matthew Whelan** (150th AFL game) and Davey (100th) also received presentations for reaching their milestones through the season.

Whelan, a former Woodville-West Torrens junior, retired at the completion of the season after a decade at the top level.

Despite playing just nine AFL matches, rookie **Liam Jurrah** exploded on to the landscape mid-season, and with his natural aptitude is an exciting prospect.

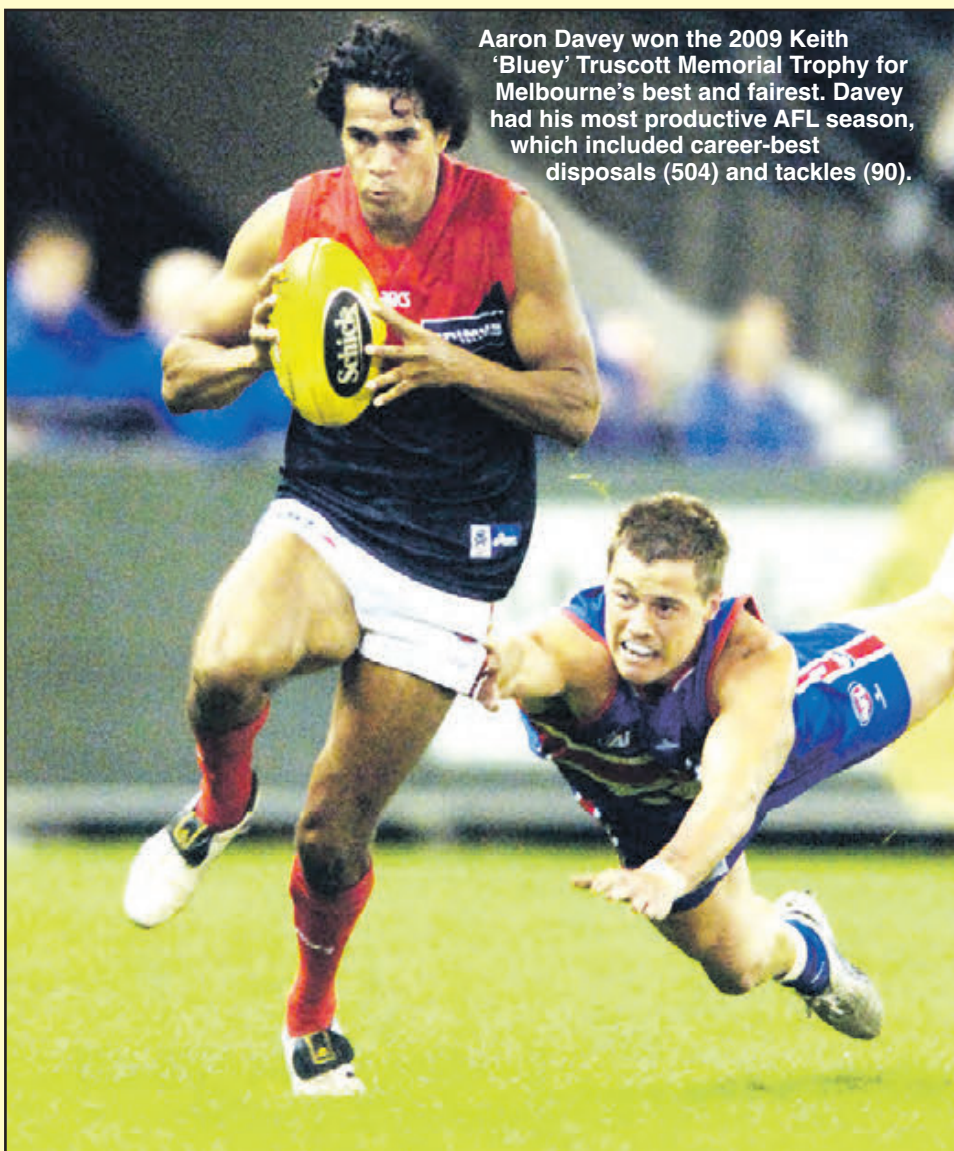
He also collected the Harold Ball Memorial Trophy as the Demons' best first-year player.

West Australians Jamie Bennell and Neville Jetta had a lot of experience at the top level. Playing 16 and 15 games respectively in their debut year, early indications are they look to be players of the future.

The Demons announced post-season that Austin Wonaeamirri had signed a two-year contract.

Wonaeamirri, now 20, was drafted from Darwin via Norwood.

This season was a frustrating one for him, interrupted by injury after the livewire forward's impressive 2008 campaign. His debut year included 24 goals from 18 matches, made more impressive when you consider he started the year on the rookie list.



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terrific year in 2009 and has been promoted to the senior list.

"We were really excited about Cruize's development this year as a rookie listed player and look forward to watching him continue to grow and mature and get some more valuable matches under his belt," North Melbourne's Chief of Football Donald McDonald said.

"An exciting small forward with excellent pace and goal sense, Garlett is also clever and hard at the ball."

Garlett played senior WAFL footy with Perth in 2007, and featured in Western Australia's victorious side in the 2007 NAB AFL Under-18 championships.

He was rookie-listed by North Melbourne in 2008 and was part of North Ballarat's VFL premiership-winning side this year and last.

**Warren Benjamin** played eight senior games for back-to-back premiers North Ballarat, along with 12 matches at reserves

the 2012 season.

He was also seventh in the club's Doig Medal count.

The Dockers did have the frustration of key defenders **Michael Johnson** and **Roger Hayden** being unavailable for more than half the season.

Ten-year veteran **Antoni Grover** continued his consistent season in defence.

**Des Headland**, the 2002 premiership player with Brisbane, only started his season in round nine and after two games was back on the injury list. He did find some form in the final five rounds of the year.

**Michael Waters** played three games in his inaugural senior year.

Rookie **Casey Sibosado** made his WAFL senior debut for Claremont in early June after nine reserves fixtures.

He played three senior matches before injury curtailed the remainder of the season.



# Busy Kate has little down time

## Rising basketball star

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



PERTH Lynx guard Kate Malpass is having a breakout season for the West Australian-based Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) team, and she's also taking an active role in helping young Indigenous people.

Malpass gives new meaning to the word 'multi-tasking'. At 21, not only is she a guard with the Perth Lynx, but also a physiotherapy student at Curtin University, a role model with Ricky Grace's 'Role Models WA' and also the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

With exams looming, it's little wonder she is distracted, with a basketball career and helping the community to deal with as well, but Malpass has received good support from her university and loves her lifestyle, even though it does leave little time for leisure.

"It's really, really, really hard to balance study, but the (Elite Athlete) program at uni has helped. Now I've got some flexibility into the course," she said.

"I love playing with the Perth Lynx, travelling around Australia and meeting great people along the way. Some of my best friends are in the team. However, for six months a year you don't have a life outside the team and sometimes the travel from Perth to the other states knocks you around."

The pressures of a hectic lifestyle are certainly not hampering Malpass' efforts on the court for the Lynx in the WNBL.

### Product of Kalgoorlie

Malpass spent much of her childhood in Kalgoorlie and began playing basketball aged ten and it quickly became obvious she was a natural.

She represented Western Australia at the Australian Junior Championships between 2002-07, and 2008-09 was a big season for her as she made her WNBL debut with the Lynx and won a WA State Basketball League championship with the Willetton Tigers.

She now is in the middle of a great 2009-10 season with the Lynx where she is averaging 11.7 points a game, as well as 3.4 rebounds and assists. That has included a career-high 20-point and seven-assist game against Adelaide on

17 October and she is a rising Australian basketball star.

Part of Malpass' inspiration for helping young Indigenous communities throughout Western Australia comes back to her family history as part of the Stolen Generations. That always struck a chord with her, and when she was given the opportunity to help through Perth Wildcats' basketball legend Ricky Grace, she jumped at it.

"My grandmother was taken from her family as a child. I found as I got older, identifying with the Indigenous community became more important to me. In fact, my whole family is actively involved in the community one way or another," she said.

"I first got involved in mentoring when Ricky Grace contacted me to help with a trip to the Mid-west region. I went out to schools and ran basketball camps. It was all about promoting healthy lifestyles, school attendance and encouraging education through sport."

### Working with children

Working with the kids didn't automatically come naturally to Malpass, but she found once she got to dealing with them just how much she enjoyed it and how she wanted to help them out as much as she could to make something of themselves.

"It was a little nerve-racking as I didn't know what to expect, but it was such a great experience – I absolutely loved it. The kids are amazing. Because of my own Indigenous background, I was able to enjoy it and related easily with the kids," she said.

"I currently work with Role Models WA and the David Wirrpanda Foundation. The David Wirrpanda Foundation is about encouraging school attendance and education using role models. I'm a mentor, a role model because if you use people with a bit of profile, it helps get the message across."

"I run a weekly basketball session at Balga High School as part of the program. It's good – personally, I think Aboriginal kids are naturally talented and pick things up really quickly."

There is no doubt that at such a young age Malpass is a remarkable role model. Her dedication to assisting others, promoting a healthy lifestyle and proving that hard work can achieve dreams is a positive message for all.

Star Perth Lynx guard Kate Malpass. When she's not involved with the Lynx in the Women's National Basketball League, she is busy studying at Curtin University or helping kids through her involvement with Ricky Grace's Role Models WA or the David Wirrpanda Foundation. She told *The Koori Mail* that Aboriginal kids were naturally talented and 'pick things up really quickly'.





# Palm's gold strike!

By ALF WILSON



FOURTEEN-month-old Lorna Clay-Nallajar made the marathon journey from the north Queensland Aboriginal

community of Palm Island to Geelong, in Victoria, to watch her mum Noby Clay win an Australian boxing title.

Noby was one of six Palm Island boxers – and the only female – who contested the Australian Amateur Boxing League national titles from 27-29 November and they returned with five gold and two bronze medals.

Accompanied by club trainer Ray Dennis and official Dennis Haines Snr, the boxers had travelled by charter flight from Palm Island to Townsville with a film crew preparing a documentary on them to be broadcast next April on the ABC.

From there, they caught a commercial jet flight to Melbourne, with a stopover in Sydney, before completing the journey to Geelong by bus.

On 29 November they were on an almost three-hour flight back to Townsville, and then they stayed the night in a hotel in Townsville before catching the 9am catamaran back to Palm on Monday 30 November.

Tiny Lorna was with the boxers and saw Noby win gold.

Noby, who celebrates her 27th birthday on 21 December, won her gold medal when she defeated Deanne Schafer (Mt Isa) in the female 48kg class.

"Noby boxed really well to outpoint the boxer who defeated her in the Golden Gloves earlier this year," Dennis said.

## Wants rematch

The *Koori Mail* was at Townsville airport and met the team when they arrived. An excited Noby proudly held her gold medal almost as tightly as she did her pride and joy Lorna.

"After I won my gold medal, I took Lorna in the ring with me. The lady I beat hugged me and asked for a rematch in the future and I said 'sure, bring it on' and we will fight again early next year," Noby said.

"It was freezing down there – about 15 degrees – and when I got back home it was more than 30 degrees."

Just a year earlier – on 29 November 2008 – then 11-week-old baby Lorna was ringside in a pram at the Townsville Showgrounds when Noby fought for the Australian Amateur Boxing League



Palm boxers, from left, Reggie Palm Island, Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke, Craig Desatge and Dennis Haines Jnr at Townsville Airport.

national title. She Noby lost on points to young Tasmanian Rebecca Miller in the 69kg division when she gave away 12kg to her opponent.

"I just like taking Lorna with me and it doesn't matter how far we travel," Noby said.

Selwyn Seaton, 17, won gold in the 71kg intermediate division and then stepped up to fight Aaron Sowter in the 75kg category and was beaten narrowly by his heavier opponent.

"Selwyn has been selected by the Australian Boxing League to take part in the trials for the Commonwealth Games at Fremantle (WA) during April 2010," Dennis said.

Dennis Haines Jnr, 15, the son of Dennis Snr, won a gold medal by defeating Stephen Firth, from Mareeba, in the 51kg class.

Ray Dennis said Reggie Palm Island, 16, defeated Broughton Worth, from Babinda, in an elimination bout in the junior 54kg division.

"Reggie won his gold medal by defeating Harlen Eales, from Mareeba, in the final of the 54kg class," Dennis said.

Reggie said it was the first time he had been to Victoria and his first trip on a big aircraft.

Patrick Clarke, 16, won gold

when he defeated Lachlan Puig, from Brisbane Valley Boxing Club.

At 26, Craig Desatge is the veteran of the male Palm Island boxers. He was beaten by Ed Abel, from Victoria, in an elimination bout and received a bronze.

"All Palm Island boxers performed well and also proved to be good sportsmen and woman," Dennis said.

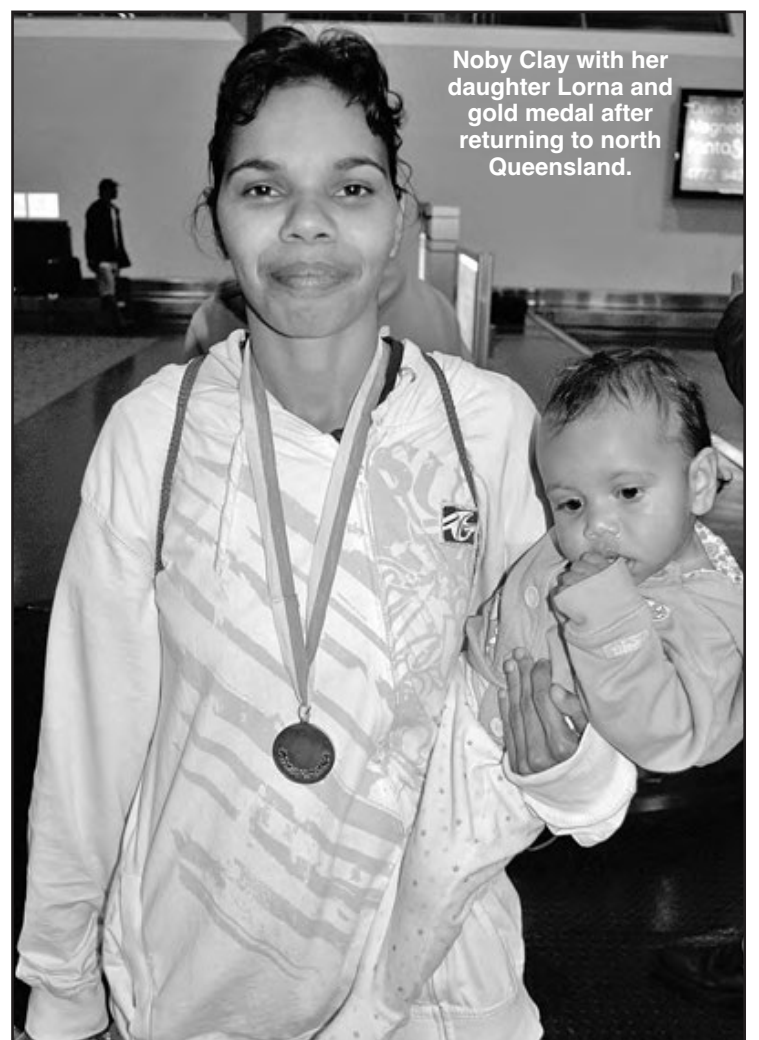
He said Palm Island was the most successful club from Queensland, and he was hoping for continued success in 2010.

"We are also hoping for more financial assistance," he said.

● FOOTNOTE: The Palm Island club is aligned with the Queensland Sunstate Amateur Boxing League, which is a breakaway group formed in 1986.

Until now, boxers faced heavy sanctions for fighting in Boxing Association Australia competitions while members of the breakaway league and were unable to compete for Australian selection.

"Now the association is letting League boxers compete in trials for the Commonwealth Games, as Selwyn will, and this is a first. It is a good thing they can now get the chance to represent Australia," Dennis said.



Noby Clay with her daughter Lorna and gold medal after returning to north Queensland.

## Socceroos climb world rankings

THE Socceroos have improved three places to No 21 in the latest world rankings released by governing body FIFA.

Australia's 2-1 away victory over Oman in their Asian Cup qualifying match last month has helped them inch closer to another spot back in the world's top 20.

Pim Verbeek's men had reached the

lofty heights of No 14 in the rankings in September, having locked up a second straight World Cup appearance, before slipping back down the list.

New Zealand have also improved their standing, rising six places to No 77 following their qualification for South Africa, which will be just their second ever World Cup appearance.

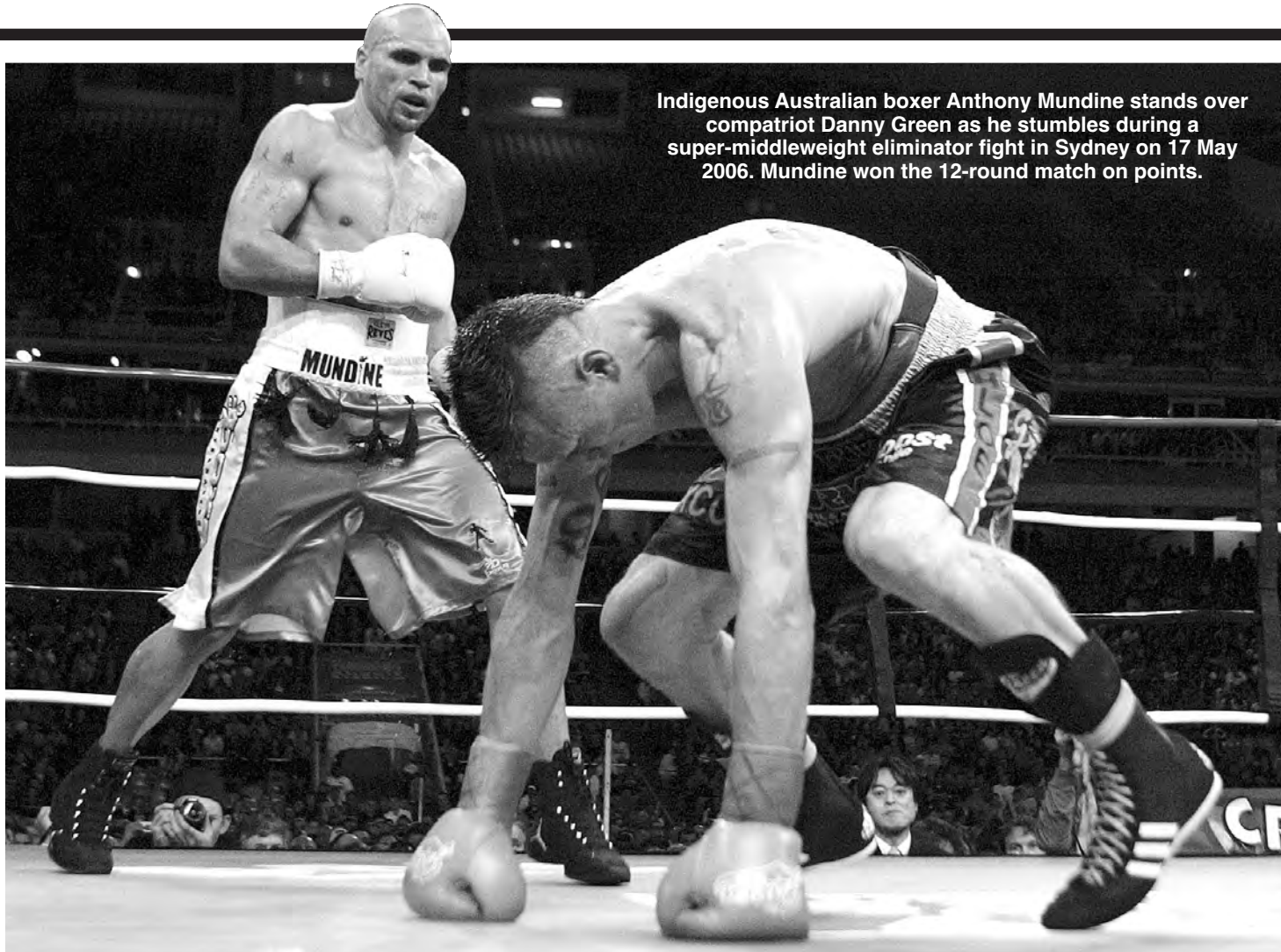
European champions Spain have

replaced Brazil at the top of the list, with the Netherlands third ahead of world champions Italy, then Portugal and Germany.

The Portuguese, who were ranked below Australia in recent months, have been the biggest movers in the top ten.

France has risen two places to No 7, followed by Argentina, England and Croatia. – AAP





Indigenous Australian boxer Anthony Mundine stands over compatriot Danny Green as he stumbles during a super-middleweight eliminator fight in Sydney on 17 May 2006. Mundine won the 12-round match on points.

# 'I'll whip him again': Choc



ANTHONY Mundine has challenged Danny Green to a rematch that all Australian boxing fans want to see.

Mundine announced at a press conference on 4 December that he would drop down another weight division next month to take on Sydney coal miner Robert Medley at 69.85kg for the International Boxing Organisation (IBO) junior middleweight world title, but spent half the conference taunting Green.

Despite being four weight divisions apart, Mundine dared Green to step back in the ring for a sequel to the 'Man versus Machine' showstopper in 2006.

Green is unconquered in seven fights since Mundine beat him in a 12-round points decision in their middleweight tussle, and earlier this month spectacularly stopped American great Roy Jones Jr in the first round of their IBO cruiserweight world title bout.

## 'Make it even'

"I tell you what, we'll make it even. I don't care," Mundine said.

"I'll try to even it up by coming to super middle or middle. He can be a heavyweight and then you all think he might have a chance.

"But it's something our managers will have to work out... throw some numbers at me."

Mundine vowed to 'whip' Green again, regardless of weights.

"You're either deaf, dumb or blind to not

know that he was my whipping boy two or three years ago," he said.

"I beat him up so good, every round by round, second by second. I was blowing kisses to him, I was smiling at him, poking my tongue out, blowing kisses to his missus.

"I was just having fun. That was one of my easiest night's work in my boxing career.

"Like I said, he knows what happened to him. He knows I got his number, he knows I got his measure.

"He's not even a great notch on my record because that night was easy. I tattooed him, man. That's probably why he's got extra tattoos on him now.

"Danny, I whipped your a... and I'll whip it again."

## Moved on

Mundine is seemingly oblivious to his arch-rival's elevated status, with Green's camp indicating they had moved on following Green's stunning defeat of Jones Jr.

"Danny is a world champion and has just beaten one of the greatest of all time. If we do it (a rematch), it will be on our terms," Green's manager and long-time friend Justin Manolikos said.

Green said he had bigger fish to fry.

"I've just knocked out one of the greatest fighters of all time, it's like comparing a killer whale to a flathead," he said.

If successful over Medley, a 28-year-old with 27 wins from 29 fights, Mundine will become the first boxer ever to win four

world titles going down in weight categories.

"As a matter of fact, I want to change my name," Mundine said.

"From this date forth, I don't want to be known as Anthony 'The Man' Mundine. I want to be known as Anthony 'The Pioneer' Mundine.

"I'm into doing s..., being the pioneer, and doing stuff that ain't been done and this is a history-making fight."

Mundine, 34, began his career in super middleweight and has won 37 of his 40 fights, 23 by knockout.

MEANWHILE, Jeff Fenech says Danny Green's win over Roy Jones Jr was one of the great moments in Australian boxing history and tipped his former charge to destroy Anthony Mundine if they ever had a rematch.

Fenech, who was Green's first trainer after he turned professional following the 2000 Olympics, said he had even predicted Green's first-round knockout on radio before the bout.

Mundine outpointed Green in a super middleweight contest in Sydney three years ago, but Fenech was certain the result would be reversed if they met again.

"If they fight again, Danny will destroy him, especially at a heavier weight," Fenech said.

He felt there was still some chance of a rematch, even though there could be four weight divisions between them.

"There's one common denominator... it's called money," Fenech said. —AAP

# Adelaide Oval again to host AFL matches



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) Chief Executive Officer Andrew Demetriou can't hide his delight at delivering his code an effectively new Adelaide

stadium — for free.

The AFL won't pay a cent towards a redeveloped Adelaide Oval which will host AFL games within four years.

Demetriou's presence was pivotal in thawing a 40-year stand-off between the main two South Australian sporting bodies.

The SA Cricket Association (SACA) and SA National Football League (SANFL) had not been on speaking terms since a bitter split 40 years ago.

But Demetriou's peacemaking secured a government-funded \$450-million redevelopment of Adelaide Oval, with AFL games and international cricket to share residency.

"It's a day that many people didn't believe, or wouldn't believe, would happen," Demetriou said in Adelaide last week. "They (SACA and SANFL) have come to the table with enormous goodwill."

The Adelaide Oval was established in 1873 after the SACA formed, and four years later Australian rules football was first played at the ground.

## Parted ways

The sports co-habited for almost a century before the SANFL took umbrage at the SACA's landlord role and split — constructing its own purpose-built football ground 30km west of the city, which opened in 1974.

That stadium, owned by the SANFL and originally known as Football Park, has hosted AFL games since 1991.

But a lack of public transport and ageing facilities meant the venue was becoming unable to adequately cope with AFL crowds.

"We have been desperate to improve our facilities and venues for our supporters throughout the country," Demetriou said.

"And now South Australians will be able to put their hands on their heart and say they have got an iconic venue in the heart of the city.

"It will leave a magnificent legacy for this State."

The redeveloped Adelaide Oval will have a capacity crowd of 50,000 — smaller than the 51,515 capacity at Football Park, now known as AAMI Stadium.

AAMI Stadium will remain the home and training base for the Adelaide Crows, and Demetriou said the ageing West Lakes arena would likely be used for AFL pre-season matches, due to cricket commitments at the Adelaide Oval.

And he flagged AAMI Stadium as a fallback option for AFL premiership games should Australia win a bid for the 2018 or 2022 soccer World Cup, given any cup matches would take precedence at Adelaide Oval. —AAP



## Wheelchair-bound Zac lives his dream

**F**OURTEEN-year-old Zac Ahoy doesn't let having the debilitating disease cerebral palsy get in the way of his love of sport. Zac, from Armidale, on the NSW northern tablelands, plays basketball in a wheelchair. But he lines up against able-bodied basketballers in the local competition.

Some of the rules are modified to accommodate Zac and his wheelchair.

He has a passion for sport and dreams of being the next Michael Jordan.

Zac was born with cerebral palsy – a

disease that affects body movement and muscles and is caused by abnormalities in parts of the body that control muscle movement. But despite being stuck in a wheelchair, Zac doesn't let that get in the way.

His mum and dad, Jill and Malcolm Ahoy, have six children, with Zac the youngest. His family has always been there for him.

Zac is in Year 9 at Armidale High School. He loves his sport and every Wednesday – sports day – he's on the basketball court.

Every Wednesday he also has to get to Oorala Aboriginal Centre at the University of New England, where he is doing work experience.

And every Wednesday night he plays basketball in a local competition at his school. Zac is in a team along with members of his family.

Zac, while not especially strong, tries to throw the ball as hard as he can.

"I was asked if I was able to play. I didn't let anything worry me – I just stepped out with confidence," he said.

"The best thing about it is that I'm

playing sport with my family."

Zac has always been a big fan of sport, especially rugby league and basketball. He is a supporter of the Melbourne Storm and was at this year's National Rugby League (NRL) grand final between the Storm and Parramatta Eels.

He also remains focused on education and realises that education is the key to a successful life.

"I'm on a path to finish Year 12 and to succeed in my education. That's my first priority," he said.

## Dragons return

### Doomadgee re-admitted to Mid-West league comp

By ALF WILSON



THE Doomadgee Dragons will re-enter the Mid-West Queensland rugby league competition in 2010, a Palm

Island representative side will play a curtain-raiser game to the Foley Shield grand final, and Torres Cape will have a 'home' game in Cooktown.

Those were some of the decisions involving Indigenous footballers made at a QRL Northern Division conference from 20-22 November in Townsville's Jupiter's Casino Hotel.

Representatives from the Torres Strait, west to Mount Isa and south to Sarina attended the meeting.

Divisional chairman Greg Sutherland told *The Koori Mail* that Torres Cape would play a Foley Shield game at Cooktown against Cairns on 24 April next year, when Townsville would play Mackay at Sarina, and reigning Shield champions Innisfail/Eacham would meet a combined Mount Isa/Mid-West side in a revamped format for the prestigious competition.

#### Back to Townsville

After the 24 April games, all teams return to Townsville on the May Day weekend to play the remaining matches, with one game on the Saturday and two on the Sunday.

"Included will be invitational games for the Townsville women, and a Palm Island rep team will play Centrals from Townsville in the curtain-raiser to the grand final. It is another way to promote our sport, but also rewards those areas that have done a lot of work incorporating,



At the Queensland Rugby League Northern Division conference, from left, Harry Deemal, David Westley (Weipa-based rugby league development officer), Nigel Tillett and Ada Tillett.

affiliating and getting their coaches and first aid people accredited to the QRL level," Sutherland said.

Last year, all Foley Shield games were played in Townsville over the Easter long weekend and with Innisfail/Eacham defeating Torres Cape 32-22 in the final.

#### Agreement

At the conference, Sutherland met with Troy Fraser and David Booth, from Doomadgee, and the parties agreed that the Doomadgee Dragons would again be part of the Mid-West competition in 2010 after several years' absence due to long travelling and finances.

"There was also a meeting after that between Mid-West and Mount Isa to formulate an extended league between both competitions," Sutherland said.

"It is all good news for those districts. Dick Walsh as the coaching and development officer has done a lot of work on the submission with both Leagues and Mid-West chairman Paul Stevens, of Normanton, has been the architect of the concept which the Northern Division has

endorsed and will contribute to financially to start it off."

In other news, Hughenden administrator Kelly Carter, from the Mid-West League, was a runner-up in the NRL One Community Awards for Volunteer of the Year.

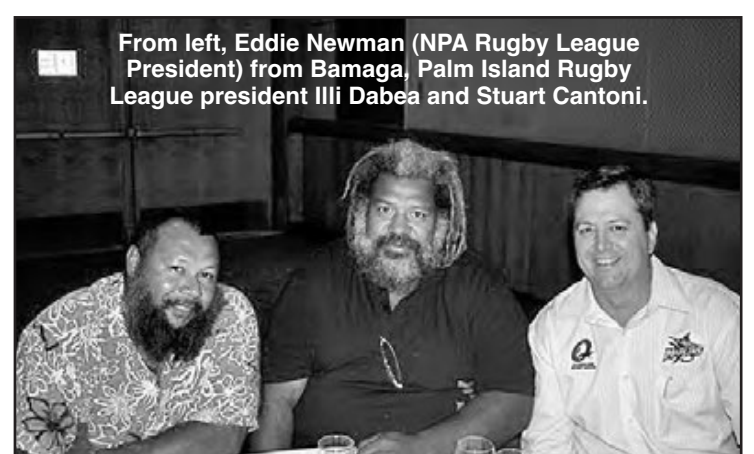
And there will be a women's rugby league carnival in Cairns in conjunction with the North Queensland Games during Easter 2010.

"We expect up to 20 teams to nominate. From there a NQ Marlins women's team will be selected for the State carnival," Sutherland said.

"We have proposed a NQ Club Masters Carnival in Airlie Beach in July 2010 as well. Applications for the coaching, managers and selectors for north Queensland teams will be called this week, with the division hoping to field a strong team to defend our title.

"That carnival is likely to be held on the Gold Coast for the next three years."

Sutherland said the division was keen to have a carnival for invited junior clubs in Richmond where the council and Junior League were keen to host a home competition



From left, Eddie Newman (NPA Rugby League President) from Bamaga, Palm Island Rugby League president Illi Dabea and Stuart Cantoni.

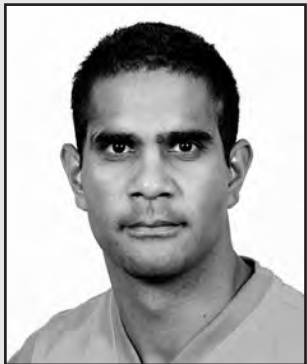


North Queensland Rugby League president Greg Sutherland, left, with Kelly Carter, who won an NRL award, and Kelly's husband Les Carter, from Hughenden.



# Community cheer

## Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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ONE of the great opportunities that playing AFL afforded me was to travel around the country and beyond and to meet a host of new people and true characters. My new role will continue to take me around the country and indeed, beyond our shores when I travel with the young Indigenous development side to South Africa.

One of the great initiatives over the past few seasons has been the AFL's Community Camps, where each AFL club spends a few days in a given town or area.

This is not just about development; it's about meeting and greeting the fans in a way that gives them some quality time with the players.

It is also a chance to develop real relationships with people you might not otherwise meet.

It is also a chance to say thank you to the fans for their

loyalty and support.

During last year's AFL Community Camps, AFL players visited 120 schools and 3000 children attended super clinics.

This broadens the positive impact AFL players have on communities and this will particularly be the case for those townships affected by the devastating bushfires earlier this year.

When Carlton visits these areas, the players learn first-hand the impact they can have on these kids.

They not only provide opportunities for the young up-and-coming players to get first-hand advice and benefit from the experience and skills of their sporting heroes, but they also have a positive motivating effect on the communities in general.

### Dubbo visit

The Swans kicked off the Community Camps recently and a little story about my former team-mate Craig Bolton highlights what I am talking about.

Bolton, Nathan Gordon, Gary Rohan and Campbell Heath visited Dubbo and they met an old lady at a hotel.

The lady's mother tells the story better than me.

She wrote the following to the Swans:

"My mother, aged 84 years, is an absolute die-hard fan and when I read that some on the team were visiting, I asked her if she would like to go.

"We went to the Amaroo Hotel and the players were an absolute credit to the club. They made a real fuss of my mother who was absolutely over the moon on her way back to her home – Bracken House Aged Care facility.

"I was extremely impressed with the professionalism of each of the players and will be forever



grateful for their lovely and patient approach to my mother."

To bring a little joy to an elderly lady at this time of the year is something we should all aspire to.

But it was Craig who perhaps got the bigger thrill out of the experience.

In his blog on the event, he wrote:

"We attended a function last night for the local team, the

Dubbo Demons, and the highlight was an 84-year-old passionate fan who made the trip from the nursing home."

He went on to write about the footy clinics and the like, but it was obviously the passion of the lady and the joy the visit brought to her that stood out.

This simple event might appear insignificant in the total scheme of things, but it highlights to me some messages

I would like to finish the year on.

It takes little effort to give a person your time.

Or, even if your time is limited, it takes even less effort to ensure you give that person your full attention.

Too often in today's life we think we are too busy or, worse still, too important to give up our time to people we think have nothing to give us.

But it is amazing how much joy and happiness we can bring into a person's life just by giving them that little piece of ourselves.

In return, a kid's smile or an old lady's laughter can bring us so much in return.

I remember visiting a school once when the principal was talking to the staff.

It was a large boys' school in a tough part of Sydney, but the principal brought the whole focus of his talk down the simple humanity of being recognised as an individual.

"Just remember," he said, "you can make a simple difference to a kid's life by calling him by his first name and asking him how his week is going."

How often do we bother to stop and ask a young kid how his life is going?

How often do we bother to respect an old person by giving them some of our time?

The sad thing is we could also ask the same questions of the time we give to our own kids and the Elders of our families and our communities.

My resolution for the New Year will be to try to give some time to those people who most deserve it – the young who are learning and the old who have the wisdom gained from learning.

Thank you all for your support!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!!

## Breakaway rugby league talks

THE 16 clubs in the National Rugby League (NRL) have been called to a meeting to discuss establishing a breakaway competition, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported on Saturday.

It said that with momentum towards an independent commission for rugby league stalling last week, the 16 clubs had been called to a meeting to discuss walking away from the NRL and setting up a new competition.

It is shaping as the most significant meeting of rugby league's powerbrokers since the start of the Super League war.

A council-of-war meeting in Sydney next month comprising the chief executives, chairmen, coaches and captains of all 16

NRL clubs is set to consider orchestrating a 'reverse Super League' and forming a breakaway competition if the ARL and News Ltd fail to reach agreement on an independent commission, the *Herald* said.

The high-powered meeting is the most significant in the game's history since the gathering that ended the Super League war in 1997 and will dramatically ramp up pressure on the ARL and News Ltd to hand their 50 per cent stakes in the NRL to the clubs.

If that doesn't happen before the 18 January gathering the *Herald* said it had been told the clubs would consider quitting the NRL to start their own competition.

## Another accolade for our columnist

MANY newly-retired professional sportspeople hit a moment when they realise, with a hollow feeling in their stomach, that their time has indeed passed.

AFL star Michael O'Loughlin is definitely not one of those lost sporting souls.

O'Loughlin was honoured on 4 December for his distinguished service on and off the field, winning the AFL Players' Association Madden Medal.

The AFLPA's executive voted for O'Loughlin ahead of a strong field of newly-retired players that included Matthew Lloyd, Joel Bowden, Matthew Richardson and Tom Harley.

"I'm pretty content with where I'm at, at the moment. My role now is obviously to expose some more Indigenous people to the game and help these young guys come through," *The Koori Mail* columnist said.

Apart from his heavy involvement in the Indigenous community, O'Loughlin has helped promote the game in the tough Sydney market. He is now a part-time coach at the AFL Academy, along with Lloyd and Harley, and will continue to focus on working with young Indigenous players. – AAP

## Lovett-Murray cleared of drug possession

ESSENDON utility Nathan Lovett-Murray has had a charge of drug possession against him dismissed.

The 27-year-old was charged by police in August after a single ecstasy tablet was allegedly found during a raid on his home, which he shares with several other people.

But the charge against the player – who is well regarded for his community work, particularly with Indigenous people – was struck out at a suburban magistrates court in Melbourne on Friday.

The decision was welcomed by AFL Players Association chief executive Matt Finnis.

"We applaud Nathan for having the courage of his convictions to strongly maintain his innocence and contest the charge," Finnis said.

"By deciding to take up the fight to clear his name, Nathan showed the type of character and resolve that those close to him would recognise."

Bombers football manager Paul Hamilton said the player wanted to thank family, friends and supporters who had stood by him.

"Nathan has said from the start he did not possess any drugs and does not take drugs. Today that charge has been withdrawn and his name has been cleared," Hamilton said. – AAP



# Little athletes' big day out



**SA**  
THE emphasis was on fun at the third Nunga Little Athletics day at Santos Stadium, Adelaide, on Friday 27 November.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth came from areas, including the West Coast, APY Lands, south-east, Riverland, Yorke Peninsula and Flinders Ranges, to test themselves in track and field events.

Basic training sessions in the morning were followed by competition for the older children.

The event was organised by volunteers from the Nunga community and the SA Little Athletics Association.



Special guest was Otis Gowa, last year's Australian 100m champion.



Changing batons in the boys' eight years relay.



Preston Cockatoo-Collins launches himself in the long jump.



On the dais for the medal presentation for the eight-year-old discus throw are Bailey Harvey-Rigney, Brock Lane and Richard Yunupingu.



It's a tight race in the 12-year-old boys' 100 metres.



Evelyn Goldsmith-Miller flashes home in her event.

# Hockey came first



**KOOKABURRAS** striker Des Abbott has played Australian rules football with and against some of the AFL's best.

Yet hockey is his sport of choice – a sport which has already taken him to an Olympic Games and the mantle of the Northern Territory's leading current sportsman.

Abbott, 23, is rated one of world hockey's emerging talents, and he played a pivotal role in Australia's win in the Champions Trophy competition in Melbourne.

And what is now apparent is how much the Kookaburras rely on Abbott firing up front as they defended their Champions Trophy title.

Twice he lit up Australia's round-robin matches, with a goal and two assists in a 4-0 opening day win over South Korea and a match-winner in a

2-1 victory over England.

He also scored Australia's first goal in their 5-3 win over Germany in the final on 6 December.

Abbott played footy in his home town of Darwin with Melbourne star Aaron Davey and Geelong's Mathew Stokes, and against the likes of Richmond's Richard Tambling.

A passionate North Melbourne supporter, he had been rated good enough to make it to the AFL, like his good friend Davey whom he rates 'a freak'.

## Start younger

But family swung him hockey's way.

"With hockey I guess I got noticed a lot earlier, I started winning player of the tournaments when I was 14 or 15," Abbott said.

"In footy you don't really get there until you're 18 with the draft. Hockey was always a family sport because we were all involved."

Abbott is the latest Indigenous

**DES ABBOTT**



talent to make the hockey big-time, with Olympic gold medallist Nova Peris – also a Territorian – and Baeden Choppy also playing at the top level.

Abbott's cousin Joel Carroll is also in the Kookaburras

program, although he missed the Champions Trophy through injury.

With Carroll and Abbott's father David also living in Perth, things are far more bearable than they were when he first left for Western Australia as a teenager in 2005.

So homesick was Abbott that he was given an immediate three-month leave pass to go back to Darwin to be with his mother Kerry and his family.

The Territory loves Abbott, the reigning NT Sportsman of the Year, and the feeling is mutual.

Abbott admits he desperately misses his mum and his home town, and once his career is finished – most likely after the 2012 Olympics – there's little doubt what he'll be doing.

"I like to think about things year by year – I don't like looking too far ahead because then I start missing home," Abbott said.

"I definitely go up once a year for Christmas, and if I get the opportunity I go up two or three times a year – whenever there's a break in the hockey program.

"I'm definitely not looking further than the Olympics. Then it's back to Darwin. Even though it never changes, everything and everyone's there." – AAP



# The highs and

**THE Koori Mail's Peter Argent** looks back on the 2009 Australian Football League (AFL) campaign – club by club – from an indigenous perspective, beginning with this year's premiers Geelong. (\* = rookie list player).

## Geelong Cats

Premiers (Minor round 2nd, 18 wins, 4 losses, 0 draws)

Adam Varcoe \* (2009 performances: 0 games, 0 goals), Travis Varcoe (22, 22), Mathew Stokes (19, 29), Nathan Djerrkura (3, 0), Steven Motlop (0, 0).

Geelong, with a third grand final appearance in a row and a second premiership cup, has proved to be one of the great teams of the modern era.

For the man who was given AFL Hall of Famer Graham 'Polly' Farmer's famous number five jumper, 2009 proved to be a year of redemption for **Travis Varcoe**, as he was a member of Geelong's 2009 AFL flag-winning combination. Playing 22 of the possible 25 matches, he was a solid performer most of the year, and also reached his 50th game milestone during the season.

In every premiership-winning campaign there is one hard-luck story, and this year it was former Palmerston Magpies lad from Darwin **Mathew Stokes**.

He was a late withdrawal from the preliminary final team, putting his club before himself, and this selfless decision would prove to cost him a berth in the following week's grand final.

Stokes was nevertheless honoured at the Cats' presentation night with the community champion trophy.

Finally making his AFL debut in his third year at Kardinia Park, **Nathan Djerrkura** endured the frustration of trying to break into the best team in the land during his time at the Cats. Along with his three senior matches, he played another nine in the VFL.

The younger brother of Travis – **Adam Varcoe** – played 14 games with Geelong in their VFL side, making steady progress as rookie listed player.

After overcoming early season injuries, **Steven Motlop** finished his year playing the last six games of the Cats' VFL season and will be looking to develop on this base.

## St Kilda

Runners-up (1st, 20, 2, 0)

Raphael Clarke (16, 0), Xavier Clarke (0, 0), Ross Tungatulum \*(0, 0).

After being the dominant team in the minor round and having all the expectation of a second flag in their history, the Saints fell just short at the final hurdle.

**Raph Clarke** played 13 minor-round games and the three finals, but his effort on that last day in September is one to forget.

He did finally get to the 50th AFL game landmark during the season.

Older brother **Xavier** had a heartbreaking year after a solid start and returning to form for Casey Scorpions, when he endured a season-ending injury in early May.

The Saints acquired former Essendon midfielder **Andrew Lovett** during the

trade week. He was exchanged for the Saints' first-round draft pick, (selection 16).

Elevated off the rookie list and debuting for the Bombers in 2005, the 26-year-old has played 88 AFL games.

The Saints used their first draft pick, number 32, in the second round to draft **Nicholas Winmar**, a 2009 WA under-18 representative. Recruited from Claremont and standing at 189cm, the 18-year-old is a versatile player with strong athletic ability.

**Ross Tungatulum** had a short stint in the AFL system, playing for Sandringham. He played 17 games at VFL reserves level and debuted for one game in early August in the seniors.

"We would like to thank delisted player Ross Tungatulum for his contribution to the club – on and off the field," senior coach Ross Lyon said.

## Western Bulldogs

(3rd – 15, 7, 0)

Josh Hill (23, 33), Jarrod Harbrow (23, 1), Malcolm Lynch (0, 0), Brennan Stack (3, 4), Liam Jones (0, 0).

For the second year running, the Bulldogs bowed out in the penultimate week of the finals campaign.

In the Western Bulldogs' best and fairest awards, the Charles Sutton Medal, dynamic small defender **Jarrod Harbrow** had a tremendous year, finishing sixth and playing his role in defence with distinction.

He also was the winner of the club's Community Award.

Forward **Josh Hill** had a solid season, finishing a creditable 13th in the best and fairest and kicking 33 goals. He will be pleased the club has a key target in attack – Barry Hall – coming to the club next year.

Along with his three games at senior level in his debut year after being drafted back at the end of 2006, **Brennan Stack** also participated in 16 matches with the Williamstown side in the VFL competition.

**Liam Jones** spent a year of studies at the exclusive Scotch College in Melbourne and made sporadic appearances in the Williamstown reserves. He finished with eight games at this level and is certainly a project player with the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs' surprise selection number 73 in the AFL draft – **Shane Thorne** – said that while he hoped to play senior football next year, he knew there was plenty of hard work ahead.

The Western Bulldogs have delisted former ACT/NSW Rams under-age player **Malcolm Lynch** for the 2010 season.

He impressed during his first season in 2007, however his progress was hampered by continued hamstring problems and he managed only two senior games during his time at Whitten Oval.

Lynch was asked to continue to train at the club ahead of the rookie draft.

## Collingwood

(4th – 15, 7, 0)

Johnny Bennell \*(0, 0), Anthony Corrie (3, 2), Shannon Cox (11, 2), Leon Davis (23, 35), Brad Dick (16, 22), Sharrod Wellingham (16, 6).

After a fourth consecutive finals appearance in 2009, the Magpies were again one win short of a grand final berth



**Josh Hill had a solid 2009 AFL season, finishing 13th in the Western Bulldogs' best and fairest, and kicking 33 goals. Peter Argent says he will be pleased to have Barry Hall joining the club next year.**

this year. **Leon Davis'** outstanding minor round culminated in his first All Australian honours, selected in the forward pocket. He was also a top ten finisher in the 2009 Copeland Trophy, finishing in eighth position. The frustration of poor finals form is now hanging over his head, after yet another group of modest returns in the major round.

Lightning quick small forward **Brad Dick** and West Australian **Sharrod Wellingham** added 16 appearances in the black and white during the season and they are developing well.

**Anthony Corrie** in his first season at Collingwood finished with three matches, while in a decision which shocked many, **Shannon Cox** walked away from the game at the top level after playing 11 games in the 2009 campaign and 25 overall.

**Johnny Bennell** didn't get much of a chance in the Magpies' program, only being rookie listed for the season, after being rookie drafted from Peel Thunder in the WAFL. He played 11 games for the Magpies at VFL level and his best effort was a four-goal haul against the eventual premiers, North Ballarat.

## Adelaide

(5th – 14, 8, 0)

Tony Armstrong (0, 0), Jonathon Griffin (2, 0), Jarrhan Jacky (0, 0), Graham Johncock (22, 2), Andrew McLeod (24, 10), Jared Petrenko (9, 4).

Considered by many as a team that would drift out of the top eight in 2009, the Crows had a strong year until a poor qualifying final performance against Collingwood.

Now the longest serving Crow in this

club's history, silky-smooth veteran **Andrew McLeod** played all 24 games during the season and again was a top ten finisher in Malcolm Blight Medal voting.

McLeod, along with fellow veteran Tyson Edwards, who are going on in 2010, finished in equal eighth position with 30 votes.

In a three-way tie with 38 votes, key small defender **Graham Johncock** was in equal fourth with Michael Doughty and young forward Kurt Tippett.

**Jonathon Griffin**, a ruckman from the west, with a combination of injury and poor form with Central District, could only manage two games this winter.

Debuting this year after being an emergency a number of times the previous winter, **Jared Petrenko** displayed signs that he will be a strong long-term prospect for the Crows.

**Tony Armstrong** had a solid development year with North Adelaide in the SANFL, but will need to make some impact during the forthcoming season.

**Jarrhan Jacky**, after three games in his first season, struggled to hold a regular place in the Woodville-West Torrens senior side during the year.

## Brisbane Lions

(6th – 13, 8, 1)

Rhan Hooper (9, 13), Ashley McGrath (24, 7), Albert Proud (13, 4), Jason Roe (8, 1), Sam Sheldon (19, 1).

In Michael Voss' first season of coaching, the Brisbane franchise finished a solid sixth.

The outstanding Aboriginal performance at the Lions came from **Ashley McGrath**, who was a strong seventh in the 2009 best and fairest award, the Merrett-Murray Medal.

He played all 24 matches and became an integral part of the senior group at Brisbane.

In a break-out year, **Sam Sheldon** cemented a position as a livewire half back for the Lions, playing 19 games. This was an outstanding effort after being drafted in 2006 and spending two years struggling with injury.

In-and-under mid-fielder **Albert Proud** continued his development, adding another 13 senior games to his nine over the preceding two winters.

Extraordinary talent **Rhan Hooper** added nine game during the season before the club lost patience with him and he was delisted – only to be picked up in the draft by Hawthorn.

After playing eight games in Voss' initial season in charge, journeyman defender **Jason Roe** was also shown the door.

Wingman/half-back **Xavier Clarke** was among the five quality players Brisbane Lions added to their list in a successful and busy trade week in October.

The deal struck with the Saints involved Clarke joining the Lions in exchange for the club's fourth-round draft selection (Pick No 60 overall).

The classy wingman/half-back was drafted by St Kilda with their first round selection (pick No 5 overall) back in 2001 and has since played 105 matches with the Saints.

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# lows of 2009

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Clarke was a member of St Kilda's pre-season premiership sides in 2004 and 2008, but managed just eight senior matches in the past two seasons after battling injuries.

"I've been offered a terrific opportunity at Brisbane and I'm really looking forward to further developing my career with the Lions," Xavier Clarke said.

## Carlton

(7th – 13, 9, 0)

Chris Yarran (6, 4), Andrew Walker (6, 2), Jeff Garlett \* (10, 12), Eddie Betts (22, 38), Joe Anderson (3, 0).

The Blues returned to finals football for the first time since 2001, only to be dumped out in week one by Brisbane.

After a frustrating 2008 with a shoulder problem, **Andrew Walker** missed a large portion of the first half of this year with the same complaint. The talented defender did come back late to play six matches at AFL level.

**Eddie Betts** had a productive year, finishing with 38 goals as a small forward, and now needs to further develop his endurance to spend more time through the midfield.

One of the surprise packets at Carlton was elusive small forward **Jeff Garlett**. He showed patches of sheer brilliance during the season and just needs to find more consistency.

First-round draft selection **Chris Yarran** got limited opportunities during his first year, but also produced a couple of explosive performances with the club's VFL franchise, the Northern Bullants, during the finals, especially in the preliminary final.

Darwin lad **Joe Anderson**, who has been on the Blues' list since the start of the 2007 season, added three games to his nine in the first two years and needs to make his mark in 2010.

## Essendon

(8th – 10, 11, 1)

Courtenay Dempsey (20, 7), Jarrod Atkinson (5, 2), Alwyn Davey (20, 14), Leroy Jetta (6, 1), Andrew Lovett (22, 21), Nathan Lovett-Murray (14, 9), Patrick Ryder (21, 12).

The developing Bombers gained finals experience in Matthew Knight's second year as coach in a positive season at the Windy Hill club.

An unfortunate injury early in the Anzac Day clash for David Hill proved to be the catalyst to **Patty Rider's** impressive season. Rider was moved into ruck and dominated in this position for the remainder of the season. He finished fourth in the best and fairest, the Crichton Medal.

**Courtenay Dempsey** developed into a key defender role for the 'Dons, playing 20 games during the season and doubling his senior appearances at Essendon.

The careers of mature-age recruits **Jarrod Atkinson** and West Australian small forward **Leroy Letta** are at the crossroads, with both needing to have big winters in 2010.

After playing all but one game during



The West Coast's David Wirrpanda in action. He has called it quits after a 227-game AFL career that included a major premiership in 2006 and All Australian representation in 2005.

the winter just completed, **Andrew Lovett** decided to move on.

**Alywn 'Froggy' Davey** continued his improvement as a hard-chasing and tackling small forward and is developing along the same lines as his brother at the Dees.

**Nathan Lovett-Murray** had a slightly later start this season and was a consistent performer.

Essendon, very active during the trade period, collected Hawks forward **Mark Williams**.

"The reality is, we have assisted Andrew Lovett to find a new home and in return, we have gained Mark Williams, and two second-round draft picks," Bombers coach Matthew Knights said.

"We are extremely happy with the outcome of this trade deal and think it will deliver excellent short- and long-term benefits for the football club."

## Hawthorn

(9th – 9, 13, 0)

Mark L Williams (13, 16), Cameron Stokes \* (10, 2), Carl Peterson \* (0, 0), Cyril Rioli (19, 21), Lance Franklin (21, 67), Chance Bateman (22, 13).

The words 'premiership hangover' certainly explained the Hawks' 2009 season.

It was another excellent year for 20-year-old creative forward **Cyril Rioli**.

With 123 votes, Rioli had taken an early 11-vote lead in the Peter Crimmins Medal count after ten rounds before being sidelined through injury.

But he held off **Lance Franklin**, the 2008 winner, by two votes in third place, capping off a fantastic second AFL season for Rioli.

Put under a lot more scrutiny by opponents this year, Lance Franklin still was productive for the Hawks, kicking 67 goals.

Hard-running centre line player **Chance Bateman** was fifth in the club's best and fairest.

Still a rookie in 2010, **Cameron Stokes** played ten senior games for the Hawks to add to his nine in 2008.

Dual club leading goal-kicker **Mark Williams** moved past his 100th game milestone early in a season, but was hampered by injury.

Rookie **Carl Peterson**, after two years with the Coburg Tigers, finally got on to the park this year, playing just six games at VFL reserves level, including the Box Hill finals.

Elite footballer **Shaun Burgoyne** will be a Hawthorn player in 2010, as part of four-way trade.

Hawthorn general manager player personnel and strategy Chris Pelchen was understandably delighted in getting the deal done.

"Shaun is a quality player of outstanding character and we welcome him to our club," he said.

"He offers us another highly talented option in our mid-field and we look forward to seeing him in the brown and gold next year."

## Port Adelaide

(10th – 9, 13, 0)

Peter Burgoyne (15, 4), Shaun Burgoyne (9, 4), Nathan Krakouer (19, 2), Daniel Motlop (11, 22), Marlon Motlop (3, 1), Wade Thompson \* (2, 0), Danyale Pearce (22, 13).

Port Adelaide sat on the brink of finals participation for the majority of the second half of the season without really threatening the top eight.

The coaching staff was frustrated with significant injuries to key players **Shaun Burgoyne** and freakish forward **Daniel Motlop**.

Burgoyne, the club vice-captain and the younger of the Burgoyne siblings, played nine games before dropping a bombshell and telling the club he wanted to look at different options at the completion of the year.

Motlop was sidelined for the second half of the year, leaving the club short of goal-kicking options.

**Danyale Pearce** had an 'up and down' year, but still finished equal eighth in the Jack Cahill Medal (with Alginat Carlyle) on 73 votes.

**Peter Burgoyne**, who was 31 before the start of the season, looked disinterested at times, playing 15 games and then announced his retirement at the end of the season.

Burgoyne, a member of the 2004 premiership side, started his career with the club in its inaugural season in the AFL in 1997 and played 240 senior games in the black, white and teal.

**Nathan Krakouer** was one of the real positives in the Power's season, quickly growing into a creative and running defender.

Livewire forward **Wade Thompson** was upgraded to the Power's senior list.

Thompson, 21, was a rookie list player in 2009 and played two senior games for

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# Time to reflect

AS we approach Christmas and New Year, I cannot help but feel all my wishes have come early.

The hype around the All Stars game on 13 February continues to grow and already it feels like grand final week even though we have almost two months to go!

That is one reason why I am looking forward to the Christmas break and having some time to sit down and reflect.

And whether you are a Christian or not, Christmas provides a good time to think back on the year gone, and, more importantly, to think about the year to come.

Christmas is traditionally a time for family and one of the key messages is that of hope.

You don't have to be a Christian to understand the importance of those two messages.

To me, my family means everything.

## Guidance

Growing up my Mum and Dad provided me with the guidance and values that have made me the person I am.

They are the values that my partner Lee and I try to instill in our three kids – Taylah, Jayden and Jake.

Whenever I have made a mistake in my life, I have found that I have always returned to these values to put my life back on track.

The two central values that I try to live by are honesty and respect.

Sometimes, the most difficult person

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to be honest with is yourself, but I have always found it easier to live with the truth than with avoiding the issue by telling lies.

It is the same thing with respect – the most important form of respect is self-respect.

When I speak to kids, I talk to them about being proud of their identity.

To be proud of who they are, proud of their family and proud of their culture.

All this adds up to self-respect, which is necessary if we are to gain the respect of others.

Which brings me to another central point that I try to teach kids.

We all want people to respect us and get upset and angry if we feel we are not being respected.

But not only do we need to earn respect, but we sometimes need to show respect first.

## Endured bias

I am always inspired by the efforts of Hazem El Masri, who as a devout Muslim has had to endure a lot of bias and misunderstanding as he grew up in Australia.

Rather than protest, he decided that actions were the best form of communication.

So he maintained his customs and beliefs without asking for any special consideration and gradually he won the respect and admiration of all around him.

In the world of rugby league – and in the broader community – he is now one of the most respected individuals I know.

He inspires others and gives them the hope that is necessary to succeed.

And it is hope that is the other characteristic of the Christmas season that I like to reflect on.

Without hope, there is no real life.

Hope is the essence of the human existence.

Yet so many people live their lives without hope.

Those who let their lives be controlled by alcohol and drugs will always live

without true hope.

For some I know, circumstances are beyond their control and I feel true pity for them.

But there are some who bring children into such an existence for whom I struggle to feel any pity for.

There are good people in this world who would be great parents, but for whatever reason, cannot have them.

Then there are people who bring kids into this world who don't want them and certainly don't deserve them.

Too many of our kids live in a world where drugs and alcohol have deprived them of the love of a true family.

Sometimes I wish I had a house big enough for them to live with me, but I know that wouldn't work.

What we need to do is to use Christmas as a time to reflect on the needs of all our kids.

## Need hope

Our kids are our future and they need to have hope in their lives.

They need education and they need a future, but to believe in that future they need hope.

We need to give them that hope.

We need to think of all kids as part of our extended family.

We need to think of them as our own.

Then we will have a better community, a better country and a better world.

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# Titans sign wayward Bird



GOLD Coast went with their proven 'gut' in signing Greg Bird and are confident he won't let them

down, says the National Rugby League (NRL) club's chief executive Michael Searle.

Bird has had past off-field issues, but Searle said the former Cronulla star had no doubt there can be no repeat as he returns to the NRL after a one season absence.

"Greg is acutely aware the good work this club has done has been on the back of hard work by the players and their families," said Searle, after announcing the signing last week.

"I asked Greg to provide a commitment to us that he won't disrespect that.

"I've asked him to engage in that and become a member of the Gold Coast community."

Searle said that in its three-year history, the club had been involved in a number of key personnel decisions and the instincts shown by management, including chairman and co-founder Paul Broughton, had proven correct each time.

"Personally, I knew John

Cartwright was going to be a coach who was going to be strong and disciplined and a man who would one day lead us to success," said Searle.

"I also knew Preston Campbell was the right person to be the club's first signing.

"Mat Rogers, at 31, had some troubles with the Wallabies, but he loved the game of rugby league and the Gold Coast.

"We also knew (co-captains) Luke Bailey and Scott Prince were two men that we could trust to lead the club to where we wanted to be.

"And we knew Chris Walker was going to be a challenge, but he was worth the investment.

"Three years on and what we know is this club is on the crest of an incredible wave."

The Titans did a lot of ground work before offering Bird a special four-year deal in which the club can terminate his contract if he breaches any of the strict conditions of behaviour.

It comes after Bird successfully appealed against a conviction for recklessly wounding his girlfriend Katie Milligan.

The NRL approved the way the contract was structured.

Searle admitted there may be

some fan backlash, but added it would be sad if that was the case given Bird's commitment to get involved with the Gold Coast community.

"This decision wasn't made lightly," said Searle.

"We spoke to all the senior players, the sponsors, community leaders and community groups, and we make this decision with clean hands.

"We're prepared to take the opportunity to offer a second chance to Greg Bird."

## Impressed

Bird said he liked what he saw in the Titans' approach.

"A lot of the work the Titans put forward about the community and what they do and about helping me deal with what I've been through impressed me," said Bird.

"They stood by me after what's been an awful time when they could have turned their back and taken the soft option."

Coach Cartwright believes Bird can lift Gold Coast to a maiden NRL premiership.

"There's never been an issue with Greg's football ability, he's played for Australia and NSW and been a leader in those sides

as well," said Cartwright, yet to decide what position to play his versatile recruit.

"The players are all excited. They're all here to have success on the football field and a positive and committed Greg Bird is going to help.

"Greg is a big game player who had success with NSW at a time when it's been tough for them to get a win and I think he can take us all the way."

Bird rejected a big offer from French-based Super League club Les Catalans.

"It hasn't been the most enjoyable 15 months of my life," said Bird.

"I admit that I handled the situation totally wrong and I'm sorry for everyone involved.

"I'm looking forward to my time on the Gold Coast. I'm out of Sydney and I'm away from everything that happened down there."

Cartwright described Bird, who can play a number of positions, as a footballing 'rarity'.

"He reminds me a bit of an older-style player," said the former Penrith premiership winner.

"We get accused of being too robotic, but Greg is definitely not robotic." – AAP

GREG BIRD





# AFL 'can do better'



SUPPORT for Indigenous Australian rules footballers is at best patchy and can be vastly improved with a few simple measures, a Victoria University researcher says.

Psychology doctoral graduate Emma Campbell says the Australian Football League (AFL) and many clubs made big advances in tackling racism and extending support for Aboriginal and Islander footballers during the 1990s, but many gaps in support services remained.

Dr Campbell was awarded her doctorate in October for her thesis *Relocation Stories: Experiences of Indigenous Footballers in the AFL*.

## Difficulties widespread

Her research, which included in-depth interviews with ten Indigenous AFL players and many club and AFL staff, found that the difficulties faced by Indigenous footballers relocating to play first-division football were widespread.

They included homesickness, racism, isolation and culture shock.

"A lot of good work was done during the 1990s following the famous gesture made by St Kilda's Nicky Winmar during play in 1993," Dr Campbell said.

"However, support has stagnated and there is

a need to address modern forms of racism which turn a blind eye to individual needs and continue to perpetuate outmoded and derogatory stereotypes."

In her thesis, Dr Campbell made the following recommendations for clubs and the AFL to improve support for Indigenous players:

- Develop an understanding of the meaning of 'home' for Indigenous players – including country, family and spiritual connectedness. This would show respect for cultural difference and support for individual circumstances.

- Provide an approachable and receptive environment, open to cultural difference. By providing mentors, support with accommodation and an employment program for Indigenous coaching, support and administrative staff and not just players, clubs could overcome many of the initial problems faced by Indigenous players upon relocation.

- Develop a more consistent approach to life paths post-football. Many Indigenous players drop off the radar at the conclusion of their playing career because of inadequate planning for the transition into non-playing roles.

- The AFL should continue to develop its Indigenous program run in association with groups such as the AFL Foundation and the West Australian-based Clontarf Foundation.

Dr Campbell now works as a psychologist/counsellor in Dubai.



Apprentice plasterer Chris Swain on the job at a Brisbane construction site. Picture: David Sproule

# Fair-dinkum all-rounder



ROCKHAMPTON teenager Chris Swain has the cricketing world at his feet after his successful tour of England with the Australian Indigenous

XI, but he isn't taking anything for granted.

The promising all-rounder, who has also played for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI which competes at the Imparja Cup National Indigenous Championships in Alice Springs, is determined to get a trade in case the fairytale ending of a professional cricket career doesn't eventuate.

He works long days as an apprentice plasterer with Brisbane company SouthPak Plastering before going to cricket training with the Northern Suburbs first-grade team in the evening.

It is an exhausting routine but he reckons it's worth it.

"I love my cricket, but I'd like to have a trade behind me as well," Swain said.

"I've always wanted to do something like this so some day I can start my own business.

"When I first started I was doing ten-hour days, although it's come back to eight hours now.

"I really got knocked the first couple of days, but I'm getting used to it. I've learned a lot of really good things and it pays good money."

## Can-do attitude

Swain's success has been built on his can-do attitude to work, which has already seen him employed as everything from a concreter to an apprentice hairdresser.

He is the first to admit he has never been fussy about jobs saying: "Whatever job was on offer, I took it."

Swain lives 640km from his family in Rockhampton, but has benefited from his cricketing connections who have given him strong support in Brisbane.

He came to Brisbane after the coach of the National Indigenous XI, Michael Mainhardt (who is also

the coach of the Northern Suburbs first-grade team), put him in touch with club president Glenn Carey, who is an industry mentor at Construction Skills Queensland.

"I hunted around my contacts and found him an apprenticeship and he is doing really well," Carey said.

"He is a great young bloke.

"There is a whole group of these guys from across Queensland and the Torres Strait islands all the way down to the border who are incredibly talented.

"Chris is a fantastic cricketer – we only discovered the other day that he can bat and bowl just as well left or right handed.

"Our goal now is to find the next Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cricketer to play for Queensland, then possibly Australia, and we are trying to fish out more players like Chris."

## Much in common

Meanwhile, Swain has been learning that sport and work have more in common than many people think.

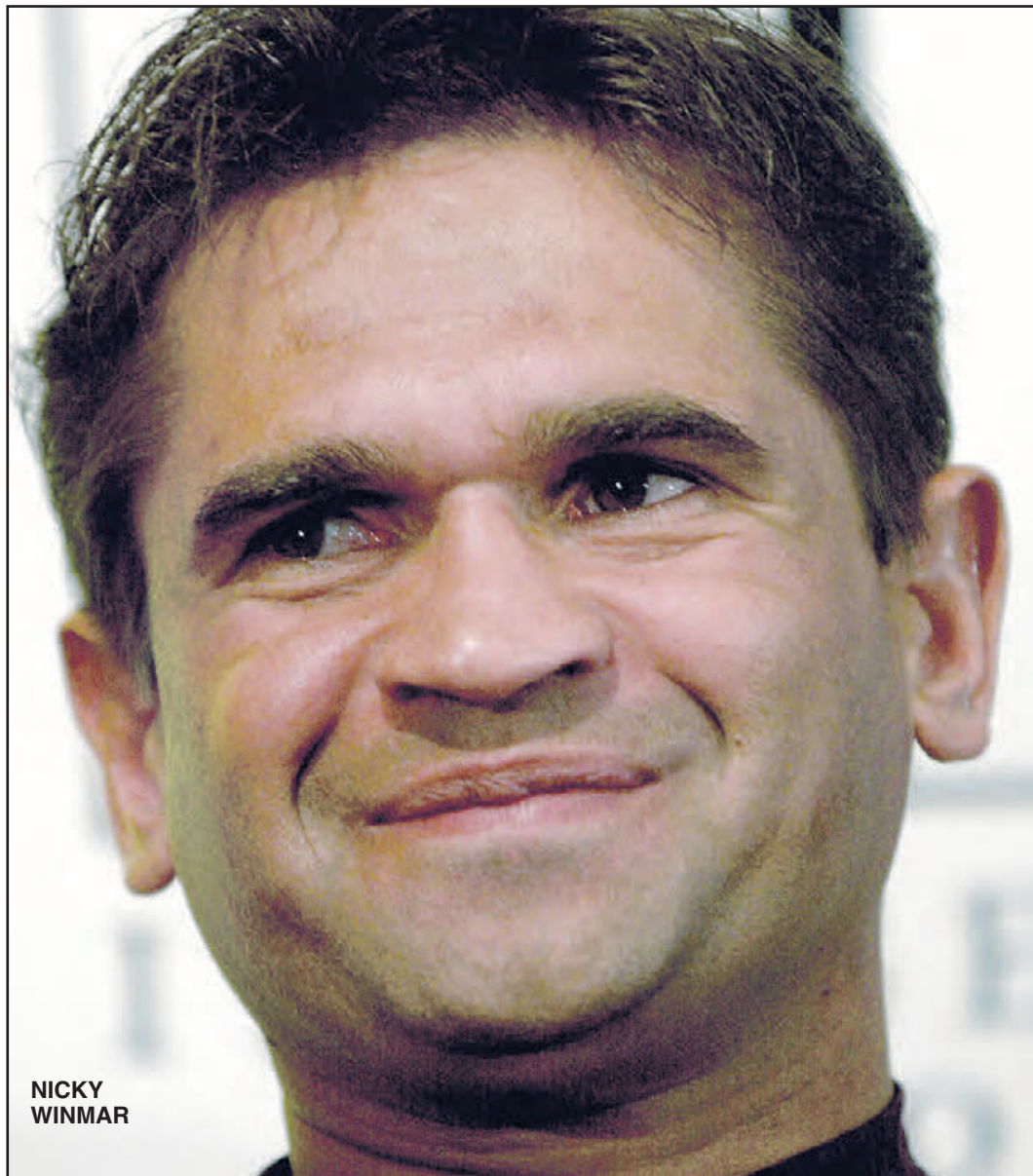
"Being on site is just like being in a team. If someone has a sick day, it puts everyone else behind," he said.

"Everyone's got to put in and no-one can slack off.

"Construction Skills Queensland has given me the greatest opportunity in an industry that has an enormous amount to offer Indigenous people and I look forward to my future within the industry and hopefully encouraging other Indigenous people to gain an apprenticeships like myself.

According to Construction Skills Queensland Indigenous Training Project Manager Larry Budd, Swain is very keen to support Construction Skills Queensland in activities at employment promotional days such as Former Origin Greats (FOGs) and other employment expos where possible.

"Chris has all the potential to be the perfect role model, not only for Construction Skills Queensland, more importantly the industry and Indigenous Australians," Budd said.



NICKY WINMAR





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how they fared in the  
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# Young athletes sizzle in Hobart



**QUEENSLANDERS**  
Wasie Toolis and  
Kertisha Thompson  
led the charge at the  
2009 Australian  
All-Schools and  
Youth Athletic Championships in  
Hobart from 4-7 December.

Wasie took the crown in two age  
groups and just to stamp her mark  
on the javelin competition, also  
broke the Australian under 16  
record with a mighty throw of 47.41  
metres.

Wasie showed she was on track  
for a stunning throw when she  
broke the under 18 Queensland  
record going into the Australian  
championships. Her coach Ian  
Thompson is very pleased with his  
charge and will be looking to  
improve on her skills before she  
competes at the Australian National  
titles in Sydney in March 2010.

Kertisha Thompson also took  
the title in two events, the long  
jump and triple jump, in difficult  
conditions.

Kertisha kept her cool and  
jumped to victory, narrowly beating  
Queensland team-mate Tara  
Whitehead in both events.

## High-performance

As a result, Kertisha has been  
selected in the Athletics Australia  
junior high-performance under 19  
squad.

West Australian athlete Raheen  
Williams also showed form by  
winning the under 17 400m hurdles  
in a slick time of 53.36 seconds,  
and grabbed a bronze medal in the  
110m hurdles.

Raheen has also been selected  
to be a member of the under 19  
squad.

Kertisha and Raheen are good  
prospects for the 2010 World  
Junior Championships being held  
in Canada.

Another generation of Freeman  
is also on the horizon – young

George Freeman, from  
Queensland.

He is following in his Auntie  
Cathy's footsteps and is an athlete  
to look out for.

Going into the 100m hurdles in  
the under 16 age group with the  
sixth fastest time, George  
surprised himself by taking the  
bronze medal in the final.  
Presenting his medal to George,  
Kyle Vander Kuyp, long-time  
mentor of the Jump Start to  
London squad, said it was a great  
pleasure to present George his  
medal. George was in Melbourne  
to compete in the National Schools  
Knock-out Championships with  
team-mates from Ipswich  
Grammar on 10 December.

The Indigenous squad at  
Hobart had strong representation  
in the under 17 boys 200m, with  
four squad members in the final.

Michael Brusnahan, from South  
Australia, nudged out the other  
three Indigenous athletes to take  
the bronze medal.

Zack Raymond was placed a  
very close fourth and then raced  
again to finish fourth in the 100m  
final.

This is a very strong age group,  
with Chauncey Andolfatto and  
Jordan Tighe completing the  
Indigenous contingent.

Young Joshua Robinson made  
his mark on the under 14 boys'  
group by showing a clean pair of  
heels to win the 400m title. Josh  
comes from Toowoomba and has  
been working hard with his coach.

With a total of 26 athletes  
from the Jump start program  
competing in Hobart, it was a great  
meeting for the squad, winning  
six gold medals and several  
silver and bronze medals and  
having numerous top eight  
positions.

The championships attract  
more than 1400 young athletes  
from around Australia.



Kertisha Thomson  
competing in the  
long jump in  
Hobart. She won  
gold in her age  
division in the  
long jump and  
triple jump.  
*Getty image*

# Woy Woy wins out

By **GRAHAM HUNT**



**THE 40th NSW Aboriginal**  
Rugby League Knockout  
carnival will be held at Woy  
Woy, on the State's central  
coast, and organisers are  
expecting up to 60 teams to enter.

The Knockout will be run by Walgett  
BAC – winners of this year's carnival at  
Armidale.

Spokesman Dan Rose told *The Koori*

*Mail* that because next year's Knockout  
would be the carnival's 40th anniversary, he  
was expecting more teams to enter.

Already, there had been interest from  
Aboriginal communities that hadn't entered  
teams in years, he said.

Rose emerged from talks on Friday with  
Gosford City Council general manager  
Peter Wilson and said the council was '100  
percent behind us'.

Rose said Woy Woy, about 14  
kilometres south of Gosford, was an

ideal venue.

He said the facilities were superb and  
Woy Woy offered everything required for a  
successful tournament – accommodation,  
transport, recreation and shopping facilities.

He predicted the event would draw up to  
8000 Indigenous people from throughout  
NSW.

While the focus would be on the  
Knockout, Rose said he wanted to make  
the carnival more that that – he wanted it to  
be a big family gathering.

"We want the Aboriginal community to  
come together and enjoy themselves – a  
big corroboree," he said.

"And we want a focus to be on the  
children and the Elders. We want them to  
feel welcomed."

Rose said he would like nothing more  
than to hold the Knockout at Walgett, in the  
State's north-west, especially on the event's  
40th anniversary.

But there was no way the town could  
host such an event, he said.

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