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Troy's golden night



ABORIGINAL country music star Troy Cassar-Daley with the six Golden Guitars he won at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival, in northern NSW. Cassar-Daley dominated country music's night of nights, being showered with praise for his latest album 'I Love This Place'. He now has a total of 20 Golden Guitars – the highest honour in Australian country music – and his latest proposed to the country follows on from further success at the 2009 ARIA awards. "I never could have imagined getting six awards in one night, I feel completely greedy," he said. AAP image

Young talent at Tamworth Cultural Showcase – Page 11

Ghild abuse shame



STATE, Territory and Federal governments are scrambling to address Australia's growing child protection crisis, after new figures showed a

sharp rise in cases of abuse and neglect and a coroner's inquest exposed serious inadequacies in the Northern Territory foster care system.

On Thursday, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) released Child Protection Australia, 2008-09, which revealed national child abuse cases had jumped by six per cent in 2009, and the number of children on care and protection orders or in-out-ofhome care had grown by ten per cent since 2008.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children continued to be overrepresented in the child protection system, with more than nine times the number in out-of-home care, compared with their non-Indigenous counterparts.

New figures highlight a

Indigenous children were more than eight times as likely to be on a care and protection order.

The AIHW's report found that almost 35,500 children were on a care and protection order and just over 34,000 children were in out-of-home care, the majority of them either in foster care (47 per cent) or living with relatives (45 per cent).

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ILY Unsung Heroes Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way

NAIDOC Poster Competition and Nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards are now open. Forms available online at www.naidoc.org.au or your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre.

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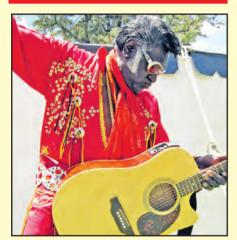


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MY FAMILY CHRISTINE HERO – Charters Towers, Qld



HIS is me with my children Zechariah Mosby, aged 6, Elijah Mosby, 4, and Shanti Mosby, 1. The photo was taken at

McDonald's restaurant at Fairfield Waters in Townsville on 9 January. The two oldest kids enjoyed the play area at Maccas while I ordered our food and looked after Shanti.

The kids are all of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

My Aboriginal mob is Kudjala from Charters Towers and my partner and the children's father, Patrick Mosby, is from the Torres Strait.

Patrick's father is from Yorke Island and his mother from St Paul village on Moa Island.

Patrick and I visited the Torres Strait a few years ago.

We love and are so proud of our beautiful children and do as much as we can with them together as a

Patrick plays rugby league at local All Blacks carnivals and was a member of the winning Argun Warriors side at the recent Cairns Allblacks Carnival, which consisted of mostly Torres Strait Islander players.

I play cricket for the Black Breams ladies team which competes at the annual Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in Charters Towers each January.

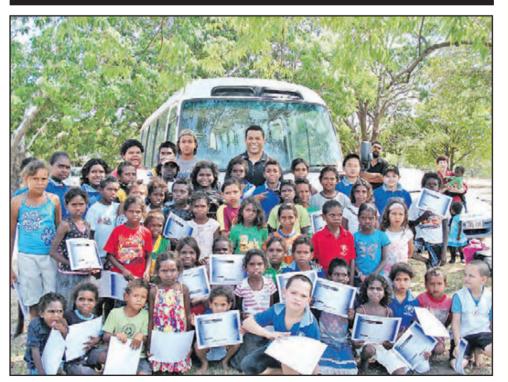
We both love sports so we have to juggle our children.

Fortunately, they love watching and playing sports too.

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OUR CHILDREN



CAPE York kids got to meet former local-turned-celebrity-actor Aaron Fa'Aoso when they took part in the 'Take Off' program recently. Take Off is an initiative of Qld airline Skytrans, and encourages children to lift their school attendance by offering them incentives such as showbags and visits from aircraft crews. See Page 41 for the story.

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Nuclear test victims may be able to sue

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people affected by nuclear testing in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s may be able to sue the United Kingdom government. Australian Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive

Neil Gillespie said a ruling by English courts in June 2009 had opened the way for military personnel and their families to pursue personal injury actions against the British Government.

That litigation is ongoing.

"ALRM has legal advice that civilians in Australia and their families who were similarly affected by the tests (including Aboriginal people) may be able to seek compensation from the UK Government." Mr Gillespie said.

"ALRM would welcome contact from people who may be interested in pursuing a claim for compensation."

Mr Gillespie said there were a number of options available to potential claimants to cover legal costs.

The announcement of possible legal

action follows the handing back in December last year of the final section of the former Maralinga nuclear testing site in remote South Australia. Other areas were handed back in 1984, and then more in the

50-year struggle

The official return of the 3100 square kilometre 'Section 400', about 300kms north-west of Ceduna, marked the end of a 50-year struggle for the Maralinga Tjarutja

They were moved from the area during

the early 1950s so the British Government could test atomic bombs there, heavily contaminating it with radioactive substances and a range of hazardous chemicals.

And while the area was restricted, many Aboriginal people came into contact with radioactive materials.

In 1994, the Australian Government reached a compensation settlement with Maralinga Tjarutja people, which resulted in the payment of \$13.5 million in settlement of all claims in relation to the nuclear testing.

Family fun at putalina





CHEYENNE, Jayden and Courtney Mabb were at southern Tasmania's annual putalina festival on 16 January, and they've got the t-shirts to prove it. The trio, from Carlton in Tasmania, joined others to commemorate the 1995 return of the land at putalina, or Oyster Cove, with music, dance and festivities. Turn to pages 32-33 for more on the festival. Photo by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY

NT death in custody



AN investigation has been launched into the death in custody of a 34-year-old Aboriginal man in Darwin.

Staff at Darwin Correctional Centre

rushed the prisoner to hospital about 7.30am local time on Saturday but he died a short time later.

Northern Territory Correctional Services acting chief officer Kevin Raby said an internal investigation into the prisoner's death was under

way.
"This is a serious matter and is being treated as a priority investigation," he said.

"This is a very distressing situation for staff and prisoners at the correctional centre and we're implementing appropriate counselling.

"We are also offering our support to the family of the man."

Police are also investigating the





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Redfern greets Prince William

WIRADJURI Elder Aunty Millie Ingram looks on as Uncle Max Eulo performs a smoking ceremony to welcome **Prince William of Wales** to the inner Sydney suburb of Redfern on 19 January. On the first day of his three-day unofficial visit to Australia, Prince William toured the Redfern Community Centre, meeting with local **Aboriginal community** leaders, Elders, musicians and children. While the Prince was warmly received by crowds at The Block, as reported on pages 12 and 13 of this edition, the reception perplexed some community members who ventured that Britain's monarchy had done little to deliver justice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Children at risk: Report

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Minister Jenny Macklin said the figures were shocking.

"We do have serious problems in our community with alcohol and substance abuse and plainly we have a huge job to do in controlling the abuse of alcohol and addressing the results of that alcohol abuse," Ms Macklin conceded during a media interview on Thursday.

She said the Federal Government was also 'very aware' of the overrepresentation of Indigenous children.

"We know that that means we've got to have specific projects in remote, urban and regional parts of Australia to address the needs of Indigenous families and Indigenous children," Ms Macklin said.

The day after the report's release, the Federal Government released a standards paper calling for regular health checks and visits to foster carers. And it proposed a national set of

child protection standards to replace state and territory

Kate Valentine, of the AIHW's Child and Youth Welfare Unit, said the reasons for the over-representation of Indigenous children in the child protection system were 'complex', sometimes involving

'We know ... we've got to have specific projects in remote, urban and regional parts of Australia to address the needs of **Indigenous families and** Indigenous children'

- Minister Jenny Macklin

such factors as the intergenerational effects of previous separations from family and culture and poor socio-economic status.

A few days before the release of the AIHW report, NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh handed down his findings into the death of a 12-year-old

Aboriginal foster child in Darwin in 2007.

He said the inquest into the girl's 'appalling' and 'needless' death highlighted the inadequacies of a child protection system which failed to focus on patterns of neglect over time.

Meanwhile, NSW

Community Services Minister Linda Burney says she expects reports made by NSW Police about vulnerable children to fall dramatically under a new child protection system in the State which started on Sunday.

Under a new legislative threshold, only children deemed 'at risk of significant harm' are to be reported

to the Department of Community Services (DoCS). Child well-being units in

health, police, education and human service agencies will assist mandatory reporters such as teachers, doctors, nurses and police officers to respond to less serious cases. - with AP

Day for reflection on our endurance

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people have once again spent the country's national day reflecting on the past, celebrating their survival and

achievements, protesting ongoing injustice and – in some cases – avoiding the whole palaver.

Despite modern Australia's history of invasion and penal colony roots being on many minds, a 'national conversation' about changing the date of Australia Day from 26 January to a more inclusive date remained off the cards politically.

At a host of state and territory events in the lead-up to Australia Day, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd talked up respect for the First Australians.

"Ours is not a history without blemishes, injustices or tragedies," Mr Rudd said in Melbourne.

"You don't need to know very much about our early convict days and relations between Europeans and the First Australians to know our beginnings were far from glorious, but this makes the achievement of building the modern Australian nation all the more remarkable."

Despite these conciliatory words, a spokesperson for Mr Rudd told The Koori Mail the PM stood by his comments a year ago when he rebuffed a suggestion by 2009 Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson that Australia should have a national conversation about the date.

Nevertheless, speaking at the National Australia Day Council's fifth 'Australia Day Dawn' event, held in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney on 19 January, Prof Dodson was still expressing confidence that the country was edging closer to such a dialogue.

His successor, the 2010 Australian of the Year, was announced on Monday - just after this edition of *The Koori Mail* went to print - at the usual ceremony and concert on the lawns in front of Parliament House.

The 'smart money' - quite literally, through betting agencies - had been on a non-Indigenous winner, given the Aboriginal human rights campaigner's top gong last

State and Territory finalists and therefore contenders for this year's award were a

■ ACT – Canberra domestic violence campaigner Dr Patricia Easteal.



2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson (left) with 2009 Young Australian of the Year Jonty Bush at the National Australia Day Council (NADC) 'Australia Day Dawn' event in the Blue Mountains outside Sydney on 19 January.

- NSW Environmentalist and recycling program Planet Ark co-founder Jon Dee, from the Blue Mountains.
- NT Central Australian Aboriginal cinematographer, writer, director and 2010 Oscar Award contender Warwick Thornton.
- Qld Brisbane-based Indigenous educator and head of the ground-breaking Stronger Smarter Institute Dr Chris Sarra.
- SA − Bali bombings survivor and school teacher turned burns charity campaigner Julian Burton, from Adelaide.
- Tas Animal behaviour worker and campaigner against the feared extinction of the Tasmanian devil, British-born Bruce Englefield.
- Vic Melbourne youth psychologist and head of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation Prof Patrick McGorry.
 - WA Bahrain-born ground-breaking

Alzheimer's researcher Prof Ralph Martins.

During the earlier Blue Mountains event, National Australia Day Council Deputy Chair and Djiribul Aboriginal woman Shelley Rees said the service allowed people to reflect on the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

'This morning is a time for honesty, and self-reflection," she told a crowd of about 50 journalists and dignitaries at the service.

"I invite you to take this quiet moment to reflect with me on who we are as

Ms Rees said the Blue Mountains were a perfect spot for such contemplation.

"This place is full of history – Aboriginal history and white explorer history," she said. "It is a landscape that has divided us and

one that's brought us together. "This place, as much as any, symbolises Australia's history as a nation."

Local Aboriginal Elder Aunty Carol Cooper said in her welcome that Australia had come 'a few precious yards up the ladder of reconciliation' in the preceding 12 months.

On Sunday, a gala dinner was held at Parliament House in Canberra to mark the 50th Anniversary Australian of the Year

Eight Indigenous Australians have now been named Australians of the Year: Prof Dodson; Olympic sweetheart Cathy Freeman in 1998; educator and Yothu Yindi front man Mandawuy Yunupingu in 1992; pioneering nurse and then-future ATSIC inaugural chairperson Lowitja O'Donoghue in 1984; the first Aboriginal parliamentarian

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Our people honoured

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people – and some of our supporters – featured in the Australia Day 2010 Honours List, announced yesterday by Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

The awards recognise the contributions and service of Australians both to their fellow citizens and internationally.

Ms Bryce praised the 446 general division award recipients as having elevated the concept of giving to others. "They heighten our respect for one another, and they encourage Australians to think about the responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy," she said.

Acclaimed Arnhem Land sculptor, painter and Madarrpa clan leader Djambawa Miniyawainy Marawili scored one of 141 Members of the Order of Australia (AM) awards handed out.

Mr Marawili was recognised for service to the arts as a sculptor and painter, to the preservation of Indigenous culture, to arts administration, and as a mentor of emerging

Since 1984, he has contributed to more than 45 national and international exhibitions and he has chaired the Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) for the past decade.

Mr Marawili was a long-standing claimant in the Blue Mud 'sea rights' case that was vindicated by a majority decision in the High Court in July 2008. He was also one of seven artists who presented the famous Barunga Statement to then-Prime Minister Bob Hawke in

Sydney-based journalist Ray Martin also scored an AM for service to the community through voluntary roles with charitable, Indigenous, health and sporting organisations, and to the media as a television journalist.

Mr Martin identifies as a Kamilaroi descendent from northern NSW. He currently chairs the Australian Indigenous Education



New Member of the Order of Australia (AM) Djambawa Miniyawainy Marawili. Photo by FRANCINE CHINN

Foundation, and was a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation from 1991-2000 Amongst those collecting Medals of the

Order of Australia (OAMs) yesterday were:

 Phillip James Prosser of the Perth suburb of Lockridge 'for service to the Indigenous community of Western Australia'. Mr Prosser is a former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association (ATSIVA) president and has long been involved in cultural

heritage, land rights, alcohol and substance

abuse services, the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme. Cairns-based Torres Strait Islander couple Kaye and Noel Zaro, for service to the promotion and teaching of Torres Strait Islander culture (see story at right).

For more information on the Australian Honours System, visit www.itsanhonour.gov.au

'Quiet achievers' are overwhelmed

By CHRISTINE HOWES



QUIET achievers Kay and Noel Zaro are feeling overwhelmed by the recognition through their Order of Australia Medals (OAMs) for the work they've done leading a

Torres Strait dance and culture group. Mrs Zaro said they were feeling very honoured.

"I think it's a bit of a blessing for us because when we promote our culture we do it from the heart. We don't look for that acknowledgement, it's just

something we do," she said.

"And what we do is about **Torres Strait** Islander culture and traditions, especially the Murray Island culture which is where my husband is from."

Mr and Mrs Zaro's awards were 'for service to the promotion and teaching of Torres Strait Islander culture, particularly through the Gerib

Kay and Noel Zaro with their children Caleb, Jennayah and Christopher. Sik dance group'.

The couple and their family are now based in Cairns, but lived in Canberra for a decade and have taken their dancers and workshops nationally and internationally.

Mr Zaro said their group - Gerib Sik Torres Strait Islander Dance and Cultural Group - had promoted their culture at every opportunity.

"That includes our own special days, Mabo Day on 3 June and The Coming of the Light on 3 July," he said.

"It was very full-on, especially for NAIDOC Week. We'd do two or three performances a day for two weeks straight - every government department used to have us come and do their opening for them along with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters down there.

"And we also taught our own people in Canberra traditional language and dance?

The group has also performed for the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the National Archives of Australia, the National Multicultural Festival, NAIDOC

week celebrations and at various schools across the ACT including Marist College, Pearce.

Mrs Zaro said the award confirmed their work as ambassadors, not only for Australia but for Torres Strait culture as

"We would like to esso our Murray Islander Elders for the passing down of cultural knowledge of

traditional Torres Strait Islander customs and traditions to us over the years," she said.

"This is just such an honour, we didn't see it coming."

They said they also wanted to thank Fr Michael Martin, Torres Strait Islander Elder Kathy Martin, Benny and Yvonne Mills, Samantha Faulkner, The ACT Aboriginal Community, members of the

ACT Torres Strait Islander community

and the wider community as a whole.

A time to celebrate survival

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Neville Bonner in 1979; Yolngu leader (and Mandawuy's brother) Galarrwuy Yunupingu in 1978; tennis great Evonne Cawley in 1971; and boxing legend Lionel Rose in 1968.

While Indigenous Australians were also expected to take part in some mainstream events vesterday, including citizenship ceremonies. many attended community celebrations of Indigenous cultures and achievement.

What the Gadigal Information Service describes as Australia's premiere one-day festival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, Yabun, was on again in Sydney, at Victoria Park, Broadway.

On Gumbaynggirr country at Coffs Harbour, Arts Mid North Coast joined with local Aboriginal land councils to stage the inaugural Saltwater Freshwater Festival. The evening before, Elders from the region were honoured at

a special dinner.

In Canberra, the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the lawns in front of old Parliament House was the focus for celebrations of sovereignty, peace and a nuclear-free future.

Melbourne's Treasury Gardens came to life with music, dance and storytelling for the 2010 Share The Spirit festival

In Tasmania, Hobart's Aboriginal community was expected to mark the day with an 'Invasion Day' march to Parliament House where a lawn ceremony was held to mourn their ancestors.

In the Torres Strait, locals nervously looked to the seas for signs of the king tides which plague the region around this time every year, inundating homes, crops, water supply and sacred cultural sites

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairperson Toshie Kris said the vulnerable island communities of the Torres Strait were preparing



NADC Deputy Chairperson Shelley Reys and actor and 'national treasure' Jack Thompson learned more about the Aboriginal heritage of the Blue Mountains from rangers Chris Tobin and Janelle Randall.

themselves for the inevitable rising waters and hoping the Federal Government would commit to funding and assisting them with the impact of climate change.

"Please Prime Minister Rudd give us a reason to celebrate Australia Day provide us with the funding to save our communities," Mr Kris said in a statement.

The well-being of Indigenous Australians was also top of mind for lobby group Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) last week, when it called on governments and community organisations to revisit the reconciliation process and address 'unfinished business'

"Despite the apparent resolve of governments to close the gap in health and well-being outcomes between Indigenous and

non-Indigenous Australians, progress is slow; our politicians and policy makers continue to scratch their heads and wonder why," said ANTaR spokesperson Dr Peter Lewis.

Dr Lewis referred to the historic Corroboree 2000 and Reconciliation Walks including one over the Sydney Harbour Bridge - as a time when the nation began to create a vision of an Australia where the injustices and wrongs dealt to the First Peoples by colonisation were 'righted'.

He called on the Federal Government to use Australia Day to re-commit to a process of negotiation with the Indigenous community.

On 14 January, the National Australia Day Council released a survey that found 90 per cent of Australians believed it was important to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture as part of Australia Day. A similar proportion (89 per cent) said it was important to recognise the 'cultural diversity' of our nation.

"What Australians are saying is not that we should recognise one thing over another, but that our national celebrations should reflect the many things that make Australia what it is." said NACD Chief Executive Warren Pearson.

According to the survey, Australians reflected on our nation's history and future equally at this time of year with 44 per cent agreeing our past was the most important thing to think about on Australia Day and 41 per cent saying they looked towards the future. Only 13 per cent thought it was important to think about the present at this time and three per cent were unsure.

- See page 21 for 2009 Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson's reflections on the past 12 months.
- See our next edition for coverage of some of the best Survival Day/Australia day events around the country.

Calma's final report points to brighter future

<u>Call for jail</u> <u>funds to be</u> redirected



THE money spent on incarcerating Indigenous Australians would be better spent on preventative

programs, a key Indigenous report has recommended.

Delivering his sixth and final Social Justice Report in Sydney on Friday, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma called for what he labelled 'justice reinvestment' in communities with large numbers of offenders.

Indigenous adults were 13 times more likely to be imprisoned than other adults, while Indigenous children were 28 times more likely to be placed in juvenile detention, said Mr Calma, who steps down as commissioner this week.

He said better prevention programs were needed to target problems like substance abuse and chronic unemployment to help drive down the imprisonment statistics. "You can put an individual offender through the best-resourced, most effective rehabilitation program, but if they are returning to a community with few opportunities, their chances of staying out of prison are limited," Mr Calma said in a speech at the Redfern Community Centre.

"The money that would have been spent on imprisonment (should be) reinvested in programs and services in communities where these issues are most acute in order to address the underlying causes of crime.

"Justice reinvestment is as much about economics as it is about good social policy."

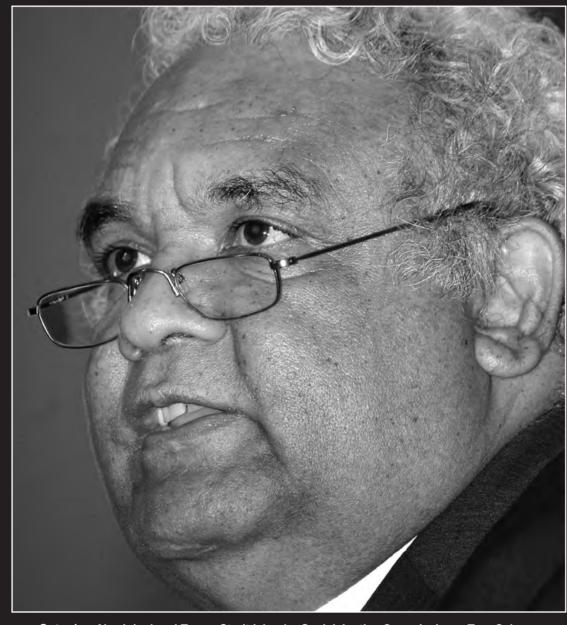
Mr Calma used the report launch to make an impassioned plea to urge governments to listen to and work with Indigenous Australians. "Respect our voices, our rights, our lands, our resources and our waters," he said. "Only then will this country truly be able to retreat from injustice.

Mr Calma also called for better protection of native languages.

"Prior to colonisation, Australia had 250 distinct languages which expanded out to 600 dialects," he

"Today, only 18 Indigenous languages are fully intact and even these are endangered.

"Without intervention, Indigenous language knowledge will cease to exist in Australia



Outgoing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma ... "Respect our voices, our rights, our lands, our resources and our waters. Only then will this country truly be able to retreat from injustice.'

in the next 10 to 30 years."

Nevertheless, Mr Calma said a marked shift in the Indigenous policy landscape since the National Apology to the Stolen Generations continued to gain momentum and signalled a more inclusive and promising future.

"It is easy to become despondent with the relentless grind of Indigenous affairs where one alarming set of statistics follows another," he said.

"But the positive signs over this last year in particular are tangible: We now have for the first time all Australian governments working towards targets to close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

"For the first time in more than five years we have a national representative voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples currently being established.

"I believe the challenge for the future is to build on this momentum to overcome Indigenous disadvantage and set equal life chances for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the only acceptable benchmark.

The report also focussed on sustaining Aboriginal homeland communities.

Problems

"Policies which fail to support the ongoing development of homelands will lead to social and economic problems in rural townships that could further entrench Indigenous disadvantage and poverty," Mr Calma said.

He also launched his Native Title Report 2009, which reviews developments in native title law and policy in the year to June 2009 and considers principles and standards that should underpin cultural change in the native title

system. Mr Calma called for significant improvements to the native title system 'if we are to close the disadvantage gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and to achieve reconciliation

"During this year, we have witnessed reforms that could prove to be the first steps in transforming the native title system, such as the impressive settlement framework announced by the Victorian Attorney-General and the process of native title reform commenced by the Australian Government," he

However, the report makes 27 recommendations for reform of the native title system concerning several key areas, including shifting the burden of proof, more flexible approaches to connection evidence and promoting broader and more flexible native title settlement packages. - With AAP

Russian skaters on thin ice over routine

ORMER Australian figure skater and coach Belinda Noonan has blasted world champion Russian pair Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin for their Aboriginal themed performance, saying even ten minutes spent on Google would have set them on the right path.

The Russians have come under the spotlight for unveiling an 'Aboriginal dance' which they'll use at next month's Winter Olympics in Vancouver, with NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairwoman Bev Manton already describing the routine as offensive.

Noonan said on Thursday the routine appeared to have no real Aboriginal grounding at all and the Russians should have done some basic research to ensure what they were doing was culturally sensitive.

"They are great skaters and if they did find some inspiration through Aboriginal music then they should have been able to have the skills and the research and the team behind them to be able to transport the choreographer and the expression to the ice which they've not done," she said.

'Dreadful'

"The costumes are dreadful.'

Noonan said she 'couldn't believe what she was looking at' when she saw the routine on YouTube and had sought more information about the Russian pair's routine via email, but was given no response.

"I couldn't find a composer, the arranger was Alexander Goldstein – about the most un-Aboriginal name I have ever heard," she said.
"I did track down what I

think is the music though I couldn't confirm - it is actually by Sheila Shandra ... a UK pop star of South Indian decent.

"What I think the arranger has done is just put in some didgeridoo in a couple of

An Australian figure O'Brien and Greg Merriman, had performed an Aboriginal themed dance in 2008 but spent a year consulting Indigenous people to ensure everything from the costumes to the choreography was respectful to the culture.

Domnina and Shabalin are expected to perform the routine at the European Championships in Estonia on Friday, and Noonan said given the Olympics were only weeks away it would be difficult for them not to use it again in Vancouver. - AAP

Abbott to challenge Qld wild rivers laws

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



QUEENSLAND'S wild rivers debate has found a national voice and opponent with Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott.

New Cape York Land Council (CYLC) Chairman Richie Ahmat welcomed the news after Mr Abbott met with Aboriginal leaders and traditional owners in Cairns recently, lodging a private member's bill to over-ride the state's environmental laws.

The Wild Rivers Act was introduced by the Queensland Government to prevent rivers on the Cape York Peninsula from being damaged by farming and tourism. But it has been condemned by a vocal and influential group of Cape York Aboriginal people.

Mr Ahmat said the Government's approach to Aboriginal people had been paternalistic and it had failed to consult widely.

"We welcome any political action which will help address the unjust consequences of the Queensland Government's laws, which ignore Indigenous interests and erode our ecologically sustainable development prospects," he said.

Mr Ahmat also urged the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to take the matter seriously in the lead-up the to the Federal election.

"This is of grave concern to the people of Cape York," he said.





Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott and an aerial view of one of the rivers on Cape York.

"Our children have been locked out of sustainable development opportunities on their land for the sake of green votes in the city.'

Mr Ahmat also condemned suggestions that support for mining was behind Indigenous community opposition to the wild rivers declarations. "It's the Queensland Government that's gone soft on miners through exemption provisions in the legislation," he

"Indigenous communities are environmental protectors, not destroyers. The so-called pristine rivers are intact because of expert Indigenous environmental stewardship over tens of thousands of years."

Mr Ahmat said the question to ask was why the State had exempted the proposed Chalco mine at Aurukun from wild rivers restrictions.

"Indigenous communities want to continue to preserve their rivers with a protection system that blocks new dams, in-stream mining and excessive water pumping, but we want our rights to modest economic aspirations on our own freehold lands restored," he said.

Mr Abbott said he was hearing much frustration and anger directed towards the Queensland Government.

"It's incredible really, if anyone can be trusted to live on the land well it's the stewards of the land, the traditional owners," he said.

"There is something about the way this has been done that suggests an implicit assumption that Aboriginal people don't know what's good for their own land.

"As well as the traditional and spiritual connection to the land, there also has to be some economic asset for the people."

Mr Abbott argued that the State Government had 'boxed itself into a hole' on the issue and some 'very serious political pressure' was required. "What I can promise is when Parliament resumes this year the wild rivers issue will be discussed in Federal Parliament, and that will also generate a national conversation that is greatly needed," he said.

However, the wild rivers legislation has garnered some serious supporters, namely The Australian Greens, The Wilderness Society and some Indigenous groups.

The Australian Greens said they would oppose the private member's bill by Mr Abbott, with leader Bob Brown saying it had the potential to destroy Australia's wild natural heritage.

"The Coalition's environmental policy is two-pronged - refer

national responsibilities like World Heritage nominations to the states, and over-ride state legislations which protects nationallysignificant assets," Senator Brown

"Both ways Australia's wild natural heritage gets torpedoed."

Green's lead Senate candidate for Queensland Larissa Waters said the party could back both Indigenous rights and the environmental protection that wild rivers represent.

"The wild rivers legislation stops environmentally destructive proposals like in-stream mines and dams, it does not stop Indigenous hunting, fishing, grazing or the building of community infrastructure, it does not override native title rights," she said.

"It might be an inconvenient truth to Tony Abbott or (Cape York activist) Noel Pearson, but there was no preference deal for wild rivers between the Greens and the Labor Government in 2009 or in any other state election.

"It is not a choice between Indigenous rights and protecting rivers. The wild rivers safeguard both and that's why the Greens support them. They promote clean, green, Indigenous enterprises and have provided Indigenous full-time wild river ranger jobs which protect these pristine rivers for future generations.'

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson also rejected Mr Abbott's bid to overturn the laws, saying it was merely a political stunt and doubted he would receive much support.

Tas stand-off over – for now



A STAND-OFF between the Tasmanian Government and Aboriginal people over the construction of major roadworks in the south of the State appears to have

been resolved - for now.

Protests at the proposed site of the \$243 million Brighton Bypass in November and December saw about 40 Aboriginal people – who say the area holds important Aboriginal heritage arrested for trespass.

Premier David Bartlett said last Wednesday that the Aboriginal Land and Sea Council had 'had a change of heart', deciding to lift bans by Aboriginal heritage officers working on the bypass, on the outskirts of Hobart, and all other developments.

Mr Bartlett said work would re-start within a few weeks, saving 250 jobs, and the project would proceed along the original route.

However, he gave an undertaking that any Aboriginal artefacts discovered at the site would be preserved.

"This is a great result and a victory for common sense," Mr Bartlett said.

"Allowing Aboriginal heritage officers back on to the work site will ensure the Aboriginal community has a voice in the



A scene from the Brighton bypass protests in November.

way forward. It will see a proper archaeological investigation undertaken for the remaining section and an appropriate management plan put in place.'

Veteran campaigner Michael Mansell, who was amongst those arrested, said the Government's agreement to directly involve Aboriginal people in government works that affected Aboriginal heritage

was 'a major positive shift'. But he insisted that, while works at the northern and southern reaches of the Brighton Bypass could begin, the point at which it would cross the Jordan River had yet to be determined.

'The place where the Jordan is crossed is yet to be agreed," he said. "It would be prudent for the Government to get its engineers to look at different options rather than lock itself into an immovable position on the crossing.

"For our part we are open-minded about where the Jordan is crossed. It depends on what is found."

Mr Mansell said too much Aboriginal heritage had been lost needlessly to the hulldozer

"The best way to erase from Tasmanian society's memory of thousands of years of Aboriginal existence is to destroy physical signs of that existence," he said.

"The need to preserve ancient buildings has never been more embedded in Tasmanian culture than it is today, yet there is the strange contradiction in attitudes towards preserving Aboriginal heritage.

"Human action with support of government, can preserve the Aboriginal past indefinitely."



Sad truth in UN report



report has highlighted how Australia's **Aboriginal and Torres** Strait Islander people are facing the same

problems which plague Indigenous communities worldwide.

The State of the World's Indigenous Peoples report lists those issues as violence, continuing assimilation policies, marginalisation, forced removal or relocation, denial of land rights and many other abuses.

It also reveals alarming statistics on poverty, health, education, employment, human rights and the environment.

The report said that in Australia. an Indigenous child could expect to die 20 years earlier than his non-Indigenous compatriot (although the Australian Bureau of Statistics last year revised its estimation of the gap with the new figures of 9.7 years for women and 11.5 years for men).

UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Chairperson Vicki Tauli-Corpuz said the report's value would be farreaching because it comprised for the first time very clearly aggregated data.

"We believe this is going to be crucial for governments and for the UN to address more seriously and comprehensively the issues of Indigenous people," she said.

The report said that although Indigenous peoples made up only five per cent of the global population, they constituted around one-third of the world's 900 million extremely poor rural people.

In developed and developing countries, poor nutrition, limited access to care, lack of resources crucial to maintaining health and well-being and contamination of natural resources were all contributing factors to the terrible state of Indigenous health worldwide.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, welcomed the report, saying Australia was not immune to the challenges and issues raised.

"In recent years, as a nation, we have taken some giant steps forward in relation to our Indigenous peoples," Mr Calma said, citing the apology to the Stolen Generations and the signing of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Research

"Our own commission has completed significant research and undertaken projects concerning many of the key issues highlighted in the United Nation's first Report on the State of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

"However, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples remain marginalised in Australia and face entrenched poverty and ongoing discrimination on a daily basis.

"We will not have provided solutions to all the challenges we face until Indigenous people have true participation and are real partners in efforts to close the gap in health, education, housing and have access to the same human rights protections as other Australians."

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) also welcomed the report's release and urged all concerned Australians to take the time to read and absorb the 'grim picture' it presented.

Chairperson Bev Manton said the report should also be required reading for all politicians and policy makers charged with the responsibility of closing the life expectancy and opportunity gaps between Aboriginal and other people.

Ms Manton said the report stressed the fundamental importance of self determination, the principle of free, prior and informed consent, and of land rights to the continued survival of Indigenous peoples.

"The 240-page report reflects many of the issues raised by NSWALC and other peak Indigenous organisations at the UN," she said.

"It re-emphasises that much work is still ahead of us to improve the health and well-being of our communities and to do so in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Australia and around the

The State of the World's Indigenous Peoples report is a collaborative effort authored by seven independent experts working with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

It is available on the UNPFII website at: http://www.un.org/ esa/socdev/unpfii/en/sowip.html - DARREN COYNE Meeting to address jail crisis



THE Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) of . Western Australia will

hold an open public meeting in Perth today, 27 January, calling for government action to address the State's prison overcrowding crisis.

The date marks the two-year anniversary of the death in custody of a Goldfields Elder.

The Bartlett Government, and especially Corrective Services Minister Christian Porter, is taking heat on the issue from the State Opposition, which has accused the Government of breaking an election promise by announcing plans for a new private - rather than public - prison for young offenders.

The DICWC said Mr Porter had presided over an enormous increase in the rate of prison population growth in WA since taking over the portfolio in 2008.

Deputy Commissioner of Adult Custodial Services Ian Giles said last week the WA

prison muster had grown by 23 per cent over the past year to 4831 prisoners. A 600-bed prison is reportedly necessary to meet the current demand.

The committee said the Government's 'tough on crime' agenda was misguided, and prison should always be used as the last resort.

"At present, almost all prisons in WA are dangerously overcrowded, and severely underresourced." DICWC spokesman Marc Newhouse said on Friday.

The DICWC has heard many disturbing stories of situations that have resulted from the overcrowding.

"For example, there are the prisoners in overcrowded prisons being urinated on because they are forced to sleep with their head beside the toilet. Not to mention all those prisoners who are not being provided with the basics - adequate food, bedding, clothing, hot water and health services.'

Mr Newhouse said State Government had a clear common law and legislative duty of care to those in its

custody. "This duty of care and many of Australia's international human rights obligations are not currently being met," he said.

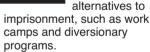
"What's more, prison overcrowding doesn't only affect prisoners, there's a flow-on effect to the community that also needs to be considered.

"The current State Government seems to be forgetting that once a prisoner finishes their sentence, they will be released back into the community.

"If a prisoner is released back into the community without having undergone rehabilitative programs, traumatised by their prison experience as a result of sexual assault or violence, or having had their family relationships damaged by

lack of access to telephones or family visits, that's not going to benefit the community it's going to hurt families and put the general public at far greater risk.

"Mr Porter needs to look much more seriously at increasing the number of places in programs which offer



"Reducing the recidivism rate is what will make the community a safer place."

Shadow Corrective Services Minister Paul Papalia said the Government's 'backflip' on the privatisation of the prison suggested its only motivation was to find the cheapest option.

"Placing additional layers of bureaucracy between prison officers and the Minister responsible could lead to dire consequences," ne said.

"The Barnett Government's law-and-order agenda has created a sinkhole for taxpayer dollars and there simply isn't the money to operate enough State-run prisons.

Today's DICWC meeting will be held between 6pm and 8pm, in the State School Teachers' Union Function Room, 3rd Floor, 150-152 Adelaide Tce, East Perth.

For more information, go online at the website www.deathsincustody.org.au or contact Mark Newhouse 0415 074 602.



Saviour or predator?

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FRIEND of Aboriginal people or immoral opportunist? Saviour or predator?

Depending on who you ask, West Australian bush businessman Sam Tomarchio is all of the above.

But in the eyes of at least some Aboriginal people, who admit they're sometimes desperate for financial help, he's better than nothing

A series of stories in The Australian newspaper during the past fortnight has chronicled the activities of Mr Tomarchio, who operates chalet accommodation in Laverton, about 400kms north of Kalgoorlie, as an unofficial loanshark.

Mr Tomarchio was initially candid about his practice of lending money – sometimes thousands of dollars at a time to Aboriginal people, charging them up to 50 per cent interest and keeping their bankcards and

PIN numbers so he could withdraw repayments from their accounts as soon as fortnightly Centrelink payments had been deposited.

While some people have borrowed money from Mr Tomarchio to put fuel in or fix cars that had broken down on the area's many rugged and remote roads, it has been suggested that others have spent their loans on grog, depriving their children of food and other necessities.

Following the press coverage, concern from the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, a meeting of Government agencies,

and interest - if not action - by the WA Police, Mr Tomarchio became more media-shy, declining to speak on the record to The Koori Mail last week.

The police said they had looked into Mr Tomarchio but found that he was not in breach of any criminal law so it was really a civil matter to be to up by other organisations and affected people.

WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan did wade in, however, declaring that it was also not a criminal offence to owe money and refuse to pay it back so police would not prosecute any of Mr Tomarchio's clients who defaulted in their repayments to him.

Mr O'Callaghan urged clients to cancel their bankcards and obtain new PIN numbers effectively turning off the repayment tap, and potentially leaving Mr Tomarchio thousands of dollars out of pocket.

In order to operate in WA and

avoid fines of up to \$10,000, credit providers must be licensed and comply with a consumer code of conduct.

Although the WA Department of Commerce's Consumer Protection Division has received several complaints about Mr Tomarchio's dealings since 2008, it said a lack of evidence and reluctance amongst his clients to come forward and speak out against him had so far prevented it from taking the matter further.

"To execute a successful prosecution, we need concrete evidence and witnesses prepared to make statements and appear in court if need be," said Acting Commissioner for Consumer Protection Gary Newcombe.

But on 31 December, Consumer Protection received a fresh complaint from the Warburton community, within the Ngaanyatjarraku Shire and 500kms north-east of Laverton.

Mr Newcombe said the department was currently assessing the new complaint, and taking it 'extremely

bank," the man said. "I did try, but they said they can't help me because I'm still paying the bank

"I don't know how long I will be paying Sam back, he told me the amount but he never gave me any information on paper.

"All I want to pay him is exactly what I got off him, not any more."

The man said that some fortnights after his loan repayments had been withdrawn from his account, he had as little as \$50 to buy food for his family.

Another of Mr Tomarchio's clients, from Warburton, told The Koori Mail he had borrowed \$200 and had handed over his bankcard and PIN number until he had repaid \$300, again at 50 per cent interest.

"I left my keycard with Sam and I'm just waiting until I pay \$300. He already has the money so he said he has posted my key card back, I trust him to do that,"

"But Sam should just take the amount he lends you. It's not fair to take so much, but people are

desperate so they accept it."

Still, the man was adamant that anyone who had borrowed money from Mr Tomarchio should honour their agreement to repay it.

"When they have paid him back they should not rush to do it again, but they should do the right thing," he

The man said his countrymen sometimes got stranded with no money in Laverton, Kalgoorlie or even Alice Springs 1000kms away.

"For them, it's better to have Sam instead of no-one. We can't get a loan from the government or anyone else," he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has sought advice from Centrelink officers in the area. Early last week, those officers met with police and Aboriginal legal service representatives, and staff from the WA Department of Child Protection and the Laverton 'develop and monitor strategies' to assist Centrelink customers in Laverton.

It is understood hastened rollout of controversial Northern Territory Intervention-style income management is being considered, to restrict 50 per cent of all Centrelink payments to the purchase of food and other essential household goods. And Centrelink is offering customers financial counselling and weekly, rather than fortnightly, payments.

A further meeting of Centrelink and other parties is scheduled in Laverton for early next month.



By DARREN COYNE



AN Aboriginal man living in Alice Springs has taken on the might of the search engine Google after

discovering links to a racist website which vilifies Aboriginal people. Steve Gumerungi Hodder-Watts, a broadcaster, complained to the Human Rights Commission about Google's listing of the website Encyclopaedia Dramatica, which contains racist descriptions of Aboriginal people.

Google Australia has since removed links to the site, but the content can still be accessed via other search engines, and Mr Australian contributors to the site tracked down.

"When I tried to follow the guidelines by registering in order to edit the webpage in question, my edits were removed. I was promptly abused and called a 'petrol sniffer' by an anonymous person and I was then banned from access to the website for a period of time.

"We cop this (racism) everyday and we keep letting it slide but then it snowballs.

Since launching his action, Mr Hodder-Watts, a Lardil man from Mornington Peninsula who has lived in Alice Springs since 1986,

has been personally attacked on the site, with cartoons and racist

But he is not fazed.

"It's quite flattering in a way. At first I felt violated but at least they've now personalised it instead of resorting to straight up racial stereotypes," he told The Koori

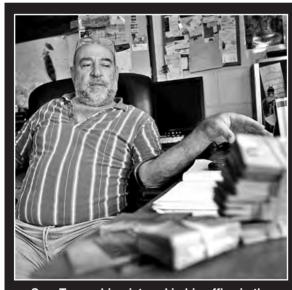
"I would like Google to remove all references directing its searchers to racist web pages and to establish an anti-racism policy and appoint a company representative who can deal with complaints about offensive sites.

Mr Hodder-Watts wants Google to develop a better policy regarding racist content, but concedes that Federal internet filter could solve the problem. "I'm not for censorship, but I think more work needs to be done on classification of material,"

In response to claims that the site's contents were satirical, Mr Hodder-Watts said if that were the case, it was the darkest form of satire imaginable.

"I'm still trying to work out what frame of mind a person would be in to produce this type of stuff," he

"They hide behind this veil of cyberspace and attack me personally. It's pretty gutless really."



Sam Tomarchio pictured in his office in the northern WA Goldfields town of Laverton on 14 January. Newspix photo

seriously'. But he said the issue should not be looked at in isolation.

"There are wide-ranging social issues that cannot be resolved by enforcement of credit laws and these will need to be addressed separately." he said.

week when The Koori Mail spoke to several of Mr Tomarchio's Aboriginal clients, all of whom insisted on their names not being published.

One man, from Laverton, said he borrowed \$6000 mid-last year to buy a car and Mr Tomarchio was currently recovering \$200 a fortnight.

The man said he had been told that, with interest charged at 50 per cent, he would need to repay \$9000. While he was bitterly unhappy with the rate of interest, he said he'd had little option but to approach Mr Tomarchio for a loan.

"I can't get a loan from a

NT urged to act on neglect



THE National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) has urged the

Northern Territory Government to make a significant investment in community-based family support services to tackle child abuse.

The call follows an inquest into the deaths of two children who died in separate, but equally appalling circumstances while in the NT child protection system.

Deborah Melville, 12, went into cardiac arrest caused by septicaemia of the leg on 12 July 2007, after lying on the dirt in the backyard of her NT foster home for eight hours, unable to move

Her two foster carers were charged with manslaughter after they failed to seek medical treatment, but were later acquitted.

A seven-week-old baby boy, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, died of starvation in the back of his mother's car at Port Wakefield, north of Adelaide, in June 2005.

The family were on their way from Melbourne to Alice Springs at the time.

The woman pleaded guilty in 2006 to manslaughter for failing to seek medical help for her malnourished son and was sentenced by the South Australian Supreme Court to 10 years' jail.

NAPCAN President Olya Booyar said the priority now for the NT Government must be on primary prevention and early intervention activities

"The report shows that the NT Government is struggling to deal with the issue of child abuse and neglect," she said.

"It would be better to tackle the problem before it occurs, by investing in community-based early childhood programs to ensure that families get help early.

"The fact is, prevention measures involve large-scale investment in services such as post-natal home visits for a baby's first two years of life, providing



at-home information and support to parents regarding infants' needs as well as pre-school for all four-year-olds.

Department of Health and Families (DHF) Chief Executive David Ashbridge last Tuesday acknowledged that both deaths occurred 'in terrible circumstances, and that the children were let down by the system'.

"We wish to make a public apology for the child protection system's inability to ensure their well-being, he told reporters in Darwin.

"We let them down and it did not take the findings of the coroner to tell us that."

NT Coroner Greg Cavanagh delivered his findings in both matters earlier that day, largely blaming Territory Government legislation, a lack of resources, miscommunication and systematic failures within the Department of Families and Child Services (FACS) for their deaths.

Responsible

FACS is the department responsible for child protection and is part of

Mr Cavanagh made 14 recommendations in relation to Deborah's death, eight of which concerned legislative changes, that he said needed to be made to the NT Care and Protection of Children Act 2008.

He made two recommendations in relation to the baby's death, one of which outlined how the recommendations contained in the Melville findings were relevant to both cases.

"This inquest has highlighted the inadequacies of a child protection system which does not focus on the

issue of patterns of neglect over a period of time," he said.

Mr Cavanagh found that procedural communication failures between FACS workers and their interstate counterparts, as well as between FACS and the NT Police, contributed to the boy's death.

"I find that these facts demonstrate that FACS had a close and ongoing role with the family since 2000," Mr Cavanagh said.

"If FACS had been monitoring (the mother) as closely as they should have been ... then (the baby would have been) much less likely to have slipped through the cracks.'

Dr Ashbridge said many of the problems identified by the coroner had been largely dealt with by the NT Government since the two deaths, including an

increase in staff and funding. "We cannot undo these tragedies, all we can do is commit the department to reducing the risk of such things happening again and I can assure you that we have done this and will continue to do so," he said.

"I don't accept that this department is dysfunctional – can it use more resources, yes it can, but dysfunctional, no."

Dr Ashbridge, who described the coroner's findings as 'accurate and considered', said DHF would use the recommendations when making its submission to the NT Government's Child Protection System

"I am optimistic that the inquiry will advise on further investment areas," he said.

The inquiry was announced in November last year after the first annual report by the NT Children's Commissioner revealed that just 12 of the 42 recommendations made by the Little Children are Sacred report in 2007 had since been fully adopted by the NT Government.

The Little Children are Sacred report sparked the Federal Government intervention into remote Aboriginal communities in the NT.

The Child Protection System Inquiry is due to release its recommendations in April. - with AAP



Loren wants to follow in idol's steps



LOREN RYAN wants to become what singing sensation Jessica Mauboy now is. And it seems the

Gamilaraay teen is on the right course, winning plenty of fans with her performances at this month's **Tamworth Country Music Festival** Cultural Showcase.

Speaking in Tamworth with The Koori Mail last week on her 16th birthday, Loren was in no doubt where her future lies - music and singing.

'l'm a real Jessica Mauboy fan. I look up to her and I want to follow in her footsteps," the Tamworth local said.

Loren is already something of a performance veteran, taking the stage at many events during the past 18 months and finishing in the top ten of the Talent Development Project, a major program designed

to help talented young performers hit the big time.

Her soul funk and rhythm and blues style won praise from the

If Australian Idol – the show that catapulted Mauboy to stardom returns next year, Loren says she'll be trying out.

"I think I need another year and then I'll be ready for the next big step. I hope that's Idol," she said.

In the meantime, Loren says she'll continue working on her music and developing her singing. "I'll be doing my first CD this

year. It has some of my own work, as well as covers," she said. "But I'm also going into Year 11,

so I'll be looking to my studies as "If for any reason a singing

career doesn't work out I'll still want to be working in music maybe as a teacher."

Crowd turns out in Redfern

Local women Pam Kelly, Gloria Clarke, Shirley Lomas and Ali Golding all agreed Prince William was a 'perfect coming king' and said they felt 'proud, honoured and privileged' to have met him.



The crowd cheered on Prince William as he left Redfern.



'We're one big mob, all related but from all over the country'. So said this happy group from the NT, WA and the Torres Strait.



Prince William joining children at the Redfern centre for a yarn as they coloured in. With him are Braydon, 6 (with back to the camera), and Teina, 5 (facing camera).

Right royal welcome for Prince

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



SYDNEY'S Redfern Aboriginal community welcomed Prince

William with open arms, thunderous applause and fluttering Aboriginal flags during his visit to The Block last week.

Dubbed Australia's first 'Royalorigine' by some of the Indigenous community, the 27year-old second in line to the British throne made his way through about 2000 excited people, many clamouring to greet him on his way through the

For many, it was a once-in-alifetime opportunity.

A smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo and traditional performance from the Aboriginal Women's Dance Group from The Block paved the way for a welcome to

There was a buzz in the air as crowds gathered to welcome the Prince to the Redfern Community Centre and he didn't disappoint, stopping to personally greet many people.

Flanked outside by hundreds of security, police and media, many travelling with him from England, things were more sedate for the young royal as he made his way inside the centre and into an afternoon tea with

Linda Kemp and Shireen Malamoo got some one-one-one time with the Prince in the Elders' room, and said that while it was exciting to get close to him, the king-in-waiting was down to earth and genuine. Their comments echoed most sentiments throughout the day, with many Elders saying he 'had his mother's (the late Princess Diana) heart' and was 'charming yet down-to-earth and unassuming'.

About 50 school-aged youngsters from the Redfern Children's Program eagerly awaited their visit with the Prince. With the visit already an hour

behind schedule, the restless and excitable children instantly grew quiet when he entered the room and sat down at a table to watch a group drawing session.

In what many described as a touching scene reminiscent of his mother, the Prince read from the Mem Fox Australian classic The Adventures of Possum Magic. 'Willy Wombat' - the nickname given to the then nine-month-old by his mum on his first visit here in 1983 – went on to play a Wii computer game, bowling against eight-year-old Marc Anthony Lawrence, with an identical score in the final round bringing on loud

Many of the children said they were excited to meet the Prince.



Prince William has a private word with Kieren, aged 10.

and had made an Aboriginal painting as a special offering.

Prince William visited a select group of local Indigenous youth in the centre's music room, where he was treated to a special performance by Emily Johnson and a chat with other local youth.

As the day drew to a close, the Koori community gave the Prince a rousing goodbye as he departed, vying for one last chance to get close to him as he

Many of the community gathered at the end of the day to reflect on their experiences, including Koori Radio broadcaster Marlene Cummins who said she was still abuzz from her interaction with the Prince, and so inspired she planned to write a song about him.

Elizabeth Roberts said she had come as a sign of respect to his late mother.

"We came to pay our respects to the royal family, we saw (the Prince) growing up, we loved his mum and he's just a lovely young man," she said.

Others used the visit as an opportunity to present the Prince with a petition signed by local people for the return of the remains of the Aboriginal warrior Pemulway, believed to be amongst others still held in institutions across Britain.

In the days after, there was a flurry of discussion on the Indigenous email grapevine about the relevance of the visit, with some criticising the

welcome to country as 'an embarrassment'. Others said the enthusiastic welcome of William to Redfern and his 'hero' status was inappropriate, questioning what the royal family had done for Indigenous Australians.

Some even suggested the Aboriginal warrior Pemulway would be 'rolling in his grave' to see the spectacle.

Despite this, Aboriginal man Phil Moncrieff said Aboriginal people had good hearts, and just afforded the

Prince the welcome they would offer to anyone.

"The Prince wanted to come and meet Aboriginal people so I think we afforded him the same respect and dignity that he offered to us," he said.

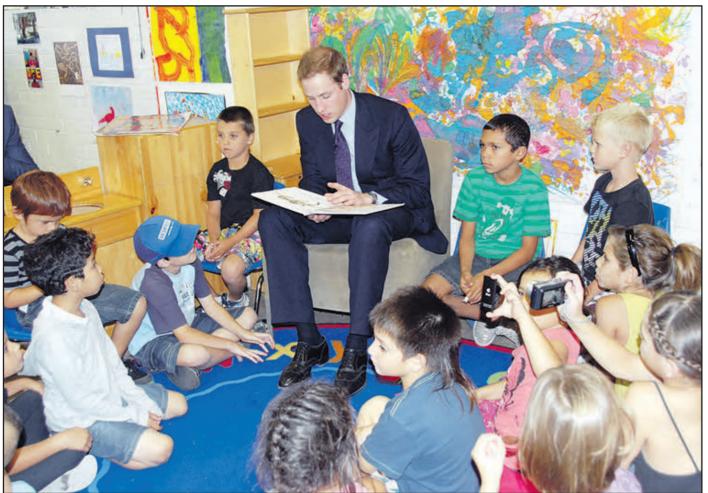
Aboriginal Housing head Michael Mundine said the day had been 'a blessing' for the Redfern community, and also a day of collective pride for the

"His mother had a good heart, and he has a good soul and good spirit," Mr Mundine said of Prince William.

"This day was all about respect and understanding, people coming together, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

"The Prince put his feet on Aboriginal land, and we feel very lucky to have had that experience.

as William visits community



Story time as Prince William reads Mem Fox's classic children's book Adventures of Possum Magic to children in Redfern.



Uncle Max Eulo performed the smoking ceremony for the Prince's arrival.





Nancy Hill Wood and Pat Mundine both said they had a lovely time during the Prince's visit.





Mike Saladrau and Colin Murphy came to Redfern to try to catch a glimpse of Prince William.



Ashton, 5, from Redfern Children's Program, fell asleep only minutes before the Prince arrived.



Barbara Stacey and Billy Mac were there to welcome the Prince. Mr Mac also performed in the welcome to country.



Elizabeth Roberts and Les Glass/de jong came to pay their respects to the royal



Athol (A J) Williams, 9, joined his grandmother Lavina Williams in welcoming the Prince to Redfern.



Michael Mundine welcomed the Prince to Redfern and said his visit was 'a blessing' for the community.

is urged



THE Federal Government should establish a national standard for the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage, according to the

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council. NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said under current NSW legislation, Aboriginal people were not recognised as the owners and primary determiners of their heritage.

She said the NSW Government had already indicated it would have problems meeting such standards, and had failed to deliver previous legislative amendments, which would protect heritage.

"There is an urgent need for a wideranging independent inquiry into this area," Cr Manton said.

"This should lead to the establishment of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill and an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Commission based on recognition that the ownership of Aboriginal cultural heritage lies with our



NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton ... "What we have is a regime to manage destruction.'

people. "NSWALC remains concerned at the current high rate of permits issued to destroy our cultural heritage and the proposed amendments in NSW will only make it easier to issue them."

Cr Manton said some 900 sites had been destroyed in recent years under this regime, with

recent figures showing up to five permits being issued a week.

"What we have is a regime to manage destruction," she said.

Cr Manton said NSWALC would continue to take every opportunity to point out that NSW remained the only State without independent culture and heritage

"The continuing inclusion of Aboriginal heritage in a flora and fauna Act in this state is repugnant," she added Cr Manton said the NSW Government

was now seeking to narrow the requirements for developers to consult and seek advice in respect of Aboriginal culture and heritage matters.

Some years ago, the Government established an Aboriginal Owners Register under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act but had not, as yet, provided the necessary resources to implement this.

Cr Manton said NSWALC and Local **Aboriginal Land Councils had to continually** battle to assert their rights to be involved in government consultations over proposed changes to the culture and heritage laws.

Both NSWALC and local Aboriginal land councils have a statutory responsibility to take action to protect Aboriginal culture and heritage and to promote awareness in the community on culture and heritage, she

NSWALC had detailed its profound concerns, and those of its constituents, in this regard in two detailed submissions which are available at the NSWALC website · www.alc.org.au

National heritage standard is urged VA mourns VA mourns OSS of Elder

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE Nyoongar community in Perth is in mourning over the loss of renowned Elder and activist Ken Colbung, who died on 12 January after a short illness.

Mr Colbung, who was farewelled at the Pinaroo Cemetery in Perth on Friday, is survived by his wife and many grandchildren.

Family spokesperson and niece Irene Stainton said 78-year-old Mr Colbung was totally committed to preserving and promoting Aboriginal cultural values to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people

"In his hey-day, Uncle Ken was a force to be reckoned with - and he worked around the world, using that influence for the benefit of Aboriginal people," Ms Stainton said.

Mr Colbung was born at the Moore River native settlement in 1931. After his mother died when he was just six, he was moved to Sister Kate's home for Aboriginal children in Perth.

When he was 19, he enlisted in the army and served in post-war Japan and in the Korean War, remaining in the service until 1965 when he moved to Sydney and became involved in Aboriginal politics.

Returning to Perth in 1970, he continued his activism in WA politics until his death. He was the main architect of the Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act, which came into force in 1972.

In 1982 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his services to the Aboriginal community.

Tributes have flowed for Mr Colbung, including from two of the State's top political leaders, WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames and WA Opposition Leader Eric Ripper.

"Western Australia has lost a great leader, an advocate for his people, culture and for reconciliation," Mr Hames said. "He will be remembered for his fierce determination to break down barriers and prejudices and to preserve Aboriginal cultural values. He will be greatly missed."

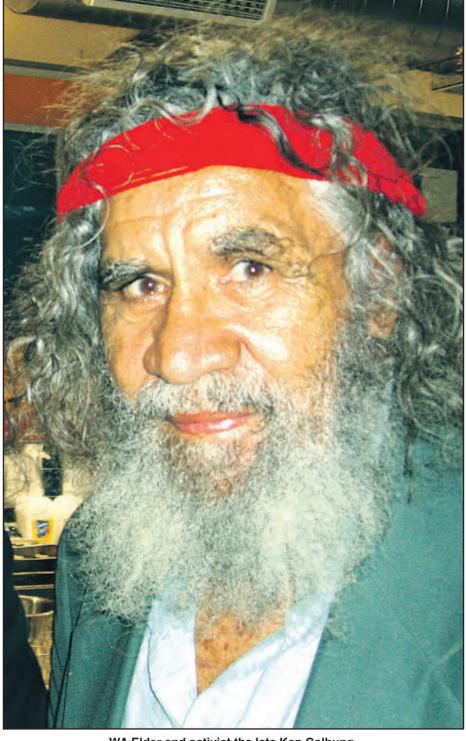
Mr Ripper said Mr Colbung was well respected in government circles and made many appearances at official functions as an Aboriginal community representative.

"Mr Colbung's strength as an advocate was his ability to relate and persuade non-Indigenous people of the justice of the rights and needs of Aboriginal

people," he said. "From a time when I became interested in politics I can always remember Mr Colbung as a spokesperson for Aboriginal people and someone who was well respected, indeed enjoyed the affection of non-Indigenous people."

Goldfields Land and Sea Council CEO Brian Wyatt said Mr Colbung was a fighter for justice and made a significant contribution to the race relations of Australia.

"Mr Colbung raised the bar for Aboriginal advocacy around Australia and he held us all to account on justice



WA Elder and activist the late Ken Colbung.

and reconciliation," Mr Wyatt said.

Ms Stainton said one of her uncle's greatest legacies was his key role in securing the return of the remains of 19th Century Nyoongar warrior Yagan, whose skull was returned from Britain in 1998.

It was while he and other Nyoongar

colonisation around the world over hundreds of years, and Ms Stainton said that he never regretted the remarks.

"There were no regrets about those comments, that was how he felt at the time, but he also said he had great

> respect for Diana and thought she was a wonderful person," Ms Stainton said.

"He was proud about what they were doing but he was frustrated about going all that way and there were still problems about retrieving Yagan's remains, so with all of that going

around at the time people do make comments and he did say that and he didn't regret it.

"For me, Uncle was a loveable rogue and he certainly provided guidance and support as a male leader in the

'Mr Colbung raised the bar for Aboriginal advocacy around Australia and he held us all to account on justice and reconciliation' - GLSC leader Brian Wyatt

> delegates Richard Wilkes, Robert Bropho and Mingli Wanjurri Nungala were in Britain that Princess Diana died, and comments from Mr Colbung caused outrage in the media.

He told British media that Princess Diana's death was karma for British

Alice program hailed

...But government language offends town camps council

THE Federal and NT governments have announced a \$5.4 million program aimed at providing support to people seeking alcohol rehabilitation in Alice Springs.

The funding for the 'Safe and Sober' program, committed under the \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan (ASTP), will enhance rehabilitation facilities, expand community-based interventions and include a program for prison inmates.

In a joint statement with her colleague Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon and NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton, Federal Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said than more than 65 per cent of assaults in the town in 2008 involved alcohol.

"Alcohol abuse is destroying the lives of too many Alice Springs residents and must be urgently dealt with to turn this around," Ms Macklin said.

"Acute overcrowding and sub-standard housing combined with alcohol abuse and hopelessness have led to despair and horrific violence in the town camps.

"Additional support and rehabilitation services are essential to help people overcome their dependence on alcohol and start taking responsibility for themselves and their families."

However, a key local Aboriginal organisation has taken exception to some of the language used by Ms Macklin in the statement and elsewhere, describing it as 'degrading' to Aboriginal people.

Tangentyere Council agreed before



WILLIAM TILMOUTH

Christmas to hand control of Alice Spring town camp leases to government in exchange for a \$100 million-plus housing and infrastructure investment in the camps, but its Executive Director William Tilmouth last week said Ms Macklin

should change her rhetoric.

"The Minister seems to have decided to use the town camps as her political kicking bag," Mr Tilmouth said.

She is representing the residents in the most degrading way and making Aboriginal people feel less Australian and not part of the broader Australian community.

Mr Tilmouth said the levels of violence and alcohol in town camps were too high, but said Ms Macklin's continual description of people and communities as



KARL HAMPTON

'substandard, 'alcohol abusers' and 'living with hopelessness... despair and horrific violence' seriously misrepresented a strong and proud people.

"We ask the Minister to celebrate the successes and strengths of our people and to cease the abusive and degrading attacks," he said.

"Public humiliation will simply create social exclusion and despair amongst our

Under the 'Safe and Sober' program, eight teams consisting of a therapist and an Aboriginal Family Support worker will help link people to a range of government services, including health, justice, harm minimisation and family and youth services. Structured, intensive therapy will be offered in a culturally sensitive way.

Partnerships

Mr Hampton said the ASTP was about working together through new partnerships, with a higher level of co-ordination and integration of services.

"In addition to the Safe and Sober Program, the Alice Springs Transformation Plan will invest a further \$80,400 to help fit out a Transitional Aftercare facility, managed by Drug and Alcohol Services Association (DASA)," Mr Hampton

"The fit-out of the DASA facility is an important part of the overall alcohol rehabilitation strategy, supporting up to eight people in an extended program of re-integration into the community."

The Federal and NT governments also last week announced Anglicare Northern Territory would receive \$3 million to lead the new Communities for Children initiative in Alice Springs.

Under the initiative, families with children from newborn to 12 years will have access to intensive support programs, including home visits, early learning and literacy programs, early development of social and communication skills, parenting and family support programs, child nutrition, and family

Massive hurdles in Haiti

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WITH more than 70,000 people confirmed dead and the number growing by the day, a fortnight on from the massive

earthquake that devastated the impoverished country of Haiti, relief efforts are slowly starting to trickle through.

It has been estimated that more than three million people have been affected, and the death toll is expected to reach 200,000.

A host of Australian aid agencies have set up camp in Haiti, tending to those worst affected, bandaging wounds and trucking in supplies.

But the efforts have been hampered by the poverty and disadvantage that plagued the country before the quake hit

on 12 January.

Media co-ordinator Kate Thwaites confirmed Oxfam was on the ground, getting clean water and sanitation to thousands of people in desperate

Oxfam said their immediate focus was getting in clean water, before disease started to spread, and spread quickly. With no sanitation and clean running water, Ms Thwaites said this was the next hurdle aid agencies faced to add to a growing list of difficulties, among them trucking in supplies with increasing fuel shortages.

"We've been running a program in Haiti for 30 years and the levels of poverty - up to 85 per cent of Haitians are living in poverty - means the program will continue for a number of years," she said.

Measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale, many have speculated the quake was one of the worst natural

disasters in history.

More than 50,000 survivors have set up makeshift shelters at an old golf course where Oxfam is providing water, with two water distribution points in Port-au-Prince.

Ms Thwaites said ever day Australians had already been very generous, with the donations up around \$900,000, but with the high levels of need, more was needed.

Aid agencies

There are a host of Australian aid agencies on the ground in Haiti, all of whom are seeking support. Here is a list of agencies:

- Oxfam, call 1800 088 110 or log onto www.oxfam.org.au
- Red Cross, call 1800 811 700 or log on to www.redcross.
 - World Vision, call 13 32 40 or log on to www.worldvision.
 - Caritas, log on to www.caritas.org.au/disaster
 - Care Australia, call 1800 020 046
 - Save the Children Australia, call 1800 760 011 Australia for UNHCR, call
 - 1300 486 427 Act for Peace – NCCA, call 1800 025 101
 - Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA), call 1800 242 372
 - ActionAid Australia, call 1300 666 672.



Mother of one, Mones Jermain, 29, told Oxfam workers of her struggle to supply her family with the basics like food, water and shelter: "I'm very happy to get this. I used to drink other water I found, but it wasn't any good and I've been worried about getting sick. I've drunk unsafe water before because there was no other choice, I couldn't find good water."



People queue for water provided by Oxfam, which has set up two water distribution points in Port-au-Prince. Photos courtesy of Oxfam

Thai program has 5 February deadline



THE Diplomacy Training Program at the University of NSW is calling for applications for Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights and Advocacy: A Training Program in Human Rights and Advocacy for Indigenous

Advocates from the Asia-Pacific Region.

The program will be held in partnership with Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact from 22-28 March in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with a focus on the issues surrounding Indigenous people, climate change and the impact of global corporations on Indigenous peoples.

Applications close on 5 February. For more information, email dtp@unsw.edu.au

Sculthorpe returned to advisory council



TASMANIAN Aboriginal woman Dr Gaye Sculthorpe is amongst three people reappointed to the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council (NADRAC).

Federal Attorney-General Robert

McClelland announced Dr Sculthorpe's reappointment and others earlier this month.

NADRAC is an independent non-statutory body that provides policy advice to the Attorney-General on ways of resolving or managing disputes without the need for judicial determination.

Dr Sculthorpe is a full-time member of the National Native Title Tribunal and has extensive experience in mediating native title applications and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

She is also member of the Australian Heritage Council and has held senior positions at Museum



Convenor tips heated debate



THE last survivor of the four founders of the Aboriginal Embassy in Canberra in 1972 has reported 'overwhelming interest'

in a 'New Way Summit' he is convening in the national capital this

Michael Anderson said the many calls he had received from throughout Australia indicated that representation at the Canberra summit should be national, and while the knowledge and experience of Elders was needed, he urged Indigenous youth to 'learn to take the lead from this summit'.

Mr Anderson said he expected the summit, from 30 January to 1 February, would produce a communiqué of grievances and new ways to be given to the Prime Minister and his government through a reading in the Federal Parliament when it reconvened on 2

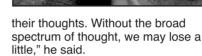
"If the Government seeks to engage with us, then they must understand that it is 'our way or no

Common solution

The communiqué would then be circulated to Indigenous people throughout Australia, to 'ensure that we are working towards a common solution to shared historical experiences'.

Describing the new National Congress for Australia's First peoples as 'sanitised' and 'a farce', Mr Anderson predicted discussions at the summit would be heated and furious because 'when people are hurting, they will not hold back. (But) it is important to understand that it is the system that we have to fight, not each

"I do hope that Noel Pearson, Michael Mansell, along with our intelligentsia, will come and share



He also welcomed non-Aboriginal people to the cause.

"The summit is open to all who wish to be involved in overcoming and addressing the racial conflicts that have persisted in this country since white settlement," he said.

"We must find solutions and ways forward. Government-sponsored solutions have failed, and continue to fail our people, so let us hear our people talk of a 'new way' and the let us find ways forward together."

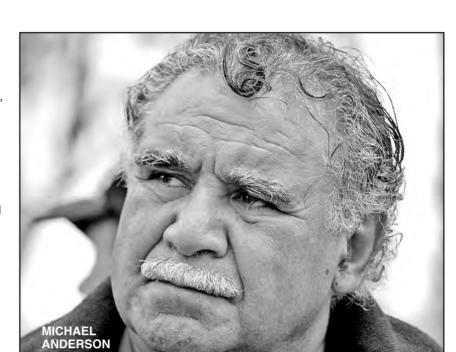
Mr Anderson can be contacted on (0427) 292 492 or via ngurampaa@bigpond.com.au

While most people will be camping at the Tent Embassy, some older/frail people will need beds and transport to and from the meetings, which will be held at ANU's Haydon Allen lecture theatre (tank) on 30 and 31 January

and at the Copland lecture theatre on Monday 1 February.

People offering to host or billet participants should give details of the number of beds (double or single), separate rooms or not, mattresses on the floor, whether or not they can provide transport to the venue or pick up from the airport/bus by contacting: Mary Ivec, (02) 6125 4438 work, (0438) 629 211 or email maryivec@quinane.id.au; Nicky Coles (0418) 214 202 or email ncoles@netspeed.com.au; or Ricki Dargavel, (0411) 880 852 or email dargavels@ozemail.com.au

Transport offers independent of beds are welcome, as is garden produce, which can be delivered to 30 Bonython St, Downer. Firewood can be delivered to the Tent Embassy as can tents, sleeping bags and blankets, which are always needed, espeicially if they can be taken back to communities.



120 safe houses for SA

Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations



THE Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will be conducting capacity building workshops for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with, or advocate

on behalf of, the Stolen Generations.

The workshops will focus on seeking and

competing for funding opportunities. Organisations will have an opportunity for their staff or volunteers to attend the workshops in their nearest regional centre, with workshops being held in Redfern (12 March), Adelaide (12 April), Darwin (14 April), Melbourne (11 May), Brisbane (28 May), Broome (9 June) and Redfern (16 June). A further workshop was held in Canberra at the weekend.

Stolen Generations' organisations are invited to nominate staff or representatives to attend a

 For more information, contact Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email StolenGenerations@



A PLAN to establish 120 safe houses in South Australia to combat domestic violence has

been unveiled by the South Australian and Federal governments.

The Federal Government is also delivering new family violence prevention projects in communities such as Port Augusta, Ceduna, Davenport, Mount Gambier and the NPY region.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last week toured some of the safe houses under construction at Findon, along with the Federal Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek, and SA ministers Jennifer Rankine and Gail

"Domestic violence has a devastating effect on families

and communities. It is our national responsibility to protect women and children," Ms Macklin said.

"Safe places are important circuit breakers in the cycle of violence. That's why we are providing 120 new safety houses across South Australia to help families affected by domestic violence."

Ms Plibersek said the 120 new dwellings made up almost 10 per cent of the 1350 new homes to be built under the Federal Government's Nation Building - Economic Stimulus Package.

"We are investing in the protection of children and their families as it is everyone's right to be safe and secure within their home and community," Ms Plibersek said.

The Australian Government is also providing almost \$730,000 for the three

Indigenous family violence prevention projects, including:

• \$310,000 to continue the successful Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunyatjara Family Violence Cross Border Project covering 24 communities in the NPY region. This perpetrator program has had a 70 per cent success rate in stopping re-offending

• \$287,000 for the Australian Red Cross to establish a pilot program modelled on the successful Canadian Red Cross' RespectED education programs. It will be adapted and trialled in partnership with Indigenous community organisations in communities, including Port Augusta, Davenport, Ceduna, Koonibba, Yalata, Oak Valley, Scotdesco and Tia Tuckier and the Lakeview centre - a

transitional accommodation service which has clients from the APY Lands

• \$130,000 for TAFE SA to expand the successful Rekindling Indigenous Relationships in the Riverland project, which provides family violence counselling and education for victims of family violence. The program will be expanded into Mt Gambier and Ceduna.

Red Cross head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy Olga Havnen welcomed the funding for the RespectEd program, saying there was an urgent need programs that focused on primary prevention and education.

"This start-up funding from the Federal Government will make a real difference to our work helping to break the cycle of harm and abuse," Ms Havnen said.



and the glinting black of his polyester Elvis Presley wig,

Gnarnayarrahe Inmurry Waitairie sweats in the summer heat.

Guitar over one shoulder and his official busking pass on one lapel, he adjusts his sunglasses and tunes his strings as he prepares to shake, rattle and roll like his American idol.

"Aboriginals don't have an Elvis, so I thought I'd come and be him. I'm Black Elvis," Mr Waitairie told AFP.

"Elvis can be anyone and call to anyone, because Elvis takes your heart away.'

Mr Waitairie, an Aboriginal dancer originally from Western Australia's Yindjibarndi country, traded his didgeridoo and clap sticks for polyester and rhinestones to be part of Australia's biggest Elvis celebration.

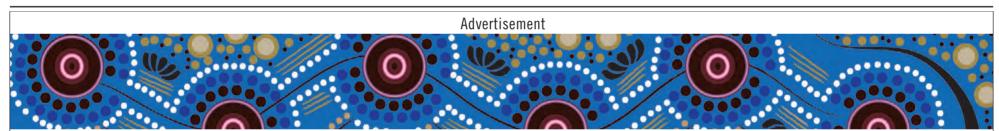
As fans in Memphis marked what would have been the 75th birthday of the man known as 'The King' of rock 'n' 300kms west of Sydney, for the annual Elvis Festival. It began almost two decades ago as the dream of Bob and Anne Steel, who ran a retro-themed reception centre called Gracelands and were desperate to liven up the relentless summer months in the farming and mining town.

"We had hoped that a January festival would bring some business to town, and I think everybody's doing handstands now," Anne Steel said.

"Most people can see what it's doing for the economy and, by God, we needed it."

In just five days the festival brings in more than one-tenth of the 11,000person town's annual tourism revenue.

Hotel rooms are booked more than a year in advance not just in Parkes, but surrounding towns as well, and the sportsground, converted into a tent city, is overflowing. Officials say the expanding crowd is getting younger every year. - AAP



Gnarnayarrahe Inmurry Waitairie,

who calls himself

plays a tune as he

attends the 18th

Elvis Festival, in

annual Parkes

the NSW town

of Parkes on

9 January.

AFP PHOTO

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Pay plan for NSW parents 'tacky'

By DARREN COYNE



A PLAN to pay Indigenous parents to attend their children's early education centre

and work towards a formal qualification has been labelled 'tacky' by the NSW opposition.

The NSW Government has said it would build six additional Children and Family Centres in disadvantaged communities, using a model developed in New Zealand and America.

The State and Federal governments last year announced three centres - in Campbelltown, Blacktown and Ballina

Another six centres will be established, in Lake Macquarie, Shoalhaven, Brewarrina, Gunnedah, Walgett and a second one in Blacktown.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said that quality early education had the

power to break the cycle of disadvantage.

"We want Indigenous children to get the best start in life. Experts tell us that quality early education has the power to break the cycle of disadvantage and that's vital to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people," she said.

"We have seen how parents, mainly mothers, who left school at a very young age do not engage in the education of their children and are not involved in their schools.

"They will be invited to participate in a 12-month program, 30 hours a week, where they learn literacy, numeracy and parenting. They will also be encouraged to spend time at their child's school and in community activities.'

As well as childcare, some of the centres will also provide health care, parenting classes and advice sessions.

The Federal Government has

allocated \$74.7 million over six years to build the nine NSW centres.

But NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries said paying parents was nothing new, and instead the Government should be concentrating on tackling social disadvantage.

"The only way these issues will be resolved are by comprehensive local engagement by all services within a local context," he said.

Engagement

"This is why nearly 500 Aboriginal students from across mainly country areas (some city) will be attending boarding schools; via the Penfold and Yalari Foundations."

Mr Humphries said Labor obviously did not support public education.

"There are some great people in public education doing their best, but they are not supported

by their political masters in any meaningful or effective way," he

"Leadership lacks continuity, any alternative models or approaches to education and Aboriginal engagement are one-offs at best

"Staff who show initiative are marginalised or moved. There is no commitment to socialise staff into Aboriginal community. Efforts in most cases are pure paternalism.

"There is no capacity by Labor to engage in a proper debate on education within the Indigenous context which is why we now have 'black flight' from many of our schools ... children in too many cases are disappearing back into the community or in a growing number as they get older accessing the boarding proposal.

"We need a lot more thought and action than a tacky proposal to pay parents additional funds to take their children to school."



NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries

RAW approach to mentor WA youth

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



AN Aboriginal consultancy in Perth has won a West Australian Government contract to trial a new mentoring service for Indigenous youth in the state's two juvenile detention

centres. The service, called RAW, is a new approach to mentoring Aboriginal juvenile offenders involving a 10-week program that begins before the teenagers are released from detention.

Aboriginal youth in WA make up nearly 80 per cent of those in detention, despite the fact that Aboriginal people comprise less than three per cent of the population.

The head of the RAW program, Kooya Consultancy Manager Kim Collard, said the success of the mentoring service depended on working with young Aboriginal offenders weeks before they're released.

"This starts while they're still in there," Mr Collard said. "We will unpack them, we will ask them to share with us that hurt, that

"This is about bringing themselves out, speaking the truth, not hiding and realising that there's a whole group of men who love and care and want to nurture them upon their release."

Mr Collard said the concept of the program was based partly on the mentoring model developed by British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver, who used cooking to mentor disadvantaged youth in Britain and Australia.

"It's based on the Jamie Oliver model, and it's about empowering 10 mentors to train 20 mentors, 20 mentors train 50 mentors, 50 mentors train 100 mentors, 100 mentors train 250 mentors," he said.

"So it's building upon the existing capacity so that we transfer that skills set on to each group that comes through the

The Perth program was also partly inspired by former British social worker Lee



KOODAH CORNWALL

Harper Penman, a Cherokee Cherokowa native American who spent the past 20 years working with disadvantaged black youth in Brixton, London.

"What we found is people of colour, their focus is what I'm not. I'm not rich, I'm not educated, I'm not white, I'm not good enough," Mr Penman said.

"So we started to ask the question, who are you? Who do you love and who loves you?

"It was a notion that came from the Cree nation, that you can use all the different talk therapies, but you wrap around it culture, language, ceremony, dance, song, religion, poetry, food. All of that which colonisation

Mr Penman warned the gang warfare that manifested itself on the streets of Brixton through the 1990s could easily happen in Australia, citing a warning from American civil rights leader Martin Luther



LEE PENMAN

King about the dangers of ignoring disadvantaged minorities.

"Dr King said to us if we raise a community in a society that feels that it does not have a stake in it to play, it will sub-consciously seek to destroy it," he said.

"And there is nothing more frightening than a group of young people who really don't care."

Mentors

Mr Collard said the RAW program had already trained two groups of mentors who had met with some of the Aboriginal vouths in detention.

"We made a promise to them that they are now our boys and when these young fellows get released we want to develop a support network so that we continue to work with them to guide them and direct them into employment, education, training, sport," he said.



KIM COLLARD

"Whatever ambition or desire or goal that they have, we want to try and facilitate the process so that dream, that vision, comes true for them."

One of the mentors, Nyoongar Elder Koodah Cornwall, said he was keen to help develop the mentoring program as a way of helping keep young Aboriginal men out of

"Now I can see the young people think that it's a manly thing to go to jail," Mr Cornwall said. "You're not a man until you go to jail. How do you break that there? That's what this group is about.

"RAW programs by the old people coming together, Elders coming together with the young fellas here, showing them and being a role model, being an example."

Mr Collard said he also wanted to develop a women's mentoring group to work with young female offenders and their families and carers.



ALICE Springs film-maker Warwick Thornton and his awardwinning drama

Samson & Delilah have taken a major leap toward Oscar success

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has announced Samson & Delilah made the short list for the best foreign language Oscar.

The Academy slashed its list of foreign language film entries from 65 to nine on Wednesday, with Samson & Delilah one of the survivors.

Thornton and Samson & Delilah have to clear one final barrier to make it to 82nd Academy Awards ceremony at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre on 7 March. A 'specially invited committee' will cut the nine remaining films to five on 31 January.

The five survivors will be the nominees and compete for the Oscar

"The short list will be winnowed down to the five nominees by specially invited committees in New York and Los Angeles," the Academy announced.

"They will spend Friday, 29 January, through Sunday, January 31, viewing three films each day and then



Film-maker Warwick Thornton on the set of Samson & Delilah.

casting their ballots."

The final five nominees will be announced with all other categories at the Academy's nomination ceremony in Beverly Hills on 2 February.

Samson & Delilah stars first-time actors Rowan

McNamara and Marissa Gibson and tells the 'survival love story' of two 14-year-olds living in a remote Aboriginal community who steal a car and drive to Alice Springs. The actors speak in English and Warlpiri.

Thornton has picked up awards for Samson & Delilah across the globe, including the

Camera d'Or at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival and eight Australian Film Institute Awards, including best picture, director, original screenplay and cinematography.

The eight other films on the Academy foreign language short-list are: El Secreto de Sus Ojos (Argentina); The World Is Big and Salvation Lurks around the Corner (Bulgaria); Un Prophete (France); The White Ribbon (Germany);

Ajami (Israel); Kelin (Kazakhstan); Winter in Wartime (The Netherlands); and The Milk of Sorrow (Peru).

The White Ribbon is the front-runner after claiming the foreign language Golden Globe award. $-A\overline{AP}$

Oscar glory beckons \$2.6m for our health



THE Federal Government will fund a campaign to prevent deaths from preventable heart disease that affects

young Indigenous people.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said \$2.6 million would be spent over four years on a new organisation to prevent rheumatic heart disease.

The potentially fatal illness begins with a common bacterial infection - a strep throat – which then develops into a fever and damages the valves of the heart.

The infection occurs mainly in children aged five to 14.

Aboriginal people are 20 times more likely to die from rheumatic heart disease than other Australians.

The new organisation will oversee monthly shots of penicillin to treat the disease, as well as improved diagnosis.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon was scheduled to officially unveil the new facility,

RHDAustralia, at the Menzies School of Health on Friday before being joined by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Minister for Health and Ageing Nicola Roxon in Darwin for the opening of a new oncology unit at Royal Darwin Hospital.

The development of a comprehensive strategy, and the creation of practical, simple measures to combat rheumatic heart disease and acute rheumatic fever, is vital in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy," Mr Rudd said in a statement.

Mr Snowdon said RDHAustralia would establish a national database to support a register and control program, which would initially start in the NT, WA and Queensland.

"It will provide training of health staff to improve diagnosis, and help patients access regular antibiotics to prevent recurrence," he said.

"RHDAustralia is also putting strategies in place to make the public more aware of the disease." - AAP





PUTTING IT BACK

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Please contact your Regional Development Commission

Visit www.RoyaltiesforRegions.wa.gov.au or email us at RoyaltiesforRegions@rdl.wa.gov.au

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The Australian Government is looking for committed community partners to continue the work of Caring for our Country from 2010-11.

Caring for our Country is an Australian Government initiative that seeks to achieve an environment that is healthy, better protected, well-managed, resilient, and provides essential ecosystem services in a changing climate.

The Caring for our Country business plan sets out the targets for investment in 2010-11 and the following years to ensure we stay on track to achieving the government's five year Caring for our Country outcomes.

We are looking for partners who can work with us in addressing identified targets and protect and restore our unique and valuable environment within six national priority areas:

- the National Reserve System
- biodiversity and natural icons
- coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats
- sustainable practices
- northern and remote Australia
- community skills, knowledge and engagement.

To obtain a copy of the Caring for our Country business plan 2010–11, information on eligibility requirements, or to submit an investment proposal, visit www.nrm.gov.au or call the Caring for our Country information line on 1800 552 008.

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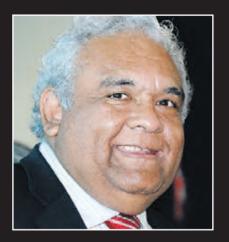
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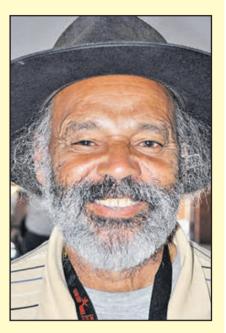
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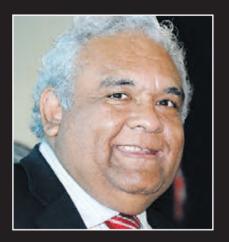
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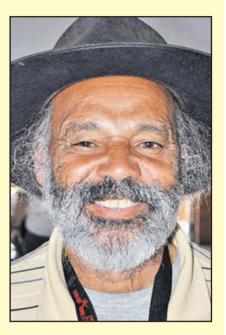
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Reflections

By Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER

N Monday, the country's eighth Indigenous Australian of the Year, Professor Mick Dodson, officially relinquished his title. And it was not without some relief, with the Yawuru man and long-time human rights campaigner describing the past 12 months as amongst the most enjoyable, but probably the busiest in his life. And that's saying something.

"It has been a great honour and I hope that I have done justice to it," he said humbly. "I'm exhausted but I have gained a little more wisdom over the year, I think.'

Accepting his award on 25 January last year, Prof Dodson said he wanted to spend the next 12 months raising awareness of the need for all Australian children both Indigenous and non-Indigenous - to get the education they deserved.

So perhaps it is not so surprising that he said the 'best part of the campaign' was visiting more than 40 schools across the country and speaking to countless youngsters about the importance of sticking with school and seeing it through.

"I was instilled with a great deal of hope when visiting schools, the good and the bad," he said. "The more of the good I saw, the more I was encouraged. We are doing some wonderful things in this country, but we have to replicate them and roll them out across the country.

Prof Dodson nominated the growing network of Clontarf sporting academies around Australia and the Deadly Treadlies bike mechanics project in Alice Springs as just two of many inspirational programs out there.

He said the programs and projects that worked were those where schools embraced and involved their local communities and families, and vice-versa.

"I remember going to a school where the principal lamented that he couldn't engage with the community," Prof Dodson recalled.

"Now, this school had a two-metre wire fence that got locked up every day, you know... 'Government property, you can't come in here'. And I compared that to some schools where they had no fence and they had Aboriginal murals all over, they had put in a special brick wall so the kids could paint their own mural. They had a vibrant school council and the principal understood why it was important to have the school as central to the community."

Prof Dodson had praise, too, for another inspirational Indigenous Australian, Dr Chris Sarra, the man behind the increasingly popular Strong, Smart, Deadly philosophy. Dr Sarra also happened to be Queensland's finalist in this year's Australian of the Year Awards.

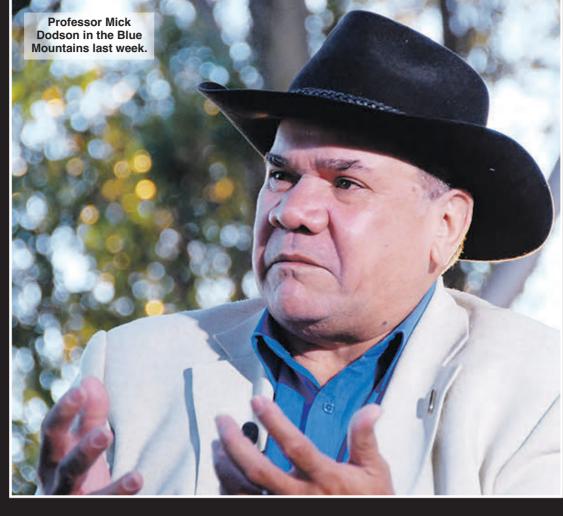
"I am indebted to Chris Sarra for teaching me that there's still too much of an attitude amongst some administrators and some school teachers that Aboriginal kids don't want to or can't learn," Prof Dodson said.

"To put it into the kind of language that Chris uses, they don't have any aspirations for our kids.

"Well, we have to have the highest aspirations for them - as parents, teachers, politicians, administrators and members of the community.

"I said to a lot of kids throughout the year 'Blackfella kids can do anything. In fact, I expect you to do anything'. That's the attitude we have to have.

"Sometimes we want to pull down our own mob. We say 'they're



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too cheeky or too flash', but we are increasingly getting out of that. We actually like to see our people succeed.

"Failure shouldn't be regarded as a characteristic of being a blackfella. We shouldn't think that our horizons are low.

Within minutes of his announcement as Australian of the Year, Prof Dodson told a media scrum that Australia should start talking about changing the date of Australia Day to something more inclusive than 26 January.

"To most Indigenous Australians, it really reflects the day on which our world came crashing down. Many Indigenous people regard it

as Invasion Day," he said bluntly. "We're better than isolating one group of Australians from our

national day, we can do it. And, if the government wants to be part of that conversation, well and good.'

In fact, the Government wanted no part in such a conversation, with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd declaring at a citizenship ceremony the next day 'Let me say a simple, respectful, but straightforward no'.

Today, though, Prof Dodson is more convinced than ever that the nation is ready and willing to talk.

"I reckon I got at least 5000 letters, emails, phone calls and text messages after Australia Day last year," he revealed. "And I would say that just 12 or so were negative or nasty.

"And if we look at the recent survey that showed 90 per cent of people are saying Australia Day should be inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, I firmly believe that some day we will choose a date that is a comprehensive and inclusive date for all Australians."

Prof Dodson also said a year ago that Australians needed to respect everyone's human dignity and to own up to things when we fell 'short of the mark'

Did we fall short of the mark during 2009, especially with regards to Indigenous affairs?

"Yes," he said. "We have been far too slow in restoring the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) under the Northern Territory Intervention.

"We presently have legislation before the Parliament that is going to, I believe, breach the RDA in relation to the Native Title Act by removing the freehold test in relation to sovereign lands.

"And we still haven't spent the money that should have been spent on housing in the Northern Territory. I am very disappointed in the lack of progress there.

"Now, one thing the Government has done that is positive is they have endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), but they qualify it with all of this."

On the issue of the Stolen Generations, to whom the Prime Minister apologised two years ago, Prof Dodson said compensation would be justice and that had not changed.

The Federal Government has made much about 'rewriting' its relationship with Indigenous peoples and communities.

Prof Dodson said he was still optimistic about the prospect of a reconciled Australia, but believed questions about Indigenous land, for example, remained 'unfinished business'

"Key to that unfinished business is land," he said. "Native title is an insulting impost on Aboriginal people and that is a key question that must be resolved.'

It comes as a bit of a jolt to learn that, despite his Australian of the Year commitments, Prof Dodson managed to run the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at Canberra's Australian National University, supervise students, sit on panels for higher education research, and serve on many boards and committees.

He was also co-chair of Reconciliation Australia and an adviser to the steering committee charged with establishing the new National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.

Now, having applied to the ANU for a sabbatical break, he's looking forward to being 'a bit quieter' this

Still, minus the title in 2010, Prof Dodson plans to continue to lobby for education reform, while also pushing for action on the other 'crucial battlefront' of climate change.

"We have to stand up to these politicians who don't believe that climate change is an issue for us," he said. "We really need to get serious about understanding how precious our environment is to us and to our existence.

'Stop this bullshit about climate change and get serious about doing something about it. That's what I want to see happen in this country.

As The Koori Mail went to print, the announcement of Prof Dodson's successor was still a day or so off.

However, Prof Dodson was prepared to go out on a limb.

'It probably wor two years running but, whoever gets it, they'll be deserving," he predicted. "Whoever gets it, my advice to them is to buy a ute, grab a mate, jump in it and drive around the country for a year."

If only it happened that way. With additional reporting by AAP

REFLECTIONS

This feature, where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from all walks of life reflect in depth on the things that matter to them, will become a regular part of The Koori Mail.

Department of Environment and Resource Management

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, or contact:

Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review Department of Environment and Resource Management GPO Box 2454 Brisbane QLD 4001 Tel: +61 7 33301 5745 Fax: +61 7 3330 5754

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Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

Invitation To Apply for funding for national projects to improve the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reducing the transmission of sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses.

ITA - 231/0910 **19 FEBRUARY 2010**

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications for funding from eligible community based, non profit and non governmental organisations for national projects to improve the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reducing the transmission of sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses and minimising the social and personal impacts of these conditions

Applications are being sought for projects with a national focus or projects that could provide a model for future national service delivery.

Projects should have a focus on delivering services that reduce the burden of disease and deliver improvements in sexual health. Projects that can achieve measurable beneficial health outcomes will be highly regarded.

Eligible organisations are:

• Existing incorporated organisations (or consortia of organisations) who are community based, not for profit and non governmental.

To obtain an application for funding for national projects to improve the sexual health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reducing the transmission of sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses, please:

Visit www.health.gov.au/tenders.htm;

For more information email~Christopher.mackenzie.davey@health.gov.auApplications close at 2.00pm AEDT Friday 19 February 2010.



Australian Government

Department of Families, Housing, **Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Development of National Standards for Out of Home Care

The Australian Government, through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, in conjunction with State and Territory governments and the non-government sector, is developing National Standards for Out of Home Care.

The development of these National Standards is an important action under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020. Further information about the National Framework can be found at:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/families/pubs/Protecting_children/ Pages/default.aspx

KPMG has been engaged to assist with the project. A paper has been developed to generate discussion on issues, and possible solutions, that need to be considered in developing National Standards.

To obtain a copy of the Consultation Paper, either:

including email address.

- visit: www.nationalstandardsforoutofhomecare.com; or
- send an email to: contactus@nationalstandardsforoutofhomecare.com Individuals and organisations are invited to provide feedback to guide the development of National Standards for Out of Home Care.

Feedback, comments and/or enquiries, should be emailed to the address above.

Feedback should be lodged by 5pm (AEST) on Friday 26 March 2010. Responses must contain the submitting person/organisation's contact details,

www.fahcsia.gov.au



Noongar people outside WA Parliament in December last year after the signing of the agreement to negotiate an alternative settlement to resolve Noongar native title claims in the state's south-west region. Photo courtesy of SWALSC

Alternative approaches

OVES by some state governments to settle native title claims by negotiating directly with traditional owners about matters beyond native title, demonstrate that alternative approaches can be taken to resolve native title

The Western Australian Government and the Noongar people's representative body, the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, signed an agreement in December that confirmed their commitment to negotiate an alternative settlement to resolve Noongar native title claims in the state's south-west region.

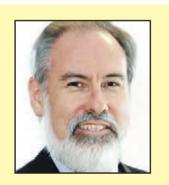
The parties agreed to a two-year plan to negotiate a settlement package, likely to include recognition of the Noongar people's traditional ownership of the land, economic benefits, a revised heritage regime, land and joint management of some national

In June 2009, the Victorian Government announced it had developed a Native Title Settlement Framework to allow traditional owners to negotiate directly with the state to settle native title claims, rather than go through the courts.

The aim of the Victorian framework, when implemented, is for faster resolution of claims, stronger partnerships with Indigenous people and better outcomes, including increased economic opportunities.

These moves align with the commitment made in August last year at a meeting of Commonwealth, state and territory native title ministers to take a flexible approach when working to achieve a broad range of practical and sustainable outcomes through native title processes.

All ministers agreed that the ultimate aim was to achieve real



NATIVE TITLE AND You

with National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

outcomes for Indigenous people and to provide certainty for other land users.

Alternative settlements enable stakeholders to make progress in ways to suit their local needs, and such settlements can be especially valuable where few native title rights will be recognised or it will be difficult to prove that native title survives.

In 2008, the native title ministers established a Joint Working Group on Indigenous Land Settlements to develop policies advocating broader and regional land settlements.

Guidelines

The group also developed Guidelines for Best Practice in Flexible and Sustainable Agreement Making. These guidelines were released in August 2009 to assist governments around Australia in their negotiations.

Practical guidance on the behaviours, attitudes and practices that can achieve the efficient resolution of native title claims, from the early

stages of negotiations through to implementation, is included in the guidelines.

For more than a decade the Native Title Act has provided for the kind of agreements now being sought by the states and the Commonwealth.

In 1998 amendments to the Act added section 86F, which allows parties to negotiate agreements about action being taken to settle a native title claim. The 'agreement to take action' may involve matters other than native title, such as those contemplated by the Victorian framework. The Indigenous Land Use Agreement (or ILUA) provisions, which were also introduced in 1998, provide a way to give legal effect to the outcome of those negotiations.

Further amendments in 2009 (sections 87 and 87A) enable the Federal Court to make orders about things other than native title where parties reach an agreement. According to the Australian Government, agreements could include such things as economic development opportunities, training, employment, heritage, sustainability, and the benefits for parties. We have yet to see how the parties and the Court will use this power.

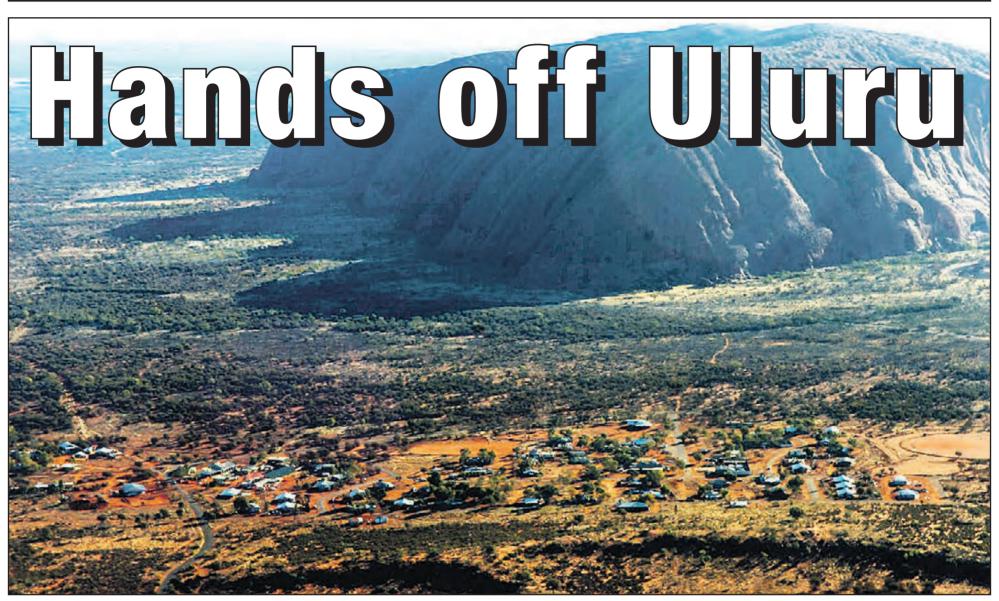
The challenge to all people involved in the native title system is to reduce the time taken to resolve native title claims, while also ensuring agreements deliver enduring outcomes that are appropriate for the parties' circumstances.

Economic and cultural gains can be made through determinations of native title and agreements about a broader range of matters. Such settlements and the positive relationships formed during negotiations can ensure agreements are strong, ongoing and sustainable.

YOUR SAY



Socialist Alliance candidates Melanie Barnes and Jenny Forward say that Tasmania's Bay of Fires should be returned to Aboriginal control. Their letter is on Page 24



I WAS disgusted, disillusioned and dismayed to hear about the Uluru tourist climb staying open.

Kevin Rudd has totally lost my support and I urge all fair-minded Australians of whatever race to petition the Federal Government over this miscarriage of justice.

I still remember on election night 2007 when Rudd said: "I will govern for Indigenous Australians and I will govern for all Australians.

Rudd has never wanted this disgusting climb closed down.

It appears that he and Environment Minister Peter Garrett (who also has a problem stopping Japanese whalers) have forgotten that our most valued and famous national monument is being used every day as a toilet for tourists who also leave their rubbish

Now suddenly Rudd, Garrett and co have done a backflip and under a new plan, the 'dangerous' climb will remain open under three new conditions which are all inappropriate and

One of Garrett's conditions states that 'the attraction of the climb must no longer be the primary reason visitors travel to Uluru'.

Garrett and co want the climb to stay open so they can get re-elected at the next Federal election, which is anything but a certainty. Suddenly, Tony Abbott isn't looking so bad.

Is Garrett kidding us? Is this the same ex-rock star who made a lot of his money singing about my race, the Aboriginal people of Australia?

Garrett says the key thing is to broaden the visitor experience. Do international tourists go to Uluru to learn about Aboriginal culture? Of course they don't. The main reason will always be to climb it.

The Federal Government is running scared that valuable millions of revenue dollars will be forfeited if the climb is closed. Rudd has sold out on the very people he apologised to

Garrett even goes so low as to align himself with the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board of Management by saying that (like the board) he feels a 'conscience' need to support tourism and integrate it with the local Aboriginal culture

of the Anangu people.

My father is a custodian of Uluru and I have lived at Mutitjulu, just near the base of the rock on many occasions. The Anangu people on these boards are usually hand-picked by park rangers who keep telling them how much they love and respect their land and culture.

The fact that all these rangers live in 'Rangerville' and not in the Mutitjulu community is not an accident. After 5pm, there is not one white person in sight in the Aboriginal community up there.

Meanwhile, every day people go to the toilet on our most loved icon and it all gets washed down into the beautiful creeks and waterholes at the base. Not to mention how steep and dangerous the climb is - proven at the bottom with all the plaques of the souls who died doing it.

Rudd's apology was frankly a wasted opportunity from a Prime Minister who has never supported the closure of the climb.

> **PASCOE BRAUN** Bowden, SA

The Rock calling...

IN the news earlier this month on the topic of people climbing Uluru, **Environment Minister Peter Garrett** said 'Prevention will not take place until an alternative is found and put into place to cover the loss of the tourism dollars drawn from the rock,

What most people are unaware of is the fact that the heart centre of Australia - Uluru - has a calling of healing energy to the spirit to come, and experience 'The Rock'. This draws many, if not millions, from all over the world to touch, connect to and experience these vibrations of one of the most sacred heart centres of the earth.

Perhaps a more useful experience than clambering all over Uluru would be to be involved in a blessing and giving of thanks ceremony conducted by the Elders, held around the base of the rock in various places.

Those visitors who wished to partake in an absolutely genuine and rare experience shared with the Indigenous peoples of this land could be guided by the Elders.

Those visitors who don't wish to participate 'per say' can still sit on the outer edges and watch, still experiencing the essence of Uluru and much more, and still be of service in their own way by just being

All would still have to pay a rate for entry to be there, just as they

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Time to give back e Bay of Fires Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

THE recent article by travel magazine Wanderlust that named Tasmania's Bay of Fires as one of the world's most threatened tourist sites confirms the need to return the land to Aboriginal control immediately.

The area is of very high significance to Aboriginal people, with burial grounds and cultural artefacts all throughout the area.

Aboriginal cultural sites are now being destroyed because of the amount of tourists, not consciously, but because there is little awareness or signage as to what is

culturally significant in the area.

Returning the land to Aboriginal control will ensure that these sites are protected and there will be a higher awareness of why the area is so important to Aboriginal people

The Bay of Fires was announced one of the world's 'hottest' destinations in 2009 by Lonely Planet, resulting in a surge of tourist numbers

If Premier Bartlett turns the area into a national park, he would be turning his back on a promise to give the land back.

Certainly, the area should be protected from unsuitable development, and the Aboriginal community is best placed to manage the risks associated with increased tourism.

The presumption that governments are better managers of the land than Aboriginal people hasn't been borne out in practice, as shown by the environmental destruction occurring across Australia.

The Socialist Alliance campaigns for full

land rights and compensation for land taken, and recognises the existence of Indigenous self-governance and the right of Indigenous peoples to selfdetermination.

> **MELANIE BARNES** Socialist Alliance candidate for Denison JENNY FORWARD Socialist Alliance candidate for



Offering workshops on film-making, computers

I AM seeking interest and support to hold film-making and basic computer skills workshops in Aboriginal communities at no

Workshops are customised to fit the specific needs and times of the participants who create their own short films and use computers to gain basic skills.

Short films can be a way to gain practical experience, tell a story, a personal or collaborative creative journey, highlighting some aspect of community life or be entered into competitions.

I've been involved with Aboriginal issues for some years. Belonging to Bennelong and surrounds reconciliation group, I have filmed many events, including a historical talk about

Bennelong in Ryde, Children's Voices for Reconciliation, Sea of Hands, Sorry Day in Canberra and many more.

I believe that media literacy can play a part in empowering individuals and promoting a sense of community and history.

I have ten years media experience, a 4WD and all the necessary professional equipment, insurance and documentation to offer these workshops. I intend to apply for grants and sponsorship and so I am seeking letters of support from interested communities.

> **ROY SMITH** Via email roy.mydea@gmail.com www.mydea.info

Uluru is calling.

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would have had to climb all over the rock, but instead, will walk away with an even greater gift of experience, of giving, sharing and receiving something that really is priceless.

Other sacred sites in the world are honoured in this way, and still draw the tourism dollars without destroying beautiful spaces, so why don't we?

This is but a suggestion to help

bridge the gaps of understanding the beauty of the cultures connected to our Australian lands, and a possible solution to putting an end to the constant climbing and defacing of Uluru.

From someone whom believes that the heart centre of Australia is far more worthy of its sacredness than to just pillage it for the sake of the tourism dollar.

> **JENNIFER DOUGLAS** Coffs Harbour, NSW

Save the brumbies

I AM greatly disturbed at some of the ways some people are talking about getting rid of the large numbers of camels in central Australia and the brumby horses in the Kosciusko Snowy River area.

Those numbers are so high due to mismanagement on the part of the governments of this country.

I grew up with those beautiful animals and they are just that... beautiful. While they are introduced animals, if it wasn't for them

'the first boat people' to this country would not have gotten further west from Botany Bay than the Nepean River.

Then, when mechanisation came along, those great animals were pushed away and forgotten. And of course they do what comes naturally and their numbers increase; they don't have the chemical blocks used by humans.

If common sense was more common, the numbers could have been controlled

from the beginning.

I lived at Wanaaring, in western NSW, through the 1930s and 1940s, and there were a large, well-established number of brumby horses just north of there.

Those numbers were kept down by the local landholders doing regular musters. They would castrate most of the young colts and take what could be used as stockhorses, and many of those would be broken in and sold to drovers

passing through.

It appears that these days, if there is not a quick easy dollar to be made from something, you just kill it.

At 84 years of age, I still have a good memory of those days, but there are history books for the over-schooled and undereducated.

HAROLD HUNT

Govt must be held to account

I READ with interest the stories (KM, 'Your Say', 16 December 2009) titled 'Research shines spotlight on domestic violence' and 'No drawbacks for resources.'

Both stories refer to recent initiatives by the State Government to potentially aid in the wellbeing of the NSW Aboriginal community, yet I question their timeliness.

The high rate of domestic violence of Aboriginal women compared with non-Aboriginal women in NSW is not a new phenomenon, nor is the high rate of smoking amongst pregnant Aboriginal females compared with non-Aboriginal pregnant females.

The NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs' Two Ways Together 2005 report on Page 61 states 'in 2002, the rate of domestic violence related assaults

among Aboriginal women was six-times the State average and the rate of sexual assault among Aboriginal women was three-times the State average'.

These same figures are mirrored on Page 64 of the Two Ways Together 2007 report which states 'in 2006, police figures show that Aboriginal women were nearly three-times as likely to be victims of a sexual assault as the general female population and nearly six-times as likely to be victims of domestic violencerelated assault'.

On the issue of smoking amongst pregnant Aboriginal females, the NSW



'The growing incarceration rate of Aboriginal **Australians in NSW** is of major concern, but not so for the State **Government who** sit idly by – Kevin Humphries

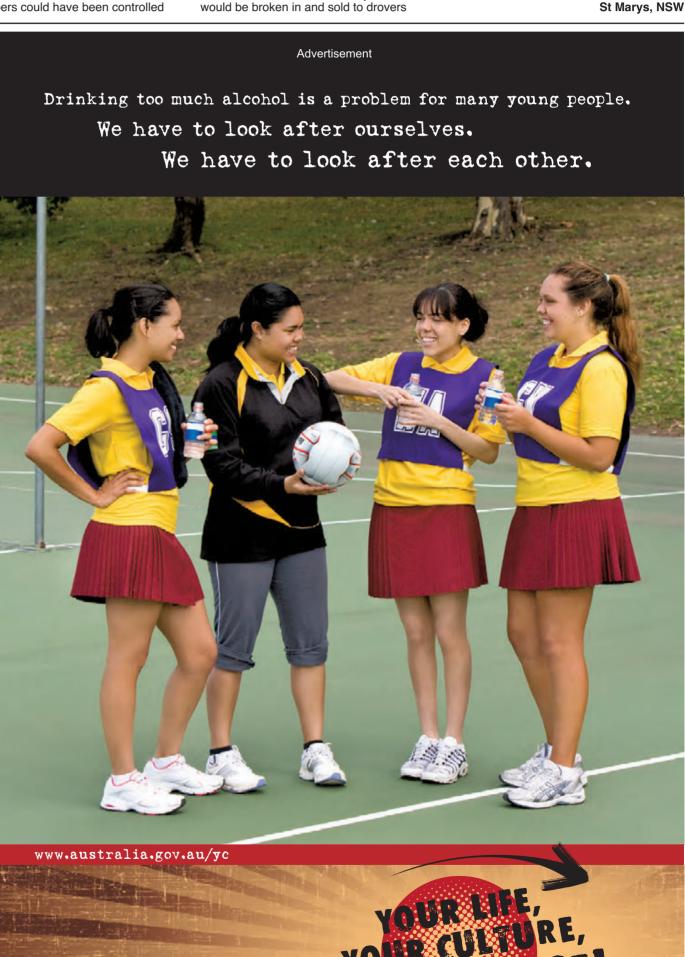
MP for Barwon

Department of Aboriginal Affairs Two Ways Together 2005 report on Page 23 states 'in 2000, 58 per cent of Indigenous mothers reported smoking in the second half of their pregnancy compared with 15.3 per cent of non-Indigenous mothers'.

Again, this is mirrored in the Two Ways Together 2007 report as Page 18 states 'the most prevalent risk factors for low birth weight babies for Aboriginal mothers are smoking during pregnancy (over four-times more likely than non-Aboriginal mothers)'.

Given the severity of these issues and the lack of a timely response, one must question the magnitude of the State Government's belated initiatives as they appear to come too little, too

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- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or,
- Help to provide better access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 Victalent grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs for projects starting after 1 July 2010 are open until 1 March 2010.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DPCD regional representative before lodging a submission.

To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except public holidays).

For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit: www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au.







Upgrading the Pacific Highway

Ballina bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina

Construction update February 2010 - April 2010

- Complete bulk earthworks between Ross Lane and Cumbalum
- Commence paving trials in March and then progress with paving.
- Switch traffic onto new diversion at Cumbalum.
- Undertake controlled blasting north of Ross Lane.
- Continue construction of retaining walls around the shared underpass north of Cumbalum.
- Continue fill settlement between Bruxner and Cumbalum.
- Continue progressive landscaping works.
- Complete temporary works and structural steel working platform at Emigrant Creek north bridges Commence piling activities at Cumbalum flood relief
- bridge 3 and Emigrant Creek north bridge.
- Complete abutments to the balanced cantilever bridge at Emigrant Creek south.
- Complete Teven twin bridges (excluding end spans).
- Erect remaining super T girders to spans I and 7 at Cumbalum flood relief bridges.

Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Construction hours

Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until Ipm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), email community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (Ballina bypass is located in the Ballina to Tweed Heads section).

Your Say

Letter was honest, realistic

I WRITE in response to Sidney Watts' letter of support for the intervention in Northern Territory (KM, 'Your Say', 16 December 2009).

In his radical comment, Watts was honest, realistic and understood the real obstacle in creating the bright future of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people.

He said: "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'.

Sidney, I am absolutely inspired by your courageous letter about the future of your people.

I am from the Dani tribe of Papua New Guinea. I lived and worked in Bourke, NSW, for seven years as an Aboriginal youth

We can keep blaming the white man about the past and keep fighting the system, but if we are not protecting our kids, then we have no future.

Protecting children and giving them a good education is the single most important factor that will determine the future of Aboriginal

Sidney, you have the true spirit of your ancestor: Spirit of truth, honesty, courage and compassion for the future of your land, your people.

Don't stop. Keep going and make revolution amongst your

> YAMIN KOGOYA Tweed Heads, NSW

It comes down to how we live our lives

I AM writing in response to 'Christian reply' from Pastor Robert Shanney (KM, 'Your Say' 13 January 2010).

I guess it all boils down to 'Love thyself and then thy neighbour'. You can't love your neighbour unless you love yourself first or 'Do unto others as you want done unto you'.

Pope Leo 10th said 'We well know what a profitable superstition the fable of Christ has been for us'.

Since the Vatican financed World War II using collections from innocent practitioners... we

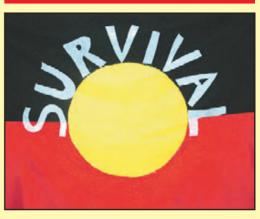
all seem to be indirectly guilty of the murder of millions of men, women and children.

I'm sure that Jesus meant we need to believe in ourselves and acknowledge the God within... and not worship someone else who has not lived our life.

Remember, we are all worth heaps as God doesn't make junk.

It comes down to how we live our life for which we will all be made accountable - if not in this world, then in the next one.

DIANE ROSE YOKA



Survival Day

Survival day is a day of celebration Here and there, across Australia's nation With kids' activities, stalls and information These are the best events with good vibrations.

Hear our music and see us dance The only day you'll get a chance To acknowledge and experience the cultural life of others

Don't forget you mob and bring your sistas and

Join the rallies or come see the protests Wherever you are, everyone will notice Colours of the rainbow as far as your eyes can

Of multicultural people just like you and me.

Remember now, it's not that far away We'll be counting down each and every day Come on down, don't forget this fantastic

Held on the 26th of January, two thousand and

TIA DALTON Lismore, NSW

Our Survival Day

Another Australia Day has arrived Celebrations across our land Guess they don't think what we've been through

Our ancestors tried to hold our land Keep us together to protect our clans Barbecues burning and sweet tasting wine The white man's celebrating what belongs to

But we're here in the background Being proud of who we are Our red, black and yellow unites us all Saying we have survived another century Of white man's invasion

> **RAYLENE CAMPION** Adelaide, SA

Govt must be held to account

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More so, the Government must be held accountable for the ever-widening gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians in NSW on a number of fronts from, health to education and incarceration to name a

Last month, a report released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics* revealed Indigenous imprisonment rates in NSW soared from 1750 Indigenous prisoners per 100,000 of the adult Indigenous population in 2000, to 2591 Indigenous prisoners per 100,000 of the adult Indigenous population in 2009.

By the same token, non-Indigenous imprisonment rates in NSW increased from 148 per 100,000 of the adult non-Indigenous population in 2000 to

same scale in 2009.

The growing incarceration rate of Aboriginal Australians in NSW is of major concern, but not so for the State Government who sit idly by.

In fact, a report released last year by the NSW Auditor-General credited the Magistrate Early Referral Into Treatment Program (MERIT), a mainstream drug diversion program available to eligible defendants, for the positive results it achieved with Aboriginal offenders.

It found MERIT had the potential to impact a large number of Aboriginal defendants as studies showed it reduced re-offending rates and improved sentencing outcomes, yet it had only reached 273 Aboriginal defendants from 19,000 in 2007-2008.

The Auditor-General questioned why

only 156 non-Indigenous prisoners of the the MERIT program hadn't been rolled out to key Aboriginal locations across the State in its eight years of existence, and why it hadn't been expanded to include defendants charged with serious violence offences or alcohol abuse as well.

The State Labor Government has failed the NSW Indigenous community. Thus, before they even think of patting themselves on the back over too few initiatives that come too late, they need to stop and think of the many that remain marginalised because of their inaction.

> **KEVIN HUMPHRIES NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs State Member for Barwon**

*ABS: 4517.0 - PRISONERS IN AUSTRALIA, 2009

Koori spirit in Balibo

THE Koori 'spirit' has made it all the way to the small East Timorese village of Balibo.

At the house where five journalists were murdered by invading Indonesian soldiers in 1975, it gave me great satisfaction recently to place one of Aunty Jan Brown's Koori 'Spirits Of The Dreaming', above the photo of my brother Tony, 21, the youngest of all the journalists killed.

Aunty Jan, a proud Gumbaynggirr woman, is a true and close friend of my family and her unique hand painted spirits are classic works of art.

She is also a member of the Aboriginal Catholic Social Service (ACSS) who run a Community Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in Western Sydney including the Penrith, Mt Druitt, St Marys and Blacktown areas.

This fantastic bunch of women looks after many people in counselling/healing and support groups or art and craft activities.

A few years back I was real sick in hospital waiting for a new liver and the prayers and messages of support from the women at the ACSS got me through some real tough times.

Readers of The Koori Mail may now be familiar with the incident at Balibo in East Timor, as last year a major film about the event, starring Hollywood star Anthony La Paglia, was released to much acclaim. Along with Samson & Delilah, it was one of the big winners at the recent Australian Film Institute awards.

I was lucky enough to get a new liver and came out of a hospital to work on the soundtrack



AUNTY JAN BROWN

for the movie.

A couple of months back we actually won the 2010 ARIA award for Best Soundtrack album where I met leading Indigenous singer songwriter and ex-Pearl fisherman Seaman Dan from Broome, who won the award for Best World Music album.

This year I got to return to East Timor to deliver some donated guitars but I was determined to get one of Aunty Jan's Spirits Of The Dreaming up to the Balibo house which was purchased by the Victorian Government several years ago and set up as a community centre.

While in East Timor's capital, Dili, I met a group of blind musicians who were greatly impressed and encouraged when I played them some of the music of Indigenous super-star Gurrumul Yunupingu.

What many Kooris may not know is that many East Timorese people consider Indigenous Australians their 'cousins'.

Their elders up there tell their classic song-line story of a huge crocodile that lived in the Top End of Australia. One day it went for a swim and where it put its head up above the water, became the island of East Timor.

I have been involved with



helping the East Timorese in their fight for independence for 25 years now and have produced four compilation charity albums for the mob up there.

Generous and loving Indigenous musicians who have donated songs for East Timorese young mums, war widows, orphans and students include Archie Roach, Yothu Yindi, Kerri Anne Cox, The Briscoe Sisters, Christine Anu, Black Velvet and

Liz Cavanagh.

Many of these albums featured artwork designed by leading Koori artist Donna Brown, also a proud Gumbaynggirr girl.

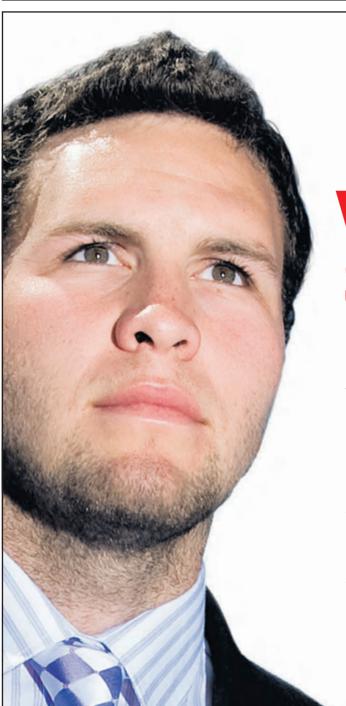
Big thanks also to the crew at 3 KND (Kool And Deadly) in Melbourne, for all the airplay as well and to Aunty Jan for her deadly piece of art.

> **PAUL STEWART** Via email

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YOUNG LEADERS SHOWING THE WAY

Callan Nickerson, was seven years old when he told his mother that he would be Australia's first Aboriginal Prime Minister. At 18 years old, the second-year Bachelor of Commerce student at the University of Newcastle still holds fast to that dream.

"As an Indigenous Australian, nothing would make me prouder than holding that title," said Callan. He is a young man whose actions match his ambitions. Listening to his convictions, you see that he is someone of exceptional potential, intent on using politics to make a difference.

In 2008, Nickerson, a descendent of the Biripi people, was the first Indigenous Australian to be made school captain in the 106-year history of Newcastle High School. In the same year, he was awarded Newcastle Young Citizen of the Year, for his community work with the local Stockton surf, swimming and rugby league clubs and with Aboriginal education. He also accepted a Principals Recommendation Scholarship from the University of Newcastle, one of two higher education scholarships he was offered. Callan is a great believer in young Indigenous Australians sticking with their schooling.

The University of Newcastle, led by The Wollotuka Institute, is a leader in higher education for Indigenous Australians. More than 160 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been offered places to study in February 2010. The University congratulates all of our new students and we look forward to them commencing their journey with us. They will join a strong cohort of more than 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, learning in a culturally appropriate, sensitive and supportive environment.

The University of Newcastle offers a range of programs, including the Bachelor of Aboriginal Studies. To find out more contact Nat Heath on 02 4921 6252 or Nat.Heath@newcastle.edu.au

Final round applications close 4 February 2010.

Crunch time for Territory writers



NORTHERN Territory writers with an interest in creative and academic writing have until Saturday 31 January, to get their entries in for the 2010 NT Literary Awards.

NT Library Director Jo McGill said the awards recognised the talent of local writers, poets, scriptwriters and essayists through the variety of categories.

"The Literary Awards have been running since 1984 to foster a prosperous creative writing industry in the NT and to recognise outstanding literary merit," Ms McGill said.

She said this year's competition featured two new categories and a different time frame so the awards night would coincide with the NT Writers Festival Wordstorm in May.

"The two new categories, the Darwin Festival Script Award and the Birch Carroll and Covle Screenwriting Award. will honour the work of writers for the dramatic arts for the first time in the competition," she said.

"Judges for the Darwin Festival Script Award are looking for entries that are vividly imagined, expertly crafted and lend themselves naturally to a performance medium.

"The winning entry will also be considered for presentation as a rehearsed reading at this year's Darwin Festival.

"The Birch Carroll and Coyle Screenwriting Award is open for screenplays of a feature, short film or television program, and will be judged on their level of technical excellence and creativity.

Ms McGill said that last year's competition attracted more than 200 entries from throughout the Territory.

Entry forms and competition guidelines are available in the Library or online at www.ntl.nt.gov.au

Focus on excellence

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



HOW useful is an ongoing conversation about Aboriginal disadvantage?

That's the question the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) CEO Jason Glanville hopes to answer with real practical outcomes

Mr Glanville admits that it's an ambitious idea, and there's nothing like the new Redfern centre anywhere else in the world, but its premise is simple - to provide a holistic and innovative approach to addressing Indigenous disadvantage through four key areas: sports, arts and culture, learning and innovation and health and wellbeing.

"We want to move away from disadvantage and have a real and meaningful conversation about excellence," Mr Glanville told The Koori Mail last week.

"We want to engage young blackfellas with interest and potential and raise their expectations and create support to do this so they will continue on their development long after they have gone back to their communities.

"They will eat, sleep, learn and play here, we offer a 120-bed hostel facility and world-class facilities, including a fully equipped gym and outdoor 25-metre heated swimming pool."

The inner-Sydney facilities also include an intensive literacy tutorial centre for 60 primary school students, community meeting rooms, multipurpose sports courts and playing field and computer room.

Mr Glanville said that by offering Indigenous youth the opportunity to come together from across the country, from bush to city, the centre had the potential to create lasting change.

It is estimated that when the doors of the centre officially open some time next month, more than 5000 Indigenous students will come through its doors.

Strong support

Mr Glanville says that while the centre is still in its early stages, organisations have already signed on to support the centre include the National Aboriginal Chance Sporting Academy, the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development team, Exodus Foundation Tutorial Centre and YMCA.

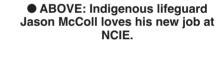
He said programs would initially need to be sourced from those already existing in the community, but eventually the centre would facilitate its own

Mr Glanville said NCIE's vision for the next decade was to see other NCIE facilities set up across the country so Indigenous youth could access the centres closer to where they lived.

"We also want to set new benchmark for expectations for Aboriginal achievement," he said.

"We believe in what we're doing and we believe there are many others out there who will do the same.'





● LEFT: NCIE CEO Jason Glanville says he's pleased with the level of support and interest the Redfernbased centre has received so far.

BELOW: Some of the friendly faces you will see when you walk into NCIE include frontline services co-ordinator Edie Coe and duty manager Les Coe.





Shannon Singh and Candace Williams, in charge of customer service, practising their barista skills.



Commission to look into WA eviction

BY Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE forced eviction of Nyoongar couple Elder and Barbara Abraham and their family from their Homeswest house in the Perth suburb of Armadale has been referred to the Human Rights

Commission. The Abrahams moved into the house, which is in a paddock without neighbours, in mid-2008, but by the end of last year Homeswest and police had made many complaints of anti-social behaviour, the number-one cause of cancelled Aboriginal tenancies in WA.

However, the couple contested the allegations so strongly that Perth Nyoongar family support agency Maamba advocated for them at an inter-governmental agency meeting at their home last month.

Maamba Project Manager Robin Thorne said the police did not even bother attending the meeting, and Homeswest could not produce any evidence of the allegations, prompting the organisation to lodge a complaint with the Human Rights Commission.

"The 'evidence' that Homeswest uses to support their position of the family being anti-social is the number of alleged police complaints," Mr Thorne said.

"This family (is) adamant that they've not seen any senior police officer with documentation showing them when these alleged complaints were made and the attendance of their officers and all the rest of it. In the absence of all that, you're left with a question about collusion and huge questions about racism."

Mrs Abraham said she and her husband were first confronted with Homeswest allegations of anti-social behaviour in 1989 when they rented a property near Bunbury in the south-west of WA.

'Racist people'

"When people really need homes and want to stay in their homes ... we've got racist people that want us out," Mrs Abraham told The Koori Mail.

"Homeswest have listened to a complaint from Bunbury back in '89 (but) I don't think we've been anti-social.

"The place we had in Bunbury was like this house here, but it was further out in the bush. There were no (other) houses there, only us."

Mr Abraham said the allegations of antisocial behaviour in their Armadale house were 'all lies' and were probably started by a near neighbour who he said had verbally abused his grandchildren, telling them that they were 'monkeys and should go back and live in the bush'.

"We have our children come up from Bunbury, Gosnells, Kelmscott, even the aunties from Narrogin, they all come here and see us," he said.

"Everyone around here rings up to Homeswest that we're overcrowding. They reckon we're overcrowding but it's only for a

Mr Abraham said a Homeswest official had telephoned members of family warning them not to shelter them after their eviction or they too would lose their tenancies.

Mr Thorne said it was a human right to





Barbara Abraham and her family with their belongings outside the house.

be housed, but Homeswest was turning a blind eye to questionable allegations against the Abrahams and refusing to listen to their pleas to be rehoused.

"If what Barbara and Elder have told us is true, then what we have here is a family that's been pushed towards a place where there's no road back from, because the road back for families like this has to be back through those agencies," he said.

The Koori Mail contacted Homeswest, which responded by saying the organisation did not comment on individual tenancies.

"Eviction action or non-renewal of fixedterm tenancies is taken as a measure of last resort after all efforts to sustain the tenancy have been exhausted," the statement said.

The police response was also brief.

"The address is known to police However, the eviction of the tenants is solely a matter for the owner of the house. and police are unable to comment in that regards," a police statement said.

The Human Rights Commission has written to Maamba acknowledging receipt of the complaint and said it would be acted on in the near future.



Maamba Project Manager Robin Thorne: "...You're left with a question about collusion and huge questions about racism.'

Man's death prompts call for review of morgues



THE death of an Aboriginal man, whose body was left to decompose in the family home for three days, has prompted calls for a review of regional morgues in the Northern Territory.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) on Friday said it wanted the NT Government to conduct an immediate review of all morgues in remote communities.

AMSANT Chief Executive officer John Paterson said the man died in Gunbalanya, about 300kms south-east of Darwin, on 10

The family was told there wasn't enough space in the Gunbalanya morgue and that they would be responsible for transporting their deceased family member, Mr Paterson said on 15 January.

"When they asked what sort of assistance the relevant agencies would provide it seemed like there was a lot of buck-passing going on," he told AAP.

"Thankfully the Northern Land Council (NLC) was able to assist, but it was a few days later.

"The poor family had to watch this circus go around and around in circles and it's just put more stress on them."

NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill told News Ltd the man's family members became extremely distressed when the man's body began to decompose in the home.

He said the NT Department of Health and Families (DHF) told NLC the matter was the responsibility of the West Arnhem Shire Council or the land councils.

Mr Paterson said the Government needed to clarify who was responsible for transporting and storing bodies in remote communities.

"It just seemed like everybody ducked and weaved and handballed their way through this situation," he said.

"We need to

JOHN PATERSON look at increasing the capacity of these

smaller morgues.' Mr Paterson said morgues, during the wet season, often ran at capacity because staff were unable to transport bodies between

He said family members wanting to travel from their community to attend the funeral were often cut off by rising water levels, resulting in many funerals and traditional ceremonies being delayed.

"We need the Government to develop a plan B, or an alternative arrangement strategy for when the morgues are full, so there is no pressure on the family," Mr Paterson said.

DHF Executive Director of Health Services Jenny Cleary said that although storage was a family responsibility, health staff had helped arrange storage in the Katherine District Hospital morgue.

"The NLC has assisted the family to arrange for the body to be transported by Katherine Funeral Services to the Katherine morgue this afternoon (Friday)," she said in a statement.

It is understood the man, aged in his early 60s, died of natural causes.

The Gunbalanya Morgue holds just two bodies at any one time.

In Darwin and suburbs, ambulances are usually responsible for transporting bodies to the closest morgue. - AAP

40 work on pathways to their future



ABOUT 40 Indigenous people from the Mossman area in far north Queensland have experienced the tourism industry first-hand as part of preparations for the new Mossman Gorge

Gateway eco-tourism development. Pathways to the Future (PTTF) was in Mossman Gorge late last year to facilitate

an employment and training program involving a combination of work-ready skills and work experience, enhancing the opportunity for people to gain work in the tourism and hospitality industry.

With 26 employers involved participants were able to try their hand at a variety of roles as diverse as horse riding tours, Cape Tribulation tours, Great Barrier Reef tours or working in a laundry

and doing sales and marketing.

Some participants are understood to have been offered employment at the new eco-tourism project, while for others the opportunity to work with some of the employers was also an option, resulting in a success rate of more than 80 per cent for the project.

Co-ordinated by ITEC employment, the program involved transportation of all

participants to and from work experience, the review and evaluation of candidates, and one-on-one mapping of training requirements and pathways to ensure sustainable long-term employment.

Employers involved in the program included Sheraton Mirage, Quicksilver, the Rainforest Habitat, Daintree Eco Lodge, Jungle Tours, Wonga Beach Horse Rides, and Qld Parks and Wildlife.

Forum urges inclusion on Qld curriculum

Language lessons a must – academic



David Prosser and Gary Williams, from the Murrbay Aboriginal Language and Cultural Co-operative in northern New South Wales.



GRIFFITH University lecturer Dale Kerwin believes the absence of Indigenous

languages in state schools is a form of cultural 'terra nullius' being perpetuated by the government.

"Language is the key, language is about identity," Dr Kerwin says.

Last month, five Aboriginal community groups from south and west Queensland gathered at a two-day language forum in Toowoomba in a bid to push for Indigenous languages to be included in the state school curriculum.

Speaking on behalf of the Qld Education Minister, North Toowoomba MP Kerry Shine told the conference the Government supported the introduction of Indigenous languages into state schools, but did not give an expected rollout date.

Mr Shine said the syllabus was being developed by the Qld Studies Association (QSA) and advice would be drawn from a working party of Indigenous people



Shenai and Sonya Martin, Irene Ryder, Dean Dixon, Vanessa Foster and Delphne and David Mailman at the Toowoomba language forum.

Keynote Indigenous speaker and language worker from the Gamilaraay and Yuwaalaraav nations Mayrah Dreise said she welcomed any move that would see Indigenous languages included in

mainstream schools and

and experts in the field.

said action was necessary to make it happen.

"It's been a long time process but we have unique and diverse languages to be shared and protected and it is our birthright," she said.

Ms Dreise said many Indigenous Elders had spent years researching and documenting Indigenous languages and the next step needed to be a state-funded action plan outlining strategies regarding permanent employed staff in the curriculum branch and positions for Indigenous language teachers.

"This is not a shortterm project, it's here to stay. So we need sustainable, ongoing funding," she said.

"Indigenous language taught in state schools will strengthen the social capital and economic viability of Aboriginal communities.

Linguist Desmond Crump told the conference the Qld Government's commitment to bring Indigenous languages into schools would validate community and language.

"You cannot have language without culture and you cannot teach culture without language," he said.

Hosted by the Yugumbeh Museum Language and Heritage Research Centre, the forum – now in its second year – plans to highlight Australia's 600 Indigenous languages.

Museum Director Patricia O'Connor said she looked forward to seeing Indigenous and non-Indigenous students benefit from Education Queensland's decision.

"It's exciting and it's wonderful to be on the brink of a culmination of so many years work coming to fruition," she said.

"When Indigenous languages are taught in public schools it will enhance intercultural understanding for everyone and provide a strong cultural identity to Indigenous students.

She's set to tell stories

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



KODIE BEDFORD is a young woman with stories to tell. Many in fact. And she plans on getting on the road and doing just that when her 12-month SBS cadetship

comes to an end this month.

By then she will have trained in and be operating as a video journalist, and she says if all goes well, be working for the Living Black program documenting the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Storytelling is, Ms Bedford says, what she has always wanted to do, but she didn't know that this would be the form it would

As a girl growing up in Geraldton, Western Australia, she was fortunate to be surrounded by strong role models - her nanna and aunties, and a family who

Ms Bedford belongs to the Djaru tribe, with family in Halls Creek, and her grandfather's mob is Kija, from Turkey Creek.

"My family set me out on my path, and also gave me the gift of independence and education, and instilled in me a need to learn about life, and I feel very lucky," she

Her nanna is one of her strongest supporters, and she had some very practical advice to offer her granddaughter.

"When she found out I was going to Sydney, she asked me if I had a fighting stick," Ms Bedford said.

Her nanna then suggested she carry a weapon on her at all times, and calls every time there's a story about crime in Sydney, just to make sure she's safe.

Despite the excitement of starting out on a new life journey, life in Sydney hasn't been easy for Ms Bedford.

"I share a love/hate relationship with



Kodie Bedford at SBS headquarters in Sydney. She finishes her cadetship this month and will join the Living Black team as a video journalist.

Sydney. That's why I can't wait to get on the road and go bush again, that's where I feel most comfortable," she said.

With her screen saver on her computer set to an image of her home country, she still longs to replace the grey pavements of the city with the red dirt country of her growing up.

"It's the most beautiful country in the

world, it's on the edge of the Bungle Bungles and with the sun rising over it there's nothing else like it," Ms Bedford

"It's on the edge of the desert and it's nice and hot."

Despite this. Ms Bedford has come to some sort of truce with her adopted city, finally deciding over the Christmas break, with time on her hands to think and unable to return home, that this was where she needed to be for the time being.

"I used to commute for six hours every day from Newcastle for the first three months, and now I know that's why Sydney people are so angry sometimes - they are stuck in traffic all the time," she said,

Ms Bedford admits that the huge culture shock she experienced was worse when she left home for the first time, venturing from Geraldton to attend university in Perth and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies.

"I got in my car and for the first 50kms I cried all the way, I went back home a lot, it was really hard, I knew those roads back to front," she said.

Ms Bedford says that after finishing uni she was a 'lost soul', and went back home to 'find myself'. She considers it fate that she met a former Living Black video journalist who convinced her to apply for the cadetship. With just a day to get her application together, she was called to Sydney for an interview and offered a place the same week.

"It all happened so fast and when I look back on my time I can't believe how naïve I was," Ms Bedford said.

"I've learnt so much this past year and grown up a lot too. I am more confident to challenge people about Aboriginal issues, I love storytelling, I love filming and I love delving into Indigenous issues."

Ms Bedford will turn 24 at the end of this month, and feels like this is only the beginning of her journey.

I feel ready to take on the world now, I've booked a trip to America for the middle of this year and I'm going on a road trip for five weeks," she said.

"It's a crazy plan I know but I feel like I am the president of the independent women's club, and I can do anything.'



Request for Quote for development of an Indigenous Family Violence Primary Prevention Framework - Victoria.

The Victorian Department of Human Services, Children Youth and Families is seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the development of an Indigenous Family Violence Primary Prevention Framework. Closing date for Submissions is Wednesday, 17 February 2010.

This project is expected to develop an evidence based Indigenous Family Violence Primary Prevention Framework to inform and guide future investment of local Indigenous family violence primary prevention projects. The Framework will build on the Indigenous Family Violence Ten Year Plan, Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families: towards a safer future for Indigenous families and communities.

For a copy of the Project Brief and more information please contact Ms Helen Bolton, Children Youth and Families, Family Violence and Sexual Assault 03 9096 0188.



ABORIGINAL INTEREST IN **MOUNT LINDESAY**

Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) would like to invite Aboriginal people (other than the Githabul people) who assert interests in Mount Lindesay to attend an information meeting being held on:

Saturday 20 February 2010. Venue: Mununjali Hall - Beaudesert Time: 10 am to 2 pm

The key purpose of the meeting is to provide Aboriginal people with an opportunity to comment on and provide further information to anthropologists and in-house researchers on their traditional connections to Mount Lindesay.

QSNTS regrets that they are not able to assist with transport to or from the information meeting, however, morning tea and lunch will be provided to participants who attend.

Please contact Sharon McAvov. Communities Project Officer on 1800 663 698 (free call) or sharon.mcavoy@gsnts.com.au to register your intention to attend the meeting or if you require further information.

Aboriginal Stakeholder Consultation Spring Farm Area

Mirvac Homes (NSW) Ptv Ltd & Cornish Group Spring Farm Pty Ltd and Sydney Water are seeking to identify Aboriginal Stakeholders who wish to be consulted in relation in relation to proposed applications for Section 87 and/or Section 90 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIP) under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 for the following projects:

Spring Farm Bush Corridor

Mirvac Homes (NSW) Pty Ltd & Cornish Group is currently seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders for proposed works including civil works, infrastructure, revegetation and ongoing maintenance in the vicinity of Richardson Road, Spring Farm. The proposed work may impact on Aboriginal sites and potential archaeological deposit. The results of the s.87 AHIP may result in application for a s.90 AHIP.

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Cornish Stage 30, Spring Farm

Mirvac Homes (NSW) Pty Ltd & Cornish Group is currently seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders for proposed works in the vicinity of Spring Road, Spring Farm including a housing development and associated archaeological deposit. The results of the s.87 AHIP may result in application for a s.90 AHIP.

Spring Farm Watermain

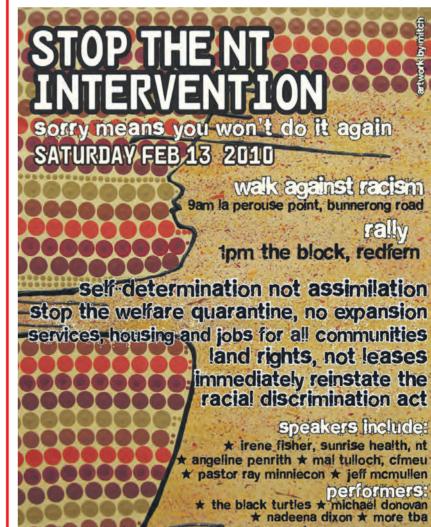
Mirvac Homes (NSW) Pty Ltd & Cornish Group Spring Farm Pty Ltd and Sydney Water are currently seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders for proposed works in the vicinity of the Gundungurra and William Howe Reserve, Spring Farm, including the construction of a 1050mm watermain in conjunction within the future Link Road and associated development. The proposed works may impact on Aboriginal sites and potential archaeological deposit. The results of the s.87 AHIP may result in application for a s.90 AHIP.

To register your interest for a project, please contact:

Kavandel Archaeological Services Suite 2 15 4 Hyde Parade Park Central Campbelltown 2560

Ph: (02) 4627 8622 Fax (02) 4627 8633 info@kayandel.com.au

The closing date for registration is close of business 6th February 2010













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Our land the theme for

Deadly Award winner country singer Adam James wowed the audience.



Ashley Eiszele, 14, gave an energetic 'remix' dance at her first festival





After performing as far away as New York last year, Dewayne Everettsmith was happy to be back on the stage where he cut



Back, from left, Rhett Goodwin, Matt Innes and Tarnia Brazendale and, front, Allira Brazendale with their grandmother Emily Burgess at the festival.

Always was, always will be!

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



'ALWAYS was, always will be, Aboriginal land'. This was the fitting theme to this year's putalina festival, in southern Tasmania.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre State Secretary Nala McKenna Mansell said the well-weathered land rights slogan was about celebrating the return of land, this time.

"It's an opportunity for the Aboriginal community to celebrate the 16 parcels of land that we have so far been successful in having returned to us, while bearing in mind that we currently own only 0.06 per cent of Tasmania," she said.

"Before white people came to our country we owned 100

Ms McKenna Mansell said the theme also provided a focus

on the current campaigns to have the Bay of Fires area returned to the original owners and the campaign to stop the destruction of sites at the Brighton Bypass site and ensure the future protection of all Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania.

One of these parcels of land was putalina (or Oyster Cove), which was re-occupied by the Aboriginal community on 16 January 1984. After many years of protest. negotiations and hard work, the

Dannielle Picken, from Hobart, flying high on the 'Extreme Air' attraction.

land was returned to the Aboriginal community through legislation in 1995.

Most of the year the site is a peaceful place, where visitors reflect on the sad history of a place where Tasmanian Aborigines were subjected to attempted genocide and their graves robbed after they were laid to rest.

The Festival', as it is referred to by the Aboriginal community in Tasmania, is the one day of the year that the site comes alive with music, dance and festivities.

This year, the mid-January event, in its 26th year, was a mix of blossoming and accomplished local Aboriginal talent as well as performances from interstate hip hop trio Last Kinection and country singer Adam James.

It was a day where Aboriginal people from around Tasmania caught up, relaxed and sat back to proudly enjoy what was on offer.

putalina festival Website





Cindy Green and her mother Beryl Green, from Hobart, with Kelly Mansell, from Launceston, at the festival.



Aboriginal people travelled from around Tasmania to enjoy the sights, sounds and the company at this year's putalina festival. Pictured here are Rachel Maynard with her daughter Amaya Jane and Carly Spotswood with son Ryder, all from Launceston.



Larrakia man Ash Dargan played a blend of traditional and contemporary didgeridoo.

accent on the way we speak



A NEW interactive website launched on 26 January is the first publicly accessible resource to detail information about the formation of the Australian accent and how it has evolved. 'Australian Voices' was

developed by Macquarie University speech scientists Dr Felicity Cox and Dr Sallyanne Palethorpe as part of a study of the way Australians

Visitors to the site can listen to audio files and compare accents and dialects belonging to different cultural, social and regional groups, and can even participate in the research by submitting audio files of their own speech or that of family members.

A person's accent can vary depending on their age and gender, as well as their social, cultural and regional history or affiliation.

Until recently, researchers classified speakers of Australian English, those born in Australia or raised here from a young age, into one of three categories either broad (colloquially described as 'ocker'), cultivated (a more British sounding accent type) or general (the accent spoken by the majority of Australian English speakers).

To more accurately define Australian English as it stands today, Cox and Palethorpe have broadened the definition of Australian English by identifying three different dialect sub-groups - Standard Australian English, Australian Aboriginal English and various Ethnocultural Australian English varieties - and say this new classification system is more inclusive of the variation that is present amongst Australian English speakers.

Milestone events

Accents are always changing, and Australian English today is very different from that which was spoken 100 years ago. Milestone events in Australia's history have been paralleled by linguistic change, and so even speakers of general Australian English sound very different today than they did in

The way we speak is closely tied to identity, social dynamics and social cohesiveness," Cox said. "It's an instinctive thing - we find ourselves slotting into the speech patterns of the people we spend the most time with and this is particularly true of children and adolescents who are the initiators of accent change."

The website invites users to explore accent change through the extensive use of audio files, which take listeners on a linguistic journey spanning 100 years.

"People are often reminded of their grandparents when they listen to our early audio clips," Cox said.

"Many factors have played a part in shaping the way we speak, from the dialect mix that was present in the early days of the colony, to social change during World War I, the dismissal of the Whitlam Government, and the increasing linguistic diversity resulting from multiculturalism."

Ultimately, Cox says, the website is about offering a resource to Australians that will allow them to explore and celebrate what makes us sound the way we do.

Visit the Australian Voices website at http://clas.mq.edu.au/voices/

There is also a link to the Australian Voices website located on the Macquarie University homepage (http://www.mq.edu.au/)

Pearson on reconciliation



LEFT: Noel Pearson. He says the attempt to move to an Australian republic a decade ago, without reconciliation, was wrong and he was 'not dismayed' to see the 1999 Referendum defeated. He also believes constitutional change needs the support of rural, conservative and regional Australia... "Plainly, you need to convince those people who usually vote for the National Party.'



NOEL Pearson has declared reconciliation a pre-requisite to the creation of an Australian republic, which he sees as a 'natural and inevitable'

development.

"A meaningful republic must be grounded in reconciliation," Mr Pearson said during a speech in Sydney earlier this month.

"The true meaning of symbolic reconciliation is not to repudiate our British heritage, but to bring the two foundation stones of our country - our Indigenous heritage and our British heritage - together.'

Speaking at a Sydney Festival event, the often-contentious, but influential Cape York leader also suggested constitutional amendments in two areas.

He noted that Australia's Constitution was one of the hardest in the world to change, because it needed 'a majority of voters in a majority of the states'.

"In other words, you need 80 to 90 per cent of the country to support the referendum," Mr Pearson said.

'To get this kind of support you need to

you need to convince those people who usually vote for the National Party."

Mr Pearson noted it took ten years of 'outstanding advocacy' by leaders like Faith Bandler, the late Pastor Doug Nichols and others to build the groundswell of support across the political spectrum for the 1967 Referendum on Aboriginal Citizenship, which was passed by 92 per cent of the Australian electorate

He said the attempt to move to an Australian republic a decade ago, without reconciliation, was wrong and he was 'not dismayed' to see the 1999 Referendum defeated

"Not long after sweeping the confetti of national celebrations into the dustbins of constitutional history... the realisation of how utterly un-profound and un-fulfilling such a republic was, would have become apparent," he said.

"Instead of the House of Windsor, it would now be an Australian head of state presiding over what has for too long been called the 'Aboriginal problem'.

Mr Pearson said in terms of the republic debate, many people saw it as a choice between the existing situation and a republic that repudiated its British heritage.

"In reality, there are three models: The one in the middle is the affirmational republic which does not repudiate the country's British heritage and indeed affirms the special place of the Crown in our country," he said.

"If the majority of people who have common ground in relation to the substantial issue - affirmation of our heritage - do not unite to define an affirmational republic, a tepid repudiational republic will eventuate at some point.'

Elusive

Mr Pearson said defining reconciliation, and knowing when it had been achieved, was still elusive. He said the ultimate destination to which reconciliation aspired - for Indigenous people to rise out of their chronic disadvantage, while retaining cultural distinctness – was a multi-generational

"The end destination cannot therefore be, at least by itself, the meaning of reconciliation," he said.

"The truth is that reconciliation must be a combination of a symbolic moment in time, a commitment to an ultimate destination and an ongoing

process and relationship."

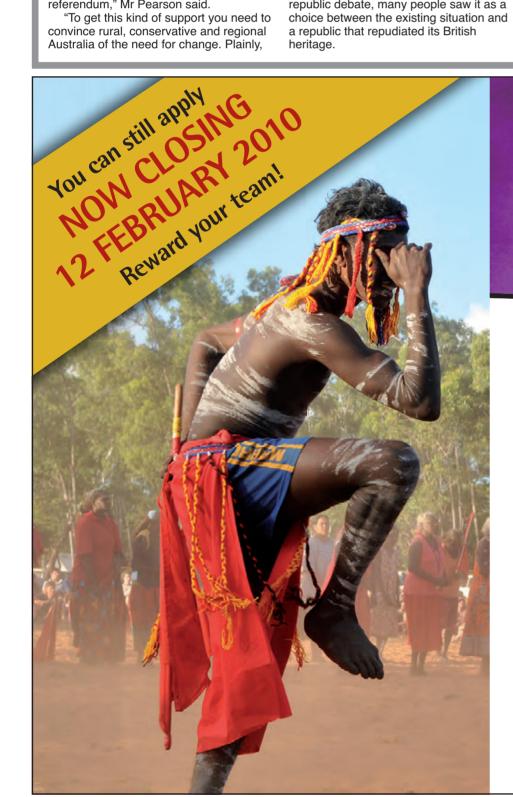
Mr Pearson said he proposed a two-stage process whereby the Australian Commonwealth and Indigenous Australians reached agreement on a framework of Aboriginal rights and responsibilities, and the means by which the intended goals of reconciliation would be achieved.

He envisioned that this agreement would only become operative when authorised by an amendment to the Australian Constitution to be put to a referendum of the Australian people.

Mr Pearson proposed constitutional amendments in two areas - an appropriate preamble along the lines of what has already been proposed, and a new head of power which would provide constitutional authority for the proposed national agreement.

He said he believed a national agreement authorised by constitutional amendment was essential to reconciliation because the Indigenous population made up only three per cent of the population.

"The opportunity for true renewal and reaffirmation of our national compact still lies before us," he said.



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Walden family finally handed autopsy report

Research to continue



Indigenous academic investigating the link between racism and ill-health among

minority populations worldwide has received a fellowship to continue his research.

Research Fellow with Charles Darwin University's Menzies School of Health Research & Centre for Health and Society Dr Yin Paradies has been named as a successful applicant of the prestigious John McKenzie Fellowships.

Dr Paradies will be based at the

McCaughey Centre, in the School for Population Health at Melbourne University, as he continues his project, 'Understanding and preventing racism as a determinant of health'.

"This study explores the prevalence of racism against Indigenous people in Australia," Dr Paradies said.

"This will include an examination of systemic and institutional racism as well as self-reported interpersonal racism and findings on racist attitudes and beliefs about Indigenous Australians among the general populace.'



THE family of a girl who died in controversial circumstances in a remote north-west Queensland hospital has been given the autopsy report, six months after her death.

Four-year-old Naylor Walden died with pneumonia in Doomadgee hospital in

The family says Naylor was turned away from the hospital several times in the week before she was finally admitted.

They say the girl was not admitted because she was Aboriginal and because of swine flu

The family was briefed on the preliminary findings of the autopsy in July, but criticised the Queensland Government earlier this month for taking too long to pass on the final report.

Coroner Kevin Priestly had now given his final report to the Walden family's legal representative, a Government spokesman said on Friday.

Mr Priestly will decide in the coming months whether to hold an inquest or hand down findings into Naylor's death. - AAP

Cherbourg children into books



YOUNG budding writers and illustrators from Cherbourg have a major fan in the state's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle.

The Minister reckons a best-seller could very well emerge from the small Queensland community, thanks to an innovative program that is helping local primary school students publish their own

"With the assistance of locally-based Budburra Books Cherbourg, primary school students are becoming published authors and illustrators," Ms Boyle said.
"The Books, Books, Books project lets

children write and illustrate books with the help of their teachers and the community.

The books express their stories and encourage the kids to feel proud about their community, their culture and their history.

"Children are expressing themselves by writing stories and drawing pictures, as well as developing their media and computer skills. The work they produce expresses their own stories."

Ms Boyle congratulated the not-for-profit Budburra Books and the Cherbourg State School for driving the initiative.

So far eight books have been published and are available for purchase, including:

 Catching Blueys, a special family story about catching crawfish down at the local

 Cherbourg Seasons, which tells of hot months, windy months, cold months and dry months - season changes are the cycle of

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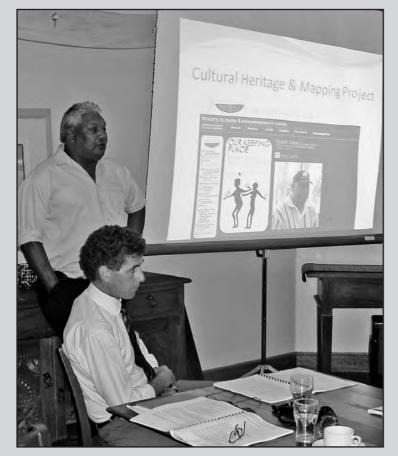
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Bundjalung Elder Bill Walker (standing) and Professor Bill Boyd at the Aboriginal Site Awareness Training Workshop held in Yamba on behalf of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA).

NSW workshops raise heritage awareness



WORKSHOPS to raise awareness of Aboriginal sites and cultural places have been

under way in the northern rivers region of New South Wales.

Targeted at environmental planners and land managers, the **Aboriginal Sites Awareness** Training workshops were presented by Southern Cross University lecturers Bill Boyd and David Lloyd, along with Bundjalung Elder Bill Walker and project officer Kristin Den Exter.

They were run on behalf of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA), and more than 50 local planners and other land managers attended sessions in Ballina and Yamba.

Interest was shown from as far away as the Illawarra in southern NSW.

Professor Boyd said cultural heritage was 'an important part of our environment'.

"Despite legal obligations to respect places of Aboriginal importance, many planners and land managers are still relatively unaware of their obligations," he

"By building awareness, we can improve the role environmental planners play in protecting and respecting Aboriginal places."

Perspectives

Uncle Bill Walker, who described Aboriginal perspectives on environmental management in the Northern Rivers, assisted participants in developing their awareness. NRCMA Catchment

Co-ordinator Peter Boyd said the CMA wanted all environmental managers to understand their

legal and cultural obligations with regards to Aboriginal places.

Workshop participants explored aspects of their own personal cultural heritage, and were able to draw parallels with their own non-Aboriginal experience and that of Aboriginal communities.

"Participants came up with some very interesting examples of their own cultural heritage," Mr Lloyd said.

"This opened their minds to the diversity of places and objects that Aboriginal people value, and helped them move away from the old 'bones and stones' version of cultural heritage.'

The workshop also introduced the Australian Heritage Commission's publication, Ask First: A guide to respecting Indigenous heritage places and values to participants.

On the job in Broome



A PROGRAM aimed at assisting Indigenous youth to get the qualifications and iobs they want has been launched in the West

Australian Kimberley town of Broome. The Broome Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) was officially opened last month.

The Australian Government has allocated \$32 million to provide Indigenous people with the opportunity to relocate to major centres such as Broome to train for new careers by undertaking pre-vocational training, a new apprenticeship/ traineeship or tertiary/vocational level education.

The program provides participants with career planning, mentoring and support throughout their training/education and into their employment as well as program-specific



The first group of participants to complete training through IYMP in Broome, with representatives from Nyaarla Projects.

supported accommodation.

The IYMP Broome program will provide opportunities for 16 Indigenous youth aged from 16 to 24 years. It will be run by

Aboriginal corporation Nyaarla Projects, which has also supported more than 120 Indigenous youth through IYMP in Perth

Last month's opening also marked the graduation of the first group of people to complete training through IYMP in Broome, and the opening of Nyaarla

Projects and MADALAH Ltd in Broome.

Nyaarla Projects Director Madonna Beattie said it was an opportunity to improve the quality of life for Indigenous people, particularly youth living in Kimberley.

"There has been general recognition for a number of years that there often is limited training/education opportunities in regional and remote locations which limits career options,' she said.

"Over the past three years, Nyaarla Projects via IYMP has provided Indigenous youth with the opportunity to relocate to Perth so they can train for a variety of careers by undertaking pre-vocational training, a new apprenticeship or tertiary level education.

"We are pleased that we are now able to provide these opportunities out of Broome."

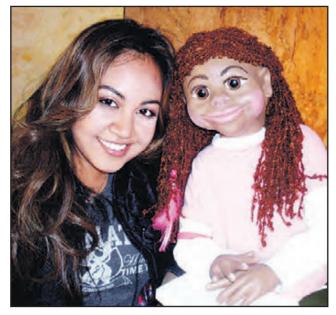


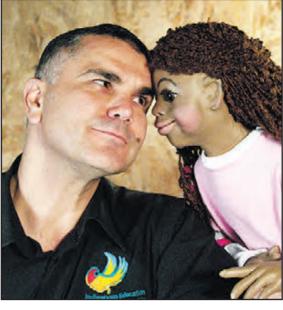


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Yarramundi Kid Nikita with special guests singer Jessica Mauboy, educator Chris Sarra (centre) and entertainer Jimmy Little.

Kids have message

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



SELF-TAUGHT puppeteer Chris Burke is delighted to have her internationally acclaimed puppet

show Yarramundi Kids expanded into its own children's TV series, which starts on NITV next month.

In the TV series, the Yarramundi Kids – Nikita, Danny, Max, Lilli Pilli and Baby Ben who are Darug mob (like their creator), appear as both avatars and puppets.

They educate children about the importance of family and friends, eating healthy food and caring for our environment. Each episode has a special celebrity guest who is interviewed by Nikita or Danny in the 'When I was a kid' segment.

Here, the likes of Jessica Mauboy, Uncle Jimmy Little, Deborah Mailman and Sean Choolburra answer important questions like: 'Did you ever get in trouble when you were at school?

Ms Burke said the segment focussed on how well-known Indigenous role models grew up to be strong, smart and deadly.

The Strong, Smart, Deadly philosophy underpinning the show is based on the work of the Stronger Smarter Institute and Dr Chris Sarra, who also appears as a special guest in Episode Seven.

While Ms Burke doesn't want to give too much away, she promises that viewers will have the chance to see Dr Sarra doing something they've never seen him do before.

"He said when he came on the show that he didn't want to be



One of the show's special guests, singer Casey Donovan (left), with Yarramundi Kids Nikita and Max, creator Chris Burke (right) and Elizabeth Wymarra who does the character voice for Max.

serious." she said. "And that's the whole point, it's a fun, feel-good show. People say it leaves them feeling good."

Ms Burke taught herself puppetry in the mid-1980s, when she was counselling children around sexual abuse. She created the Yarramundi Kids in 2004, and has toured them

NITV's monthly

current affairs

program

Momentum

focuses on

around Australia and also to New Zealand and Ireland.

She said the Yarramundi Kids had inspired the creation of other puppet groups in Ireland and Australia, and in March she'll take the puppets to Alice Springs, Darwin and Arnhem Land to work with local domestic violence and child protection projects.

"Puppets can be a great medium for storytelling," she said. "So I'll be doing some puppet training, so workers on the ground can perhaps try a more creative approach. It's a playful approach to a serious problem."

However, the TV show Yarramundi Kids is not about domestic violence or child

abuse, she said. "The program is the flip-side of the problem," she

"It's promoting friendship, family and positive relationships.

"The existence of NITV gave me an opportunity to take the work I've been doing for many years and create a children's TV show. I would never have had that opportunity in the mainstream."

Each episode opens and closes with Darug language -'warami, wellamabami' (good to see you, wherever you're from) and 'yanu' (goodbye or see you

There's also a one minute 'How Do You Say' segment, teaching the Darug language.

The Caring for Country section follows Indigenous discovery rangers sharing information about the environment, and Yellamundi Time shows picture books by Indigenous authors and illustrators.

Meanwhile, the Walkabout section goes out on location and follows kids doing a range of activities from their daily lives.

Each of the 13 episodes is based around a special theme, such as the body, friends, water, what makes me special, the senses, and celebrations - all chosen to complement primary school curriculum.

"It's more Sesame Street than Play School," Ms Burke said, referring to the fact the show is aimed at early primary schoolaged kids. "But it's something the whole family will enjoy and engage with."

Yarramundi Kids screens on NITV weekdays at 7am and 11am EST, starting on 15 February.

Warriors on NITV



Aboriginal men's health and the short life expectancy they must combat, in 'Walking with Warriors' on Tuesday 2 February at 8.30pm.

Host Julie Nimmo reveals the challenges urban men

face and the new trend in Redfern: exercise, honesty and mateship.

Nimmo meets with members of the Babana Aboriginal Men's Group and interviews include Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, and outgoing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Second Annual General Meeting of Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association will be held on:

Monday 22 February, 2010

11.00 am at the Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall, Mechanics Street, Lakes Entrance, Victoria

- 1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 2. To receive Annual Reports.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and stay for a BBQ lunch.

Correspondence and enquiries for the above meeting

should be directed to: Paula Morgan

Executive Officer

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JULIE NIMMO

'Butt out' for bub's sake - and yours



PREGNANT women are being supported to quit smoking for good to protect the health of their baby and

Smokers have a greater risk of ectopic pregnancy or miscarriage. They're also more likely to have a premature and/or low birthweight baby.

A recent Victorian Government report found that 40 per cent of Indigenous women in that State who were admitted to hospital one month before their babies were born were smokers in 2007-08.

This was up from 38 per cent in

2006-07 and 30 per cent in 2002-03.

Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS) Health Promotion Service Director Dr Chris Rissel said most mums-to-be knew that smoking harmed

"The umbilical cord is a baby's lifeline, the blood flowing through it giving the baby all the oxygen and nutrients it needs to grow," Dr Rissel said.

"When pregnant women smoke, they inhale carbon monoxide, which reduces the amount of oxygen their baby receives through the umbilical cord.

"This makes the baby's heart beat

more rapidly, and increases overall stress on its developing body. Smoking can also reduce the flow of blood through the placenta, limiting the amount of nutrients that feed the baby.

"It is never too late to quit. Quitting at any time during pregnancy is likely to reduce the harmful effects of smoking on your baby."

Dr Rissel said pregnant women who smoked, like all smokers, could take up the free support offered by local health professionals.

"Pregnant women want to give their baby the healthiest start to life possible and we strongly encourage them to contact their local smoking cessation clinic or call the Quit Line on 13 78 48," Dr Rissel said

SSWAHS offers free smoking cessation clinics at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital, Croydon Health, and Liverpool Hospital. People living in the Liverpool, Fairfield and Campbelltown areas can also call the Drug Health Services intake line on 9616 8586.

 For more information about pregnancy, smoking and Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) visit www.health.nsw.gov.au

Raining on 'The Rock'



WATERFALLS streamed down Uluru as large areas of the Northern Territory were inundated with

floodwaters in recent weeks.

Many communities remain isolated, and at least one man died after being swept away in a swollen river at Atheleye Station, about 200kms north of Alice Springs. His brother was also swept away and has not been found.

A section of the Ghan railway between Alice Springs and Darwin was washed away, but has since been repaired, and Northern Territory Infrastructure has been assessing the state of roads throughout the region.

At Uluru, visitors and locals were treated to the unusual sight of water cascading down the rock, forming water holes at the base. Plants and wildflowers were shooting up in the normally arid landscape.

The Bureau of Meteorology said central Australia had had some of its heaviest rain in years.

At the peak of the deluge, the usually dry Todd River in Alice Springs reached its highest level since April 2000, with the bureau recording rainfalls of between 100mm and 280mm.

Meanwhile, several of central Australia's most popular national parks and reserves remained closed last week because of flood damage, according to the ABC.

The Finke Gorge National Park and Owen Springs Reserve west of Alice Springs were still closed, but

the Trephina Gorge Nature Park had reopened.

The other parks in the Eastern Macdonnell Ranges were still inaccessible because of flood damage to roads in the region, while most areas in the popular West Macdonnell National Park were open and accessible to

The Federal Government announced on 12 January that it would provide assistance to flood-affected communities.

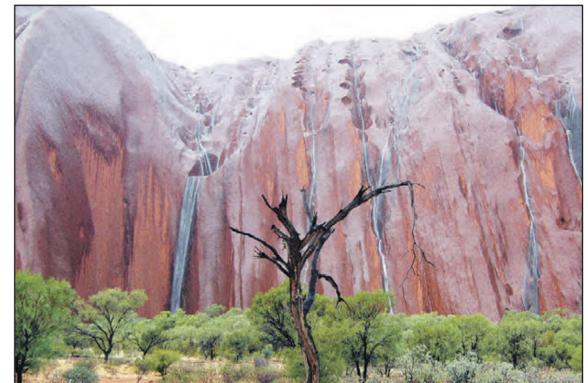
Financial support

Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Federal Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon said the Commonwealth Government would provide financial support to the NT Government to assist with costs associated with helping communities impacted by recent

"Commonwealth support is being provided to the Northern Territory Government through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)," they said.

'This assistance will reimburse the Territory for a share of the costs associated with helping flood affected communities to rebuild damaged public infrastructure.

"Under the arrangements, disaster-affected communities of Victoria-Daly Shire, Barkly Shire, Central Desert Shire, Alice Springs Municipality and MacDonnell Shire will be able to access funding for costs associated with restoring essential public infrastructure and assets."





ABOVE: Water cascades down the side of Uluru during recent wet weather.

> LEFT: Water holes form at the base of the





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INTRAIN Yvonne Luke Aboriginal Youth Justice Scholarship 2010

The Indigenous training and recruitment initiative (INTRAIN) Yvonne Luke Aboriginal Youth Justice

Scholarship has been introduced to increase employment opportunities in the youth justice sector for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Victorian Department of Human Services is offering a one-year INTRAIN Yvonne Luke Aboriginal Youth Justice Scholarship in 2010.

The scholarship is valued at \$25,470 for full time students or pro rata for part time students and is paid on a fortnightly basis.

The scholarship is limited to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants who are based in Victoria and are undertaking final year undergraduate, postgraduate or diploma studies in the areas of youth justice, health and community services.

http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/operations/careers/employment-programs/indigenousscholarships or by contacting the Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Employment

For further information about the youth justice program and the scholarship please contact the Manager, Youth Services and Program Development, Youth Services and Youth Justice on 9096 0257.

Applications close 5.00 pm Friday 12 February 2010.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website

Wiradjuri sign MoU



CHARLES Sturt University and the Wiradjuri **Condoblin Corporation** have signed a memorandum of

understanding (MoU) to boost Aboriginal education links in regional NSW.

The MoU was officially signed at the institution's Wiradjuri Study Centre at Condoblin on 19 January after four years of discussions between the organisations.

CSU Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Ian Goulter said the MoU would be a valuable model for Aboriginal people's participation in education.

"While the university has an existing

Memorandum boosts links with education

MoU between our School of Dentistry and Oral Health and the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, the Condoblin MoU is more expansive," he

"The Condoblin MoU is about the core business for the university education for jobs, and high-quality

research. It also develops strong relationships with the community and Elders in the Wiradjuri nation.'

Prof Goulter said the MoU had key themes of enhancing pathways from secondary to tertiary education, collaboration and research opportunities for Aboriginal people to undertake

their own research, and educating people regarding social and emotional wellbeing to support others in their local community.

Wiradjuri Condoblin Corporation CEO Percy Knight described the signing as an 'historically significant event'.

"It will see CSU work with a key community organisation and open up opportunities within Wiradjuri country," he said.

"Together we'll be delivering on improved health outcomes for Aboriginal people and our services will be not just to the Wiradjuri nation, but other Aboriginal Australians."

Currently, about 1.3 per cent (370) of CSU students are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people.

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Free Courses*

Work Opportunities for Women - for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Women Certificate 1 in Access to Work and Training (Course No 9071)

Are you from a country where English is not your first language? Have you recently arrived in Australia and looking to enter the paid workforce? Would you like to gain an understanding of the Australian workforce? Would you like to gain office and computer skills? Do you want to find a new direction? WOW is *free and runs two days per week in school hours for 15 weeks. Opportunity to complete Senior First Aid Certificate and work placement. Must have good oral and written English language skills. A compulsory information Session will be held on Wednesday 27 January at 10am in room LG 25 Mount Druitt College

Unleash your creativity Free Introduction to Creative Writing, Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training (course 9070) Do you think you could be a writer? Would you like to learn how to write a good short story? Course runs on Wednesdays for eight (8) weeks from 10am to 1pm. A compulsory information session will be held on Wednesday 27 January at 12 noon in room LG 48 Mount Druitt College.

Men at Work Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training (course 9070)

This is a course specifically designed for men who are unemployed, retrenched and/or looking for work. A chance to look at a new career, upgrade skills and set educational/employment goals. The course includes computer skills, confidence building, work placement and trade tasters'. Possible RSA, RCG, Senior First Aid and

PLEASE ATTEND either COMPULSORY INFORMATION SESSION at Mount Druitt - Thursday 28 January at 12pm Room LG48 OR Friday February 12 at 10am room GC12 at Richmond College

Introduction to Office Skills Certificate 1 in Access to Work and Training (Course 9071)

This course is for those who would like to learn office skills, how to use office equipment and gain some computing and keyboarding skills, Senior First Aid Certificate and work experience too! The course will run two days per week in school hours for 18 weeks.

A compulsory information session will be held on Wednesday 27 January at 12 noon in room LG 25 Mount Druitt College.

Introduction to Aged Care Work Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training (course 9070) Are you interested in working in the aged care field? This course is for untrained carers supporting the elderly or people looking for job opportunities and training in the Aged Care industry. Includes learning how to help older people as well as job seeking skills. Two days per week for 12 weeks.

A compulsory information session will be held on Thursday 28 January at 10am in room LG 25 Mount Druitt College

Introduction to Community Services Statement of Attainment in Skills for Work and Training (course no 9069)

Are you interested in working in Community Services? What is the community services industry all about? What career and training opportunities are there? Topics include values and ethics, communication skills, cultural diversity and job seeking skills. The opportunity to gain work experience and gain a Senior First Aid Certificate is also offered. The course is *free and will run two days per week over 15 weeks.

A compulsory information session will be held on Thursday 28 January at 12 noon in room LG 25 Mount Druitt College

Orientation to Community Services Statement of Attainment in Skills for Work and Training (Course No 9069)

Would you like to know more about the community services industry? What career and training opportunities are there? Topics include; accessing community services, communication skills, cultural diversity, job seeking skills and work experience. The opportunity to gain computing skills is also offered. The course will run two days per week for 17 weeks.

A compulsory information session will be held on Monday 1 February 2010 at 10am in Room CG12, Richmond College.

Introductory Computing Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training (Course No 9070)

This course covers computer basics, creating letters, fliers, emails, internet and graphics. This course is offered one day a week for three hours per days. There will be two courses offered in two locations: North Richmond Community Centre on Mondays, Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre on Thursdays:

A compulsory information session for North Richmond Course: Monday 1 February at 1pm, William Street, North Richmond A compulsory information session for Riverstone course: Thursday 4 February at 10am, Park Street, Riverstone.

Landscaping Skills Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training (Course No 9070)

Would you like to gain landscaping skills and build a garden for your local community centre at the same time! This course will be offered onsite at North Richmond Community Centre where you will learn how to plan and build a garden and gain information about career and training opportunities in landscaping and

A compulsory information session will be held on Wednesday 3 February at 10am at North Richmond Community Centre, William Street, North Richmond.

For more information on Outreach courses at Mount Druitt College please call the Outreach unit on 9208 6384. For more information on Outreach courses at Richmond College please call the Outreach unit on 4570 9021.

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Guitar Shaped World in Tamworth



Adam Hill's work titled (Desp)air Guitar at the 'The Return of Guitar Shaped World' exhibition in Tamworth, NSW.



ABORIGINAL artist Adam Hill is among a mix of painters, sculptors, designers, ceramicists and illustrators whose work appears in an unusual exhibition at

Tamworth in northern NSW. 'The Return of Guitar Shaped World' opened at Tamworth Regional Art Gallery (TRAG) on 17 January as part of the 2010 Tamworth Country Music Festival. It continues until 21 February.

Exhibition curator Reg Lynch said the idea behind the group exhibition was very simple.

"Ask 20 diverse visual artmakers to make a guitar-shaped thing... this is what happened," he said, referring to the eclectic display from wooden spoons to Adam Hill's painting which features a black man playing an air guitar with a petrol can slung around his neck, a beer carton and dead goanna at his feet, and an Australian flag covering

The piece carried the words 'So the question remains. Am I ever gonna see your race again'.

Mr Lynch said the first Guitar Shaped World show was held in January 1995 at the old Tamworth City Gallery and proved so popular that it ran every year to 2000.

Mr Hill said he was honoured to have his work featured in this year's exhibition.

TRAG is at 466 Peel St, Tamworth, and is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-4pm. Admission to the exhibition is free.

Six care for our heritage

'Volunteers find it

of preserving

Victoria's valuable

cultural heritage³



SIX local Heritagecare volunteers are playing their part in preserving Aboriginal

community heritage at Shepparton in Victoria by helping to catalogue documents and audiovisual items held by a local Aboriginal organisation.

Shirley Simms, Noela Hanrahan, Deslee Higgins, Ed Scholl, Val Callister and Lisa Garcia are working on a new Heritagecare project with

Koori Resource and Information Centre (KRIC) two days a week for 26 weeks.

They are archiving documents, records of interviews, documentaries, personal histories and transcripts which

reflect Aboriginal community development in the Shepparton area.

As they file and digitise materials in the KRIC collection they are ensuring items are conserved and research facts and figures are available on a searchable data base.

The Heritagecare program is a partnership between the State Government agency Heritage Victoria and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), which recruits volunteers and manages

projects on behalf of Heritage Victoria. The State Government is providing more than \$1.7 million over four years (2006-2010) for Heritagecare, as part of its strategy 'Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities'

CVA Heritagecare Program Manager Ken Beasley said volunteers meet new people and learn new skills while contributing to heritage conservation.

"Volunteers find it very rewarding to actually be part of preserving Victoria's valuable cultural heritage,"

he said.

Planning Minister very rewarding to

Justin Maddell Se the Heritagecare Justin Madden said program empowered local communities to care for their heritage assets. "The Government

is proud to support the community groups and volunteers who do such an important

job caring for local heritage places and objects," he said. "I would like to thank the volunteers for dedicating their time

and energy to this project." To volunteer with Heritagecare, contact Heather McNaught at CVA on (03) 5444 1966, email hmcnaught@conservation volunteers.com.au or visit the website www.conservation volunteers.com.au



Sharon Atkinson, of KRIC, (back) with Heritagecare volunteers, from left, Noela Hanrahan, Lisa Garcia and Shirley Simms.



CVA Heritagecare volunteers Shirley Simms and Lisa Garcia cataloguing KRIC records while Sharon Atkinson, of KRIC, looks on.

Honorary doctorate for north Queensland Elder

By Townsville Correspondent **ALF WILSON**



A NORTH Queensland Elder has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by Townsville's James Cook

University (JCU).

Ernie Hoolihan never completed a university degree, but the award recognised his tireless efforts for more than four decades to improve the human rights and literacy of his people.

The father of eight children, grandfather of 21, and great grandfather of five had his latest achievement acknowledged by guests at a community event just before Christmas.

At the gathering, several local

men and women received Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement awards.

Those awarded were Dr Hoolihan, his wife Maud, Josephine Sailor, Sam Savage Snr and his wife Dorothy 'Dorry-May' Savage, retired State Member for Parliament and former Queensland Speaker Mike Reynolds, and Shireen Malamoo.

MC Randall Ross paid tribute to Dr Hoolihan and the other award recipients.

"Ernie has been a mentor for many of our young people," Mr Ross said.

Mr Ross said that Aunty Josephine Sailor continued to be a voice for the local Indigenous community.

"Aunty Maud Hoolihan has always been there and has been the backbone not only for her



From left, Sam Savage Snr, Dwayne Munns, Dorothy Savage, Roianne West, Mike Reynolds, Josephine Sailor and Ernie Hoolihan at the party after receiving their awards

family, but also to many of our Indigenous organisations within Townsville," he said.

"Uncle Sammy Savage is a quiet achiever, but has been heavily involved in our community as a Torres Strait Islander, Elder and was one of the original

founding board member of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service.

Mr Ross said that Aunty Dorothy Savage had been a staunch advocate in Indigenous education and had always ensured that many Indigenous

Children in Townsville and surrounding districts strived to benefit from education.

"Aunty Shireen Malamoo has been one of our strong Aboriginal and South Sea Islander women who strived to help many of her people in the Burdekin and Townsville community in the political arena," he said.

The awardees were honoured during a Christmas party held on 19 December in honour of Muscular Dystrophy sufferer Dwayne Munns, who is confined to a wheelchair

Local Indigenous academic Gracelyn Smallwood hosted the party at her home.

Footnote: Mrs Maud Hoolihan passed away after the awards ceremony. The Koori Mail has permission from her family to publish her name.

Gape crusaders



QUEENSLAND airline Skytrans is helping kids 'take off' on Cape York, thanks to a program by the same name aimed at encouraging children

to attend school more often. The program spearheaded by Skytrans has been in operation

since mid-last year and it is already producing strong results. "The objective of the program is

to support schools, students and families to promote school attendance through reward, recognition and mentoring," said Skytrans Managing Director, Simon

Former local-turned-celebrityactor Aaron Fa'Aoso headed to the Cape thanks to Skytrans last month to congratulate the kids who are kicking goals in the program and to spread the word to more kids about its benefits.

"Bamaga is where I'm from and I spent a lot of my childhood years all over the Cape playing rugby league, so it's great to visit the kids and see such a pro-active initiative touching the lives of our young Indigenous Australians," Mr Fa'Aoso said.

"I was honoured that Skytrans chose me to be the role model for the program launch as I am

passionate about these kids getting a kick start in life.'

Mr Fa'Aoso is fast making a name for himself on Australian television screens with appearances on such shows as Sea Patrol. RAN: Remote Area Nurse and East West

The 'Take Off' program is operated by the schools on the Cape setting attendance targets for their students. The schools then provide the airline with a list of students who have met this target at the end of each semester.

"Once Skytrans receives the list, we then recognise and reward these students for their efforts," said Mr Wild.

"The schools organise for the students to meet the Skytrans aircraft where they are given specially assembled showbags filled with goodies from Coles and Skytrans. These showbags are presented by shining stars that the kids can relate to like Aaron Fa'Aoso.'

Mr Fa'Aoso travelled to Lockhart River, Aurukun, Northern Peninsula Area (Bamaga), Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Cooktown and Coen to speak about the importance of education, share his own story and encourage the students to continue their efforts to reap the rewards.





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Engineering summer school spreads to Perth

THE Indigenous Australian I Engineering Summer School is under way in Perth and Sydney.

The Summer School program aims to stimulate students' interest in engineering through interactive activities, hands-on workshops, site visits and mentoring.

Founder Jeff Dobell said the Summer School had previously only operated in NSW, but its success meant that the WA Summer School was offered at Curtin University of Technology in Perth this year, as well as the University of New South Wales.

"An even more important success measure is the number of Summer School participants who have gone on to study engineering," Mr Dobell said.

"Three years after the 2007 Summer School, 65 per cent of the students are at university.

"And more than half of the 2007 participants have chosen to study degrees in Mining, Electrical and Civil engineering."

Students attend the Summer School without cost to themselves. A number of corporate, government and private sponsors, such as Parsons Brinckerhoff, contribute towards the running costs, including students' expenses and scholarships.

Engineering Aid Australia provides scholarships to students until they complete Year 12 and for those students who commence studies in Engineering at an Australian university.



Trainees graduate

Story by ALF WILSON in Townsville



THE Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) recently hosted a graduation for its first Townsville school-based trainees to complete two-year program with their respective host employers.

Senior representatives from AES presented the students with their awards at the Townsville Cultural Centre just before Christmas.

The graduating trainees had completed placements with a range of companies, including the ANZ Bank, Commonwealth Bank, Westpac Bank, National Australia Bank and James Cook

Graduates were David Brown, Yasmin Ellis, Taimen Clemments, Shashana Davies, Teneille Watkins, Alesha Johnson Saltner, Peter Harm, Sharona-Lee Murgha, Kathleen Mays, Jazminn Moyle, Tayde Idagi, Dayne Asker-Doran, Richelle Jackson, Kiane Martin Selby, Leanne Sharpe and Hayley

Guests at the graduation included representatives from the corporate sector. government departments and the local Indigenous community.

"The evening is also to celebrate and recognise the valuable partnerships and support the AES have received in this its second year of operation from the local and surrounding community to help achieve this wonderful outcome," said **AES Queensland State Manager of Group** Training Operations Adelina Romano.

"These are our first Queensland graduates and we wanted to promote the efforts of our trainees successfully completing the program and acknowledge the companies supporting the 'Close the Gap' initiatives by providing Indigenous employment opportunities.

The tropical-themed event featured performances by the Wulgurukaba Aboriginal dancers and the TSI group Obery Sambo and was emceed by Kanat Wano.

Guests and graduates enjoyed a traditional kup murri feast before sharing a large cake iced with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.



Townsville AES graduates, back from left, Hayley Shaw, Richelle Jackson, Kathleen Mays and Sharona-Lee Murgha; front, from left, Kiane Martin Selby, Alesha Johnson Saltner, Teneille Watkins, and Tayde Idagi with the cake.

Warwick turns out 13 Year 12 students



From left, teacher aide Delphine Charles (Githabul), Natalie Perrett (administration), Deputy Principal Cathy Rolfe, graduates Lena McIntosh, Ebony McGrady, Brent Ottley, Sophie Wallace, teacher aide Nicolette Dixon, graduate Storme Atkinson and CEC - Tammy Brown (Kambuwal).



THIRTEEN proved a lucky number for the Indigenous community in and around Warwick, in south-east Queensland, in 2009.

That was the number of Indigenous students who

graduated from Year 12 at Warwick High School at the end of the year.

It was the largest Indigenous cohort to graduate from the school and several of the graduates were the first in their families to complete Year 12.

School Deputy Principal Cathy Rolfe sang the Indigenous graduates' praises, declaring 'These guys are setting the trend; they're succeeding despite being bombarded with negative images of Indigenous youth'.

"We are working hard as a school to celebrate achievement and support these kids through the bumps of high school," Ms

Rolfe said. "In return, they have stuck it out and graduated and we are enormously proud of

The Indigenous graduates were Storme Atkinson, Ian Brown, Tamara Crook, Mitchell Lewis, Ebony McGrady, Jard Milne, Lena McIntosh, Clayton Murphy, Brent Ottley, Sheena Oliver, Tiffany Pfingst, Cassandra Ryan and Sophie Wallace.

The students were the first to benefit from the ongoing and concentrated program of support and encouragement Indigenous workers provide within the school framework.

Ms Rolfe said the Indigenous Student Service Team, including Tammy Brown (CEC), Nicolette Dixon, Delphine Charles, and Ruby McIntosh, had been instrumental in the success of students.

The inclusion of Indigenous workers from three of the largest clan groups within the local community was seen as a significant achievement for the high school, giving voice to many different family groups about the children's education.



Jail 'often only option³



UP to 80 per cent of Australian prison inmates have a mental illness, according to the Mental Health Council of Australia.

Council CEO David Crosbie said last week that magistrates in some regional areas were sending mentally ill people to jail because of a lack of community assessment and treatment options or facilities.

"There are many frustrated magistrates all over the country and I think it's particularly difficult in regional and rural areas, but it can be equally difficult in the city," Mr Crosbie told ABC Current Affairs on 18

"If someone presents at a court charged with a minor offence and

there's clearly the possibility of some mental health issues, you can't always get a mental health assessment."

Mr Crosbie said at times magistrates had no choice but to send people awaiting judgment or sentence

"Often in terms of working out what is best for this person and what is best for the broader community,

magistrates don't have any options but to see a person go into some kind of remand or some kind of prison setting where they can be assessed, because the community assessment options are not available," he said.

"Prison is the last place a person with a mental illness should be.

"In prison, we see two negative outcomes - the first is that people who are yet to be convicted and yet to be

given a sentence end up in prison awaiting a mental health assessment. And that happens quite frequently because the local community-based mental health treatment team is not available to do the assessment.

The second negative outcome is that people who should be receiving treatment end up in the prison system. And I don't think there is much worse that can happen to someone with mental illness than that they end up in a prison setting. "One of the things that we know most exacerbates mental illness and makes it worse for people is if they're isolated and put under pressure.'

The Mental Health Council of Australia is the independent, national representative body of the mental health sector in Australia.

Big increase in chlamydia notifications



CHLAMYDIA notifications have hit an all-time high in Australia, with the annual total for 2009 exceeding

According to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance

System, 61,172 notifications of chlamydia were recorded by the end of last year – most of them in Queensland (16,592), NSW (14,614) and Victoria

"What we're seeing is a 334 per cent increase on notifications ten years earlier, which is quite frightening," said Jill Michelson, National Clinical Adviser for not-for-profit sexual and reproductive healthcare provider Marie Stopes International.

"Regardless of whether this is a result of better screening processes or unsafe sex practices, the one thing that is a certainty is that chlamydia is out there and those who don't use condoms are at

The organisation's warnings came following research which found that more than half of all sexually active adults had never had a sexually transmitted infection (STI) check-up, and nine in ten had had sex without a condom.

Chlamydia is an infection spread through sexual intercourse and is sometimes referred to as 'the silent STI', given that most people carry the infection without displaying any symptoms. The infection affects men and women, and all ages are at risk.

"It is vital that sexually active women and men learn how to identify the symptoms of STIs, and be aware that some STIs can be carried without displaying any obvious signs of infection," Ms Michelson said.

"Having regular STI check-ups and wearing condoms is the only way to ensure your sexual health is in the clear.

Marie Stopes International Australia works to save lives and improve sexual and reproductive health in Indigenous Australia and throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Mosquito warning as rivers recede



NSW Health is warning residents and visitors to rural and coastal areas to cover up and avoid mosquito bites as summer continues and floodwaters in NSW start to

recede.

Dr Jeremy McAnulty, NSW Health Director of Communicable Diseases, said last week that mosquito activity was expected in the coming weeks, greatly increasing the danger of diseases such as Barmah Forest virus and Ross River virus.

"Heavy rainfall in north-central NSW in late 2009 has resulted in flooding of several rivers across NSW," said Dr McAnulty.

"Increased mosquito activity is predicted as several species of mosquitoes are able to breed in stagnant water that remains in ponds as floodwaters recede. In addition, summer king tides help coastal mosquitoes to breed.

"The simple fact is that more mosquitoes means there will be more chances of being bitten as large numbers of these insects mature.

"In addition to recent flooding, exposure to mosquitoes goes up in summer as the warmer weather and holidays mean that people tend to spend more time outside.

"Mosquito numbers can be associated with an increased risk of a number of viral infections of humans, with Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus being the most common in NSW.

Ross River and Barmah Forest virus infections could cause major illness with symptoms, including tiredness, rash, fever, and sore and swollen joints, Dr McAnulty said.

"These symptoms usually resolve after several days, but some people may experience these debilitating symptoms for weeks or even months,"

Diabetes type 1 breakthrough



THE Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) has hailed what it says is a significant breakthrough for people with type 1 diabetes.

The Foundation has formed a partnership with two international companies to produce an automated diabetes management system to eliminate the need for insulin injections and dramatically reduce the risk of life-threatening health complications.

It says the automated system is the first step on the path to what would be among the most revolutionary advancements in treating type 1 diabetes: The development of an artificial pancreas, a fully automated system to

dispense insulin to patients based on real-time changes in blood sugar levels.

As well as producing the automated system, the partnership aims to conduct extensive clinical trials for safety and efficacy and submit the product to the regulatory authorities for approval and subsidy.

Automating

"If successful, the development of this first-generation system would begin the process of automating how people with diabetes manage their blood sugar," said JDRF Australia CEO Mike Wilson.

"Ultimately, an artificial pancreas will deliver insulin as needed, minute by minute, throughout the day to maintain blood sugars within a target range.

"But even this early system could bring dramatic changes in the quality of life for the 140,000 Australians living with type 1 diabetes, beginning to free kids and adults from testing, calculating and treating themselves throughout the day."

JDRF will provide \$US8 million in funding over the next three years for the project, with a target of having a first-generation system ready within four years.

An auto-immune disease, type 1 diabetes is thought to be caused by a complex mixture of genetic and environmental factors rather than an unhealthy diet or obesity, commonly associated with type 2 diabetes which affects many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Exhibition a celebration



A MAJOR celebratory art exhibition has given Sydneysiders a

chance to see families and children of the northern NSW town of Moree through the eyes of local and other artists.

State Arts Minister Virginia Judge opened Gulu Gama-Li -'embrace', an exhibition of painting, photography, sculpture and film held at the NG Gallery in Chippendale earlier this month.

The exhibition was a collection of works involving local artists from Moree as well as urban artists from around the country.

Ms Judge said the exhibition brought together three projects supported by nonprofit organisation Beyond Empathy -'Mubali', 'Connections' and '6x6 Artists Community Project'. She said each piece reflected the vitality and importance of the families and children of the Moree area.

"The story that stands out, and truly shows the power that art can have on lives, is Mubali which means swollen belly in Gammillaroi," she said.

"Mubali was created over a five-year period using art to connect young Aboriginal mothers to the Aboriginal Midwifery Service to ensure they received proper after-birth

"Young women had belly casts made and their aunties painted stories of birth and

Mubali (pregnant woman), a painted belly cast by Margaret Adams. Plaster cast by Jo Davidson.

stories of families onto the casts," Ms Judge said.

"At the same time, the midwives and doctors provided the young mums with antenatal health care and breastfeeding advice."

Ms Judge said there was evidence to suggest the art project had direct positive outcomes on the mums and bubs, with increased birth weights and higher rates of breastfeeding.

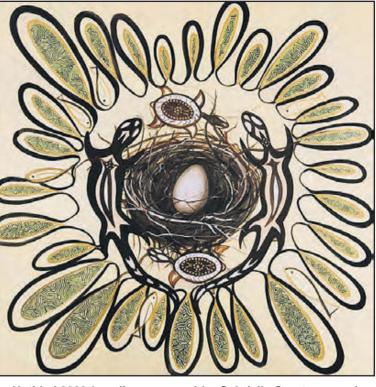
She said that due to the success and response of the projects, more were

planned for around the country.

"The '6x6' project brought seven nationally renowned urban artists such as William Yang, Gary Shead and David Larwill to spend six days in Moree alongside six local artists including Aunty Paula Duncan and Aunty Ellen Draper," Ms Judge said.

"Through the shared experience of creating art, barriers were dissolved and connections made.'

A film-maker and photographer documented the 6x6 Artists Connecting Community Project' while mentoring other local Indigenous film-makers and photographers.



Untitled 2008 (acrylic on canvas) by Gabrielle Courtenay and Paula Duncan (acrylic on canvas).



The Child Who was Taken from the Troopers (acrylic on canvas) Jonathan Throsby and Brent Beale.

Money for Artists and Artsworkers All Applicants and Art Forms February Funding Round

The Department of Culture and the Arts is inviting grant applications from individuals, groups and organisations for activity in all art forms (excluding television, film & radio) in the following categories:

- All applicants and Art Forms Development, Distribution & Marketina
- Publishing Assistance Program
- Young People and the Arts Development, Distribution & Marketing
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Applications close 26 February, 2010.

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Blak Nite to descend on Melbourne again



AFTER the success of last year's debut event, the City of Melbourne

π a program of award-winning Indigenous short films, documentaries and feature films as part of the 2010 Blak Nite Cinema.

The free event takes place on Friday and Saturday 19-20 February in the Treasury Gardens, with screenings from sunset (at about 8.30).

The event on the Friday starts at 7.30 with live music from Christine Ward performing country classics.

Melbourne film-maker Daniel King will introduce his short film The Opportunists, a comedy about the wheelings and dealings of the Aboriginal art industry. Also screening will be

short documentary Mad Morro, by Kelrick Martin, which follows a mother who has waited 13 years for her family to finally be reunited, and Kriv Stenders' Day, about a desperate father faced with an explosive revelation that could tear apart his family.

Light-hearted

The Saturday night program, hosted by actor Aaron Pedersen, will take a lighthearted look at Indigenous life. Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by special quest film-maker Richard Frankland who will also cap off the night with his comedy Stone Bros.

Short films screening include Dena Curtis' Hush, which looks at the creative way an Aboriginal

woman can make a dollar in an urban situation, and acclaimed film-maker Warwick Thornton's Green Bush - based on Thornton's life experience as a

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the City of Melbourne was pleased to again present Blak Nite Cinema.

"Indigenous cinema has seen an amazing growth in popularity over the last year with films like Samson & Delilah and Bran Nue Dae, and Blak Nite Cinema is a great way to showcase our support for good quality film-making in our diverse city," he said.

For more information, visit thatsmelbourne.com.au or phone (03) 9658 9658. Blak Nite Cinema is suitable for people aged 15 and over and food will be available to purchase.

Bran Nue Dae rakes in takings

EST Australianmade feature film Bran Nue Dae has taken \$2.6 million at the box office in its first week, screening to packed cinemas in Broome.

Shot in seven weeks on location in Broome, Perth and Kununurra, the film is based on the musical of the same name, which toured Australia in the 1990s.

The story is inspired by the teenage experiences of writer and musician Jimmy Chi and members of the band Kuckles who grew up in the tropical seaside port of Broome. Chi wrote the screenplay along with Reg Cribb and Rachel Perkins (who also directed the film).

Bran Nue Dae tells the story of Willie who runs away from the mission after being punished by Father Benedictus. A road trip across 2500kms of spectacular scenery ensues after Willie meets up with Uncle Tadpole, before finally finding his way back home to Broome.

The film stars Ernie Dingo, Geoffrey Rush, Magda Szubanski, Deborah Mailman and Ningali Lawford-Wolf,

with newcomers to the screen Jessica Mauboy, Rocky McKenzie, Missy Higgins and Dan Sultan.

The film was choreographed by Bangarra Dance Theatre Director Stephen Page, who had auditioned for the part of Willie at one of the development workshops for the original musical production in 1989. He didn't get the part because his singing wasn't up to scratch, but was asked instead to choreograph one of the numbers.

Agreement

One of his most complicated jobs in the film saw him co-ordinating traditional dance from a number of tribal groups around the Broome area. This included obtaining agreement with traditional Elders on the groups dancing together, what style of body paint would be used, even where the ochre body paint came from.

"I don't mind a good challenge," Page said. "Especially when you're dealing with cultural protocol and traditional dance. When

you do that sort of dance on a massive scale, there is an energy that comes up from the ground."

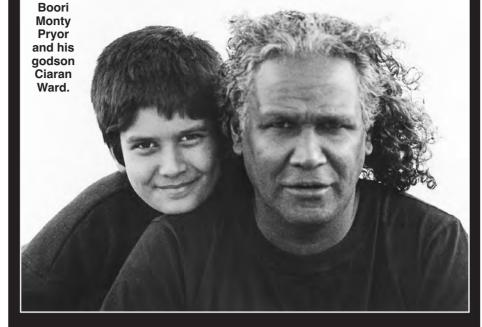
ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth said its opening figures ranked it amongst the most successful Australian films of recent

"With the story and songs originating from Broome, much of the filming taking place in Broome, and the film starring Broome teenager Rocky McKenzie, it is not surprising that Broome locals are flocking to see it," he said

"Bran Nue Dae is connecting with audiences all over Australia. It's a gem of a film, one to see on the big screen."

He said the film's soundtrack, which includes songs by Jessica Mauboy, Missy Higgins and Dan Sultan, was rating well on iTunes. "It's currently iTunes" number-one soundtrack and in the top 20 albums. There's also some great interview clips with the film's stars on YouTube," he said.

To see a preview of the movie go to the website www.brannuedaemovie.com



Pryor keeps on telling his stories

By MARGARET SMITH

BORIGINAL performer and storyteller ABoori Monty Pryor knows how to tell a great yarn, and has entranced thousands of people over the years. He has been an altar boy, a footballer, a basketball player, a member of the air force, a disc jockey, a dancer and singer, and educator of young children and teenagers.

Pryor's mother's country is Kunggandji around Yarrabah near Cairns and his father's is Birri-Gubba, south of

His book Maybe Tomorrow happened

after he told his story to Meme McDonald, and it's a great read. Originally published in 1998, an updated anniversary edition is being released this

Pryor grew up with a large family, but in the 1980s he lost some of his brothers to suicide and sickness. Somehow he was able to keep on performing his storytelling workshops for children.

"My strength is that communicator," he explained. "I can play the didgeridoo and sing and dance, but my purpose is to be a storyteller. The basic message I based my performances around is this: To feel happy about yourself, you must feel happy about the place you live in.

For Pryor, this has meant a lot of travelling - from the crocodile waters of northern Queensland to the streets of Melbourne and Perth and much in

When Pryor is performing, the story

'takes over'. "You know the story when you tell it, but you float along," he said.
The spontaneous comments of

children also keep Pryor on his toes. One non-Aboriginal child asked

him, 'When did you start being an Aborigine, and how old were you when you started that?

Another, aged seven, asked 'Can you make me an Aborigine?

Some Aboriginal children have found the courage to declare their hidden identity to a class full of kids for the first time.

But Pryor said the going sometimes

got tough with older non-Aboriginal kids, and he had to bring out 'the big guns' and tell them about his youth.

"I tell them: 'When I was your age I wasn't allowed to do these dances. I came from two reserves, Yarrabah and Palm Island. If you painted up and did a dance like this, they would strip you off, tie you to a tree and flog you'."

Pryor has suggested that each ool could set aside a special room with maps of Australia with Aboriginal place names, Aboriginal groups, and language

His work has also taken him into juvenile detention centres where inmates have expressed surprise

that someone could 'make a living off being black', as well as writers' festivals here and abroad.

And he has received thousands of letters from adults and children about how his words have changed



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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@ koorimail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222

2009 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize Tour. The tour will display 49 works by 35 individual artists that were selected as finalists and will be on display in this exhibition. All welcome. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or Liz on (0410) 181 719 or email artscentre@ campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au Tour dates as follows:

- 28 January-28 March, 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

Until 29 January: 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 or www.ilgarijiri.wordpress.com

Until 9 February: Celebrating Indigenous Bay Culture. The program includes Confined II - an Indigenous prisoners visual art exhibition; Nexus contemporary dance; fundraising for small community groups; Etchings Indigenous - Black and Sexy book launch; main festival music day; espy after festival gig; Jumbi's Gendook: Brother in Laws Canoe. All welcome. For event location and times contact: (03) 9209 6490 or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au/ yalukitwilamngargee

Until 9 February: Yalukit Willam Ngargee - People Place Gathering Program 2010. This is a stand-alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural festival celebrating Indigenous bay culture. Program include visual arts exhibitions, entertainment, contemporary dance productions, Etchings Indigenous publication launch, koorie night market stalls, kids activities, interactive programs and more. All welcome. Held at the O'Donnell Gardens, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda, Vic. Details: (03) 9209 6306 or email stkildafestival@portphillip. vic.gov.au or visit www stkildafestival.com.au

Until 13 February: Chasing The Lollyman. This is a one man comedy show celebrating urban Aboriginal Identity. Starring Mark Sheppard. All welcome. Tickets \$20 or \$15 concession. All welcome. Held at Sue Benner Theatre, Metro Arts, 109 Edward Street, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3002 7100 or email info@metroarts.com.au

Until 14 February: Paperskin: Barkcloth across the Pacific Art Exhibition. 'Paperskin' celebrates this visual sophistication and vitality, displaying examples dating from the 18th Century to the present. All welcome. Held at the Queensland

Art Gallery, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qag. qld.gov.au/paperskin

Until 15 February: Indigenous Australian Government Development Program. This is a Close the Gap initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and is an integrated employment and development program, delivered over a 12-month period. Details: (02) 6240 3737 or visit www.deewr.gov.au/iagdp

Until 28 February: Calling for Submissions - Certificate III and IV in Media Broadcasting, Journalism and TV/Video Course. Open to all Indigenous people aged 18 years and over. Interested candidates will have travel. Food and accommodation paid for. Starts March. All welcome. Held at the Batchelor Institute, Northern Territory. Details: Joe Miller on (08) 8939 7257 or (0447) 082 901 or free call 1800 677 095 or email ioe.miller@batchelor.edu.au or visit www.batchelor.edu.au

Until 8 March: From Little Things Big Things Grow. This is an exhibition that traces the fight for Indigenous civil rights during the period 1920-1970. Free and all welcome. Held at the First Australians Focus Gallery, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5000 or email information@nma.gov.au or visit www.nma.gov.au

Until 11 March: Deadly Funny 'Laugh your Moom Off' workshops. The workshops provide contestants the opportunity to get their deadly funny joke or yarn workshopped by a professional stand-up comedian, who will also provide deadly tips and advice on your writing and performance. Workshops are being held all over Australia. Free entry and food provided. All welcome. Details on dates/location and time contact: Jason Tamiru on (03) 9245 3700 or visit www.deadlyfunny.

Until 15 March: Deadly Funny 2010 'Laugh your Moom Off' State finals. Winner goes through to National Deadly Funny grand final to compete against other State finalists for a chance to win \$2000. You must attend at least one of the comedy workshops. Dates: 12 February, Qld; 27 February, Alice Springs, NT; 5 March, Roxbury Hotel, Glebe, NSW; 8 March, NOVA Cinema, SA; 11 March, Comedy Lounge, WA and 15 March, Evelyn Hotel, Fitzrov. Details: Jason Tamiru on (03) 9245 3700 or visit www.deadlyfunny.

Until 21 March: 'The Spirit of Healing' art exhibition. A contemporary Aboriginal art exhibition with works by Aboriginal artists. All welcome. Held at La Perouse Museum, Anzac Parade, La Perouse, NSW. Details: (02) 9661 1103 or (0411) 710 712.

Until 31 March: Registrations for Tidy Towns Awards 2010. The Tidy Towns Awards encourage, motivate and celebrate the environmental achievements of rural and regional communities across Australia. For more information contact: Gail Dodd on (08) 6467 5131or email gail.dodd@dec.wa.gov.au or visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au

Until 2 May: ReCoil: Change and Exchange in Coiled Fibre Art. This exhibition features a unique

collection of innovative and contemporary forms from fibre artists' across Australia. Showcasing the work of 12 Indigenous and three non-Indigenous artists who have worked with their Aboriginal peers. All welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery, NT. Details: (08) 8999 8219 or (0427) 015 790 or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au

Until 22 May: Belonging to Country Exhibition. Showcase of works by Indigenous artists that express identity, knowledge of the land, and Indigenous views on history. All welcome. Held at Museum Victoria, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton, Melbourne, Vic. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.

Until 14 June: Emerging Elders Art Exhibition. The artists featured are self-taught and have only recently, over the last decade, created and consistently shown their work throughout Australia. All welcome. Held at the Project Gallery, Melbourne, Vic. Details: (02) 6240 6411 or visit www.nga. gov.au/emergingelders

28 January: Trivia night fundraiser. The night will include six rounds of ten general knowledge questions plus four 'Who am I'. Teams of 6-8 invited. Top two teams share prize packs from Dreamtime Kullilla Art valued over \$180. Lucky door prize, raffles, musical entertainment. Meals available downstairs from 5.30pm. Cost \$10 or \$5 concession. All welcome. Held at Arana Leagues, Dawson Parade, Keperra from 6:30pm onwards. Details: Aunty Flo Watson on (0419) 676 858 or Mariya Coblenz on (07) 3289 1824 or email magpiehouse@ihug.

28-29 January: 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 or visit www.conferenceonline.com

30 January-1 February: New Way Summit. The summit is open to all who wish to be involved in overcoming and addressing the racial conflicts that have persisted in this country since white settlement. An invitation to a national conference in support of Aboriginal Rights and Freedoms. All welcome. Held at Haydon-Allen Tank, ANU, Canberra, from 9am-6pm. Details: Michael Anderson on (0427) 292 492 or visit www.wgar.info

3-25 February: Muiyiw Minaral (Spiritual Markings) Art Exhibition. This exhibition will showcase sculpture and fine art prints by Torres Strait Islander artists George Nona, Billy Missi and Glen Mackie. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington, NSW, Details: (02) 9360 6839 or visit www. aboriginalartcentres.com.au

6-14 February: St Kilda Festival. The festival is celebrating its 30th birthday and will include local bands, performers, kids activities, artists, comedians, extreme sports and more. Held at St Kilda, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9209 6490 or visit www.stkildafestival.com.au

8-15 February: 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.

13 February: Stop the NT Intervention - Sydney Walk Against Racism and rally. Walk from 9am La Perouse Point, Bunnerong Rd. Rally starts 1pm at The Block, Redfern. Speakers include Irene Fisher -Sunrise Health NT, Angeline Penrith, Mal Tulloch - CFMEU, Pastor Ray Minniecon, Jeff McMullen – former ABC journalist, Performers: The Black Turtles, Michael Donovan, Nadeena Dixon and more. All welcome. Details: Mon Wiseman on (0415) 410 558 or Jean Parker on (0449) 646 593 or email stoptheintervention@gmail.com or visit www.stoptheintervention.org

13 February: Stop the NT Intervention - Perth protest. All welcome. Held at Wesley Church, corner William and Hay St, Perth, from noon. Details: Natasha on (0434) 303 248 or Sanna on (0417)

13 February: Stop the NT Intervention – Alice Springs protest. There will be a gathering on Church Lawns in the Mall, speakers on key issues with the launch of a book: 'This Is What They Said', followed by a march through the CBD. From 10am onwards. Details: Barbara on (0401) 291 166 or Marlene on (08) 8952 5032 or visit www. rollbacktheintervention. wordpress.com

13 February: Stop the NT Intervention – Adelaide protest. Speakers: Donna Jackson of Larrakia/Wulna descent, local Kaurna and Ngarrendjeri people. Launch of book This is What We Said. Held at the steps of Parliament House, Adelaide from 1pm onwards. Details: Alitja on (0431) 112 898.

17 February: Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) workshop. This workshop is for organisations who are beginning their RAP journey, through to organisations who are reporting on, and implementing, their second and third RAPs. All welcome. Held at the Koorie Heritage Trust, 295 King St, Melbourne, Vic. Details: Brooke Pettit on (02) 6273 9200 or email rsvp@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.reconciliation.org.au

17-18 February: 12th Helping Families Change Conference. This is two days of invigorating interaction, exciting exchange of ideas and collegiality. Keynote and invited speakers. Held at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Old. from 9am onwards. Details: Kate Sofronoff on (07) 3365 6411 or email kate@psy .uq.edu.au or visit www. helpingfamilieschange.com

18 February: Dan Sultan and band concert. Join this extraordinary, multi-instrumental singer-songwriter and his big soul band and new tunes from his latest album, Get Out While You Can. Tickets: Full \$30, concession \$26. Held at the Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane, from 7.30pm onwards. Details: (07) 3358 8600 or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

21 February, 28 February and 7 March: Cabaret show Dire-Tribe, a comedy/music trip through an

adopted Catholic dysfunctional extroverted, over-labelled Aborigine's experience of growing up in the era of disaster movies, safari suits, cinemas in the CBD and Don Dunstan. Presented by Pascoe Braun with special guest Dave McEvoy as part of the 2010 Adelaide Fringe Festival. Held at Sugar, Level 1/274 Rundle Street, Adelaide. All tickets \$10. All welcome. Details: 1300 374 643 or visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

24-26 February: 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.

26-28 February: Knox Festival 2010. Our Place is the theme for the Knox Festival 2010. The festival will include art making and viewing, cooking demonstration and tasting, entertainment, workshops, activities, rides, stalls, cinema under the stars and more. All welcome. Held at the Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve -Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully. Details: (03)9298 8000 or email knoxcc@knox.vic.gov.au or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au

27 February: 'Wadda Mooli' Family Day. Kid's activities, Indigenous performances, face painting, jumping castle, stalls and more. All welcome. Held at Centenary Lakes, Morayfield, from 9am-4pm. Details: Fred Binge on (0450) 802 419 or Mick Douglas on (0417) 073 131.

3-27 March: East Kimberley Painting Revisited: Rover Thomas, Paddy Jaminji, Freddie Timms and Rusty Peters. 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 or www.artmonthsydney.com

5 March: Gidarjil Cultural Festival. A celebration of the symbolic ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Gurang and Gooreng Gooreng peoples, the native title claimants and traditional owners of the Port Curtis Coral Coast native title claim area. All welcome. Held under the bridge, Edina St, Lions Park, Bundaberg, Qld, from 10am-4pm. Details: Nadene Jones on (07) 4130 7702 or (0458) 528 075 or email nadenej1@ gmail.com

7-10 March: Straight Talk 2010 Summit. This event will give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women the opportunity to develop their understanding of the Australian political system and build relationships with women in Federal Parliament. Guest speakers. All welcome. Cost involved. Held in Canberra. Details: 1800 088 110 or email straighttalk@oxfam.org.au or visit www.oxfam.org.au/straight-talk



Trainees hear the call of new career

SIX Indigenous trainees are forging a new career at a Centrelink Call Centre in Tweed Heads, northern NSW, after being selected for the Indigenous Apprenticeship Program.

Beau Bright, Mitchell Bird, Tresha Donnelly, Chihara Cora, Simon Chadburn and Samantha Nean beat more than 100 applicants to win the positions.

The program aims to provide employment and training opportunities for Indigenous people and increase the number of Indigenous employees in Centrelink's call network.

As part of the apprenticeship, the group will undertake 12 months of on-the-job training to complete Certificate 3 in Customer Contact, in conjunction with NSW TAFE.

All six agree they've been given a unique opportunity to improve their career prospects.

"I've had other jobs but this one gives me the chance to grow and progress and have the career I've always wanted," Beau Bright said.

"I'd eventually like to be an Indigenous Support Officer and help others get a good start like we have.

As a mother of two, Tresha Donnelly said the traineeship gave her many opportunities and the ability to give something back to the community.

Samantha Nean's background included work in the local hospitality industry and, while she enjoyed it, she realised it was time for a change when she saw the ad for the program.

"I love a challenge and it's the career change I've always wanted. Now I can give something back to people and help them," she said.

The group has only just started the program but have already started taking calls from Centrelink customers.

Call Centre Manager Darren Sprott has been impressed with how the group has formed a strong bond.

"They've all become good friends as well as colleagues and are always supporting one another," he said.

"We were thrilled to see so much interest in the positions when they were advertised and such a strong field of applicants.

"This group is keen and focused on developing their careers within Centrelink and we are planning to provide development and exposure in a number of other Centrelink work environments."



Centrelink Indigenous trainees, from left, Mitchell Bird, Simon Chadburn, Tresha Donnelly, Chihara Cora, Beau Bright and Samantha Nean (sitting).

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We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants to work with the Indigenous Domestic & Family Violence Program within the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown this position will provide specialised counselling to victims of domestic and family violence. This new 3 year pilot program will also provide outreach services to the communities of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura and aims to provide an early intervention and prevention counselling service in conjunction with the Children's Domestic & Family Violence Counsellor.

The position is permanent full time SACS level 6 and is funded by the Dept. of Communities.

This is a specified position

For more information and a position description please contact Alison Ward - Manager, Cooktown District Community Centre, 13 Charles St, PO Box 763, Cooktown. T: (07) 4069 6098 E: reception@cooktowndcc.org.au

Applications close 5pm, Monday 8th February 2010



Hostel Manager/Assistant Manager

This position would be ideal for a married/partnered couple, with accommodation available.

Duties do include:

- . Managing staff on a daily basis
- Residential bookings
- Must have a current Food Handlers Certificate or be willing to do the training for the certificate
- Finance transactions including revenue and expenditure records banking, bank reconciliation, petty cash, assets and prepare the operating performance report on a weekly basis, in accordance with AHL policies and procedures
- Responsible for providing a safe and healthy environment for residents and employees
- Ordering and purchasing supplies
- Directing residents to appropriate services
- Cooking and meal preparation on a daily basis (3 meals per day)
- General cleaning duties
- Liaising with organisations locally and statewide
- . To be available for on call duties.
- Reporting to the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative Board of Management on monthly basis

For anyone that has an interest in these positions please ring the CEO, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative for the Selection Criteria or any further information on (03) 53315344

Closing date: 4th February 2010



On Track Community Programs

Connecting people to their communities

Aboriginal Housing & Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)

Team Leader (Permanent Full Time)

"Looking for a challenge and want to make a difference in Aboriginal Mental Health?"

We are a not-for-profit community organisation committed to providing responsive and flexible support services to Aboriginal People living with a mental illness. Now is your opportunity to join a new team working within the Aboriginal Communities in the Bundjalung Nation in the Lismore area.

HASI 5 A is an innovative partnership program between NSW Health, the NSW Department of Housing and non government organisations. The program is designed to assist Aboriginal people living with mental health problems who require accommodation support to participate in community life maintain successful tenancies and improve their quality of life.

As Team Leader you will be responsible for ensuring the team provides quality services while meeting legislative, organisational and best practice standards. This is a challenging and varied role which would suit a person with an innovative and enthusiastic attitude towards recovery for Aboriginal people experiencing mental illness. Applicants identified as being of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.

This position is paid at SACS Grade 4 plus superannuation and generous salary sacrificing options available to the not for profit sector. A position description and selection criteria are available from our website at www.ontrack.ngo.org.au or from lalita@ontrack.ngo.org.au. Applications must address the selection criteria and should be returned to the above email address by Friday 5th February

For enquiries call Kyllie Walker on 02 66220309.

HAYS Executive

INFLUENTIAL CEO PROVIDE RESULTS

Kalgoorlie based. Highly competitive salary including housing & vehicle.

The Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) is the Federal Government-appointed Native Title Representative Body for the region, enjoying widespread support from communities, organisations and individuals. The GLSC is the principal voice for Aboriginal people from the Goldfields-Esperance region on matters to do with land and waters, governance, social and economic development, heritage and other matters of justice.

Managing a team of 34, with six direct reports and accountable to the board, a solution focused CEO is required to provide strategic direction and coordination.

demonstrate a proven record of managerial performance ideally as a CFO. Deputy CFO or equivalent. It is highly desirable that you have previous experience of working within Aboriginal organisations. A role of this calibre requires a high level of integrity and demonstration of superior written and interpersonal skills. Experience with indigenous policy development and a very good understanding of Native Title and indigenous legislation will be beneficial.

The GLSC is an equal opportunities employer. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Contact Richard Scott at richard.scott@hays.com.au or 08 9254 4555.



hays.com.au





Assistant Hostel Manager

Melbourne

Kevin Coombs Hostel

APS Level 2

\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager
- Applicant must also hold a valid Working With Children Check Card

Want to know more?

Contact Michelle Thorpe on 03 9329 7374.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Emma Gamble on 03 9642 2775.

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 12 February 2010.

Residential Youth Worker

Hobart

APS Level 4

\$657.83 - \$791.23 per week, plus superannuation Part time 30.40 hours per week

We are seeking a motivated person to provide high quality care and support within a residential setting to Indigenous young people aged 16 to 24 from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

The position is for a fixed contract period up to 31 December 2012. The duties may include weekend work. Residential Youth Workers are required to work with minimal supervision and sleepover onsite on days of duty.

Duties Include

- · Managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- Assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a
- Liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home

Applicants who hold a Certificate IV in Youth Work will be highly regarded.

Further Inquiries: Rita Stewart Telephone Number: 03 9642 2775

Selection Documentation: Emma Gamble Telephone Number: 03 9642 2775 or from our website at www.ahl.gov.au.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical assessment during the 6 month probation period. The successful applicant will be required to satisfactorily complete a Federal Police Records Check and be able to meet State/ Territory Government requirements for working with young individuals.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close 5pm, 12 February 2010 and should be sent to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAM

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) is an Australian Government Indigenous Partnerships initiative that supports Indigenous young people who wish to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining sustainable employment in their home community or elsewhere.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Bendigo Community Correctional Services

\$39,000 to \$50,083

Position No : 3835

The Indigenous Community Corrections Officer at Bendigo CCS will:

- Supervise Koori (and non-Koori) male and female offenders on Community Corrections Orders;
- Provide culturally appropriate guidance and counselling to Koori offenders;
- Develop strong links with Indigenous agencies.

For further information about the role contact Ms Tania Morton (General Manager, Bendigo CCS) on 5440 6100.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 8 February 2010 www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our Values: Community - Together - Integrity - Respect - Happen @ One Justice



Coodinator Strong Families

Country Services

Web Search No: 004073

Level/Salary: Level 6, \$77,679 - \$86,017 pa

Strong Families is a strategy to bring about a greater coordination and collaboration between agencies in their work with families who have complex needs. The Department for Child Protection (DCP) is the lead agency for this interagency initiative. The Coordinator Strong Families is responsible for implementing and coordinating the Strong Families strategy, reporting locally to the Regional Management Group. You will also be responsible for promoting the Strong Families Program and developing relationships with both Government and non-Government Agencies and wider community groups.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact James Jarvis on Ph: 9222 2706.

Location: Port Hedland or other Pilbara locations Closing Date: Monday 8 February 2010 at 5.00pm



Centrecare is a not-for-profit organisation committed to delivering quality professional counselling, support, mediation and training services. We offer you an opportunity to share in this commitment

Cottage Carer Ref # DJ-OHC

Full-time, Part-time and Casual, LOCKRIDGE

We are seeking full time, part time and casual Carers to provide live in care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are unable to live at home. Using a team approach, you will provide day to day care for the children, ensuring their physical, cultural, social, educational and recreational needs are met. Other support to children will be provided by Social Workers and children's Counsellors. You will be supported to access professional development and supervision. Experience in caring for children who have experienced trauma is required. It is essential that the successful applicant will be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (Section 50D of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984) in order for Centrecare to provide culturally appropriate care to the children. For job specific information please contact Glenda Kickett/Andrea Smith on (08) 9378 2522.

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 or by phoning Human Resources on (08) 9325 6644.

People Making Time for People



Senior Project Officer - Stakeholder Relations

\$73,104 to 88,450

The Senior Policy Officer is a key member of the Aboriginal Health Branch and contributes to national and State initiatives to improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing, which will support the Department of Heath in addressing the entrenched disadvantage of Aboriginal people in Victoria. The position requires good communication and stakeholder management, administration and project skills, conceptual and writing skills and the ability to provide creative, culturally appropriate solutions to complex issues.

Do you have a commitment to making a difference to the health and well being of Aboriginal people in Victoria? Do you enjoy working with a wide range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people inside and outside government?

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Daniel James on [03] 9096-0511. To apply online and view the job description, visit www. dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies. Please quote reference no DH/WIC&AC/279034

Closing Date: midnight Sunday 7th February 2010.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DH recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DH Values. DH is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.



PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING ABORIGINAL FAMILIES? **Targeted Family Support Service (TFSS) Tyerrtye Arntarnte-Areme Caring for People**

TFSS is an exciting initiative of NT Government to promote the safety, stability, development and well-being of vulnerable children and their families. Based in Alice Springs, services provided include information, assessment, case management, counselling and in-home support with a focus on early response to child wellbeing concerns.

We are looking for a mix of skilled and enthusiastic Caseworkers and Aboriginal Family Support Workers who will work together in pairs to deliver a culturally responsive service to children and families.

TFSS CASEWORKERS (PN 720) X 3 positions Full time or part time negotiable Total salary range: \$85,299 - \$93,109 p.a. (includes base salary, leave loading, super and allowances) Degree in Social Work or equivalent qualification, and experience in child-centred, family-focused casework practice

TFSS ABORIGINAL FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS (PN721) X 3 positions Full time or part time

Total salary range: \$62,615 - \$75,290 p.a. (includes base salary, super, leave loading and allowances) These are Aboriginal Identified Positions. Aboriginal men and women with suitable skills in family support are encouraged to apply

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2010

For information regarding the position please contact Caroline Lovell, Program Manager TFSS (08) 8951 4457. email caroline.lovell@caac.org.au. For application packages visit www.caac.org.au/hr or contact the Recruitment Officer Kerrie LeRossignol on (08) 8958 3662 or email hrro@

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress was formed in 1973 and has expanded to become the largest Aboriginal community controlled health service in the Northern Territory.

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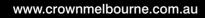
A workplace 'buddy' will help you perform your tasks and ease your integration into working at Crown. One day you could also become a mentor for future employees.

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Crown employees can access a wide array of subsidised facilities and services. These include discount rates and extended opening times at an on-site convenience store, dry cleaning service, gym and parking located close to the complex. Crown also provides a whole range of support services available free to all employees including:

- · Family counselling
- Health care check-ups
- 24 hour staff restaurant
- Laundered, fitted uniforms

To discuss becoming part of the family at Crown and explore employment opportunities for Aboriginal people, please email indigenousemployment@crownmelbourne.com.au, or call (03) 9292 7683





A WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT.



Aboriginal Home & Community Care Regional Development Officer

Aged Care, Gippsland Initial Work Location: Traralgon Full Time / Fixed Term (12 months) \$63,358 p.a. - \$71,887 p.a. +Superannuation

Are you committed to developing collaborative partnerships that will improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and increase their access to the quality Home & Community Care (HACC) services that will enhance their well being and quality of life? Will you accept the challenge of increasing the range of service options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

In this role you will focus on assisting Aboriginal community controlled health services and generic health services in Gippsland to plan, develop and implement, review and monitor, culturally sensitive HACC services for Aboriginal communities. You will also be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Gippsland Indigenous HACC Five Year Plan 2005-2010. Qualifications and experience in aboriginal health and/or an understanding of and experience with Home and Community Care would be an advantage.

If this position appeals to you please view the position description via the web site below. For further information contact Jennifer Doultree on 5177 2625. Please quote the reference number VG/DH/GIP/108972. Closing date for applications is Friday, 12 February 2010.

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 and click on Vacancies



Legal Officer

CIVIL LAW DIVISION BARTON, ACT

Reference Number: 2746/CLD

APS Level 3-6 (Broadbanded) - Several Ongoing Vacancies \$49,360- \$77,840 per annum + SUPERANNUATION

- The Personal Property Securities Branch is responsible for advancing personal property securities law reform in Australia. Personal property is any form of property other than land or buildings. Lending secured by personal property is a multi-billion dollar industry. Reform of Australian personal property securities law and the introduction of an online register will result in a faster, simpler and more certain system for taking, registering and discovering security interests over most types of tangible and intangible personal property.
- The roles involve dealing with a wide range of stakeholders across the public and private sectors and will draw upon strong analytical, policy, communication and people skills to achieve Government objectives.
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Contact officer: Wayne Bobbin (02) 6141 3619 or email wayne.bobbin@ag.gov.au

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Conditions of employment are outlined in the Attorney-General's Department Agreement 2007 at www.ag.gov.au

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Local Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres Cootamundra Public School Temporary Part-Time (4dpw) Position Number 155374 Salary package to: \$85,393 pro-rata

Inquiries: Julie Killiby Phone (02) 9266 8728

To apply for this position, please visit https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to advertisement number 155374

Penrith Women's Health Centre Western Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)

Aboriginal Specialist Worker

21 hours per week Salary sacrifice available Plus generous leave allowance

This position requires high level skills in advocacy, client support and networking. The service proves information, assistance and advocacy to women and their children experiencing domestic violence

For information package please contact: Cheryl on 02 4731 5098 or cheryl@dvcas.net.au

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ABORIGINAL FAMILY RESOURCE WORKER

Northcott Disability Services is a progressive, non-government organisation with a strong history of providing quality services to individuals with a disability and families across NSW and the ACT.

We are currently seeking an Aboriginal Family Worker to work in our Aboriginal Supported Playgroup. This is a part-time role, 8 hours per week on a 12 month contract.

The Aboriginal Supported Playgroup, (Aboriginal Play Links), is for Koori children 0-6 years old and their families. The Aboriginal Family Worker will participate and support the existing Aboriginal Speciÿc Supported Play Group in consultation with the Aboriginal Community, relevant partnering services and Family Resource Links staff.

For more information about this position and our organisation and for a position description go to: www.northcott.com.au. Enquiries to Leanne Charles on 4625 1061 or 0409 228 247.

Written applications to Leanne Charles, Northcott Disability Services, PO Box 183N, Campbelltown Nth NSW 2560 or e-mail to: LeanneC@northcott.com.au Closing date: 8 February 2010.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT APPLICANTS ARE OF ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BACKGROUND AS THIS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSITION (Authorised under Section 14 - Anti Discrimination Act 1977)

> Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer



Redfern Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer

Position ID: RAC001

Location: 276-278 Abercrombie Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 Reports to: RAC Board of Directors

Purpose of Role: To oversee the RAC business operations, includes managing HR and the development and implementation of RAC policy and procedures, managing the core operating budget and financial controls, sourcing additional external funding, liaise with local, state and commonwealth funding bodies, build and maintain working relationships with an extensive network of people and organisations

This role reports and is accountable to the RAC Board of Directors.

Tasks & Activities: Under direction of the RAC Board of Directors:

Essential Criteria:

- 1. Demonstrate a strong understanding and knowledge of Indigenous Australian cultures, social and economic issues.
- 2. Strong knowledge and experience in Indigenous Affairs, including a strong understanding of current employment policy directions in relation to the labour market areas.
- 3. Demonstrated leadership, business development and business management skills.
- . Demonstrate excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, with the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal people, including external clients from diverse backgrounds, professions and employer industry groups.
- 5. Ability to effectively engage and negotiate with a diverse range of people in non government and government agencies to achieve specific outcomes
- 6. Proven ability to lead a work team to achieve objectives and targets within time and budget constraints.
- 7. A knowledge of, and commitment to, the principles of workplace diversity and occupational health and safety, and a demonstrated ability to apply them in the workplace.

Current Drivers Licence.

Desirable Criteria:

1. Extensive experience in Business Management and/or similar experience in an executive or managerial role.

2. Relevant Tertiary qualifications in a Business Management related field (human resources, industrial relations, behaviourial science) or equivalent. For packages or further information please contact Vicki Ashton @ RAC on (02) 9318-1496 or email ceo.rac@bigpond.com.au

Applications to: Vicki Ashton, RAC, PO Box 794, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012, or by email to ceo.rac@bigpond.com or dropped into RAC office at 276-278 Abercrombie Steet, Chippendale. Closing Date: 25/2/2010.



The Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd (GEGAC) seek suitably qualified applicants for the positions of Integrated Family Services workers, Intake and Assessment Officer and In Home Support workers

Integrated Family Support Workers

(2 EFT available)

Integrated Family Support (IFS) program aims to provide families with programs and activities that will promote a stable and nurturing environment for children. The IFS workers will work to provide intensive, effective and professional support to Aboriginal families over a specified duration that meets their immediate needs in strengthening their ability to provide a safe and caring home for their children.

Intake and Assessment Officer

(1 EFT Position)

The Intake and Assessment position involves assessing clients that may be referred to GEGAC by an outside organisation, internally or through a self-referral process. The worker will be responsible for completing an initial assessment on the children and family and provide initial support to them ensuring appropriate referral and hand over is made either internally or externally once allocation has

In Home Support Workers

(2 EFT available)

The position will actively work with families with children aged between 0 and 3 years; to improve the health, development, learning, safety and well being of Aboriginal children aged birth to three years of age; to strengthen support and improve parenting capacity for Aboriginal parents and their families that is respectful of their culture identity and to promote Aboriginal child and family well being; to promote social connections and linking with community and community services

Further information regarding these programs can be sought by contacting Alyson Ferguson, Manager Children Youth and Family Services Unit on 5150 0700

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception.

Applications must be addressed in writing to:

Children, Youth and Family Services Unit Roles GEGAC P.O. Box 634

BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875 Applications will close by 5pm Friday 5th Feb 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. GEGAC is and Equal Opportunity Employer.





Child Safety Support Officer

Child Safety Services

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent) Communities

Salary: \$56 989 - \$62 666 p.a. **Location:** Maroochydore REF: QLD/COM2554/10

Key Duties: Provide prevention, early intervention, and family support strategies to children and families; Implement/maintain appropriate case work and individualised service plans; Liaise and develop links with relevant stakeholders including families, community agencies and relevant government agencies. Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 9 February 2010

Caseworker (Identified)

Community and Youth Justice Services

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent) Communities

Salary: \$48 145 - \$70 691 p.a. Location: Townsville REF: QLD/COM2438/10

Key Duties: To deliver culturally appropriate casework and counselling services that promote the safety and well being of young people in detention.

Skills/Abilities: Recognise and articulate the interests

of Aboriginal and Islander peoples and the capacity to effectively consult and negotiate. **Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 8 February 2010

Police Liaison Office

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: Mount Isa

REF: PO14/10

Enquiries: Shannon Renouf (07) 4744 1125 Closing Date: Monday, 1 February 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:** PO15/10

Enquiries: Conrad Van Egmond (07) 4748 2148 Closing Date: Monday, 1 February 2010

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The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Heath and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

ACLO - Riverina Region

4 positions available

- Permanent Full-time Albury (position number 124943)
- Temporary Full-time Wagga Wagga (position number 124944)
- Temporary Full-time Griffith (position number 124945)
- Temporary Part-time Deniliquin (17.5hpw) (position number 124947)

Total remuneration package valued to: \$61,201 p.a. (salary \$55,461 p.a) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. (salary for part-time position is pro-rata)

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the Department at school, regional and State Office level.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

The temporary positions are available up to 27 January 2012.

Please address the selection criteria in your application and indicate which position/s you are interested in applying for.

Inquiries and Information packages: Thelmerie Rudd (02) 6937 3815 Email: thelmerie.rudd@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Ms Thelmerie Rudd, Department of Education and Training, PO Box 478 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

You may also apply for these positions online. To apply online please visit our website www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to the above position numbers.

Closing Date: 12 February 2010

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Xstrata is a global diversified mining group, listed on the London and Swiss Stock Exchanges, with its headquarters in Zug, Switzerland. Xstrata's businesses maintain a meaningful position in seven major international commodity markets: copper, coking coal, thermal coal, ferrochrome, nickel, vanadium and zinc, with additional exposures to platinum group metals, gold, cobalt, lead and silver, recycling facilities and a suite of global technology products, many of which are industry leaders. The Group's operations and projects span 18 countries, and employ approximately 56,000 people, including contractors



National Indigenous Cadetship Support

Mount Isa Mines & Ernest Henry Mine/ Mount Isa & Cloncurry

(Ref No. SD973)

Xstrata's Mount Isa Mines and Ernest Henry Mine are proud to be part of the National Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS). ICS is an Australian Government initiative that aims to improve the professional employment prospects of Indigenous Australians. It also involves the provision of support, professional guidance and mentorship by employers to Indigenous students. The programme links full-time students undertaking their first undergraduate degree with employers who can give them work placements and ongoing employment once they finish their studies. Residents of Mount Isa and Cloncurry from mining and non-mining specific undergraduate degree programs are encouraged to apply.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Accepted into a minimum 3 year Queensland based University Undergraduate Degree Program (preparation/bridging programs not accepted)
- Resident of Mount Isa or Cloncurry
- Prepared to undertake 13 weeks work placement per year at Mount Isa Mines,

Benefits:

- HECS Assistance (for successfully completed units)
- Living Allowance while studying
- Textbooks Allowance
- IT Assistance
- 13 Weeks paid work placement

Contact: Zane Hughes - Indigenous Affairs Advisor on (07) 4744 3211

Applications close: 14 February 2010

Apply online at:

www.xstrata.com/jobs/careers















Community Care (Northern Beaches) Inc. **Northern Beaches Aboriginal Advisory Service**

COMMUNITY ADVISOR

(re-advertised)

Full-time, 35 hours pw, 9-day fortnight Generous remuneration, including salary packaging In this advertisement Aboriginal refers to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Following consultation with the local Aboriginal community on the Northern Beaches. CCNB is developing a new service to assist Aboriginal people who are ageing, who have a disability, or who care for a person within these groups to access support. We are seeking a dynamic, creative and multi-skilled Aboriginal person to fill the full time Community Advisor (CAS) role. This new position requires an individual who has an understanding and knowledge of the issues and needs facing Aboriginal people within this target group; who has experience in developing dynamic relationships with a range of stakeholders; is interested in developing and promoting access to services; and who can support other services in providing care and support to Aboriginal people in a culturally respectful way.

The position will also be responsible for providing some direct case management support to enable Aboriginal clients to have the choice to work with an Aboriginal case manager.

If you have experience in the provision of services to this target group and/or in a community information/development role, and are interested in a challenging position where you can use your creativity, you may be the person for this position. We will provide training and facilitate access to cultural mentoring should this assist the right person. A working knowledge of the HACC service system is desirable.

Please see the website www.communitycare.org.au for information regarding the organisation, the essential and desirable criteria, and a detailed job description. For more information, phone Fiona on 9979 7677. Applications must address the selection criteria, provide the names of three work related referees and be received by 4.30 pm on Monday 22 February 2010 addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer Community Care (Northern Beaches) Inc unit 7/8, Level 1, Pittwater Place 10 Park Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103 or email ccnb@ccnb.com.au

Please note: Community Care (Northern Beaches) Inc is an EEO employer under the Anti-Discrimination Act. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the position under section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

All employment is subject to a Criminal Record Check and the requirements of the Child Protection Act 1998.





Local Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres Moree East Public School Temporary Full-Time Position Number 138703 Salary package to: \$85,393

Inquiries: Julie Killiby Phone (02) 9266 8728

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Public Affairs Manager

Full-time position based in Canberra \$80K p.a.

Reconciliation Australia has an exciting opportunity for an outstanding individual who wants to use his/her skills in public affairs and media liaison to achieve major change in Australia.

We are seeking someone with a proven track-record in building media relationships, liaising with journalists and developing innovative media strategies. The ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders and excellent communication and writing skills are essential. A genuine interest in reconciliation and relevant tertiary qualifications are highly desirable

Reconciliation Australia is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and welcomes applications from all Australians especially those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Applications close on Wednesday, 10 February 2010 at 5.00pm

For further information about this position including remuneration details, job description and selection criteria, please see our website at www.reconciliation.org.au



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COORDINATOR, THE SHED

This position is an Indigenous Identified position - Fixed Term 18 Months

Ref No. 1322/09 Remuneration Package: HEW Level 7 \$71,458 to \$77,106 p.a. (comprising Salary

\$64,761 to \$69,879 p.a., 9% Superannuation, and Leave Loading) The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine

occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). The request for a male person for this position is a genuine occupation requirement (Sections 31h and 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

The Shed in Mt Druitt (Emerton) is a men's place, funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing (Suicide Prevention). The work is based on a partnership between the University of Western Sydney and several local agencies, government and non-government and the local Aboriginal community through the elders. The purpose is to offer men a safe place to be and when necessary, to

find confidential help in those matters which can cause long term stress such as experiences of relationship breakdown, unemployment and prison. The Shed connects men to services rather than providing them itself. Open to all men, over time the Shed has come to be of service mainly to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) men and is now seeking to employ an Aboriginal coordinator. On account of the grant arrangements, this is funding for 18 months.

The job is a male designated position, primarily responsible for engaging with men who come into contact with The Shed including:

- · Welcoming individual men who approach the service
- Listening to individual or family stories
- · Providing appropriate referral or support future reference and support

The Coordinator of The Shed is accountable to the Chair of the Advisory Board, Professor John Macdonald, Director of the Men's Health Information and Resource Centre at the university. The Coordinator is also encouraged to maintain regular contact and a positive relationship with the elders in the community as well as with the University's Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.

Position Enquiries: Armanda Marshall, 02 4570 1129, a.l.marshall@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 17 February 2010

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With the State election in November this year, an exciting and demanding position has become available in the Community Education Team working on high-visibility community education projects.

Indigenous Engagement Officer

VPSG-3, Salary \$51,818 - \$62,917 plus superannuation Fixed term to 31 December 2012

The Community Education Team implements the VEC's innovative Community Education Plan encouraging democratic participation amongst a range of audiences. These groups include: young people; people experiencing homelessness; people with disabilities; Indigenous Victorians and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Indigenous Engagement Officer will deliver community-based education initiatives to Victorian Indigenous communities.

The ability to communicate and negotiate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous communities and organisations, and an understanding of current issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders is

In particular, the role will be one of key liaison, planning and implementation of a sponsored education progam in a sports environment.

The Indigenous Engagement Officer role is an identified position and, subject to exemption A265/2009, is only available for Aboriginal and

For a more detailed position description and key selection criteria please see www.vec.vic.gov.au or www.careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications must address the key selection criteria.

For further information please contact Ms Alex Markham on (03) 9299 0599 or email alex.markham@vec.vic.gov.au Applications must be received by 5pm Monday, 8 February 2010.

The VEC is an equal opportunity employer subject to exemption A147/2009.



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PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Full-time

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation is committed to improving the Mental Health status of the Aboriginal community of Moree through the implementation of appropriate primary health care. Pius is seeking a Mental Health Counsellor to work in the Mental Health Unit at Pius

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: Must be of Aboriginal descent (must provide confirmation of Aboriginality), Current NSW Drivers licence, extensive counselling experience and demonstrated understanding of Mental Health issues affecting the community and in particular the Aboriginal community, experience in grief and loss counselling, computer skills, appropriate tertiary qualifications, proven ability to manage a range of complex issues, with flexibility and discretion in performance of duties. **DESIRABLE:** Experience in working with children and families willingness to undertake further training, if needed, a current First Aid Certificate and/or willingness to obtain one

Salaries and work conditions are in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service Award 2002. This position is to be filled by person of Aboriginal descent under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977. Appointment is conditional on the satisfactory completion of a Police Record Check.

Applications close Friday 29th January 2010 and to include 2 recent referees. Applications to Jillian Cain PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400 or phone enquiries to Mrs Kim Connors 0267521099 or email admin@piusx.com.au



Project Officer, PapScreen Victoria

Cancer Council Victoria is seeking a Project Officer to join our PapScreen Victoria team, a highly successful public health program.

The Project Officer is responsible for managing an important statewide initiative which will improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The project will focus on developing systems to record and measure their participation in the Victorian cervical screening program. This will involve project management, stakeholder engagement and training of health

The successful candidate will have a relevant tertiary qualification and at least 3 years experience in public health. Excellent communication and project management skills will see them thrive in this role

For further information and a position description please visit www.cancervic.org.au or contact Kaye Cromie on (03) 9635 5363.

Applications close: Tuesday 2 February 2010.



Full Time

As an Aboriginal Liaison Worker you will be required to assist in the development of innovative and effective approaches to delivering Family Relationship Services to Indigenous families and conduct community education about the Family Relationship Services. The location of this position will be Tamworth, Armidale or Moree Negotiable.

Aboriginal Liaison Worker

Remuneration will be commensurate with level of experience and qualifications. Application Package including full position description and selection criteria may be obtained from David Holzigal on phone (02) 6762 8669 or email d.holzigal@centacarenewengland.com

Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday, 5 February 2010 by email, or to PO Box 3222 Tamworth West 2340.

The successful applicant will be required to comply with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and the Commission for Children and Young Persons Act 1998.



Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc.

Nunkuwarrin Yunti works to promote and deliver improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the greater metropolitan area of Adelaide and to advance their social, cultural and economic status. The Organisation places a strong focus on a client centred approach to the delivery of services and a collaborative working culture to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients

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Aboriginal Family Support Worker Towilla Purruttiappendi Team

Nunkuwarrin Yunti Collective Agreement Community Worker Level 3-4

Towilla Purruttiappendi (Healing Our Spirit) provides counselling and support services which assist people to deal with a wide range of issues including grief & loss, depression. domestic & family violence, family and/or relationship matters and any other issues which impact on social and emotional wel being. Other Social Health services include the provision of emergency assistance, advice and referral to other social support agencies and individual/family support and case

The primary role of the Aboriginal Family Support Worker is to:

- Participate in the planning, development, implementation and promotion of support services which enhance the coping capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and individuals and which facilitate improvements in social and
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team within a highly collaborative environment to strengthen and provide support. referral, follow up and advocacy services for clients with high and/or complex needs, with a particular focus on women with babies, young children and young families.

Applications must address the Selection Criteria listed in the Job & Person Description

Job & Person Description and Information for Applicants: Available from the Nunkuwarrin Yunti website www.nunku.org.au

or email Sandi Southwell - sandis@nunku.org.au Applications: By Mail to: Ms Polly Sumner, Chief Executive Officer, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc PO Box 7202, Hutt Street, Adelaide, SA 5000.

By email to: sandis@nunku.org.au Applications close 5pm Thursday 11 February 2010

Nunkuwarrin Yunti is an equal opportunity employer and applications are invited from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.





ANTaR is seeking to fill two key positions

National Director who will provide leadership and management expertise to achieve ANTaR's goal of justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

The National Director will manage the National Office in Sydney, oversee national campaigns, and provide organisational support to the ANTaR network. She or he will have experience in leadership, strategic development, management of non-government organisations, and campaigning and advocacy; a demonstrated passion to promote community understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australian society; and a commitment to enhancing their rights.

National Campaigns Manager to work at both strategic and operational levels with the overall aim of increasing ANTaR's national social impact on issues critical to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The National Campaigns Manager will develop and maintain the broad campaign strategy and plan as well as managing the design, development, implementation and evaluation of national campaigns. She or he will build and maintain Indigenous and non-Indigenous partnerships with organisations, groups and individuals, to enhance campaigning capacity, and will manage online national campaigning

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Information, position descriptions, selection criteria are at www.antar.org.au/jobs For further information, phone Janet Hunt, on 0408170448

Applications must address the selection criteria and be emailed to admin@antar.org.au or posted to: National Secretary, PO Box 568, Dulwich Hill, NSW, 2203.

Applications close 12th February 2010.



Central Coast Division of **General Practice**

ABORIGINAL HEALTH SUPPORT OFFICER



Full Time Position (until end June 2010)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply The Central Coast Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation based at Erina which provides services to General Practitioners and their practices in order to assist them to better deliver quality health care to the community.

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to assist in delivering local quality chronic disease management interventions and support, such as accessing primary health care services in a culturally safe environment, to the local Aboriginal community of the NSW Central Coast as part of the Australian Government's Close the Gap initiatives.

Some of the essential criteria required:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures, and the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Well developed interpersonal and communication skills as required to liaise with the local indigenous community, General Practice, other health services/organisations and health professionals.
- Efficient time management skills, including the ability to prioritise and schedule work to meet deadlines

Some of the desirable criteria required:

 Related qualifications or previous experience working in the primary health care sector, or a willingness to undertake same

Enquiries: Paul Brandy, Ph: 02 4365 2294; mobile 0427 147 585 Information Package: CCDGP Reception, Ph: 02 4365 2294.

Closing Date: COB Wednesday 10th February 2010

All applicants must obtain an information package and address the essential and desirable criteria. Applications should be posted to: Executive Support Officer, Central Coast Division of General Practice. Suite 4 Erina Plaza, 210 The Entrance Rd Erina NSW 2250 or emailed to: della@ccdgp.com.au

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.



Kindergarten Pre-School Assistant

We require one Kindergarten Pre-School assistants for the local pre-schools and kindergartens that have Aboriginal children in

This position is to assist Aboriginal parents and children to access suitable placements in the pre-school systems for Aboriginal families in the Ballarat and District area. The persons that we are seeking must be motivated and enthusiastic and have an understanding and commitment to Koori people and culture.

A current Victorian drivers licence is essential and must have own transport.

For a copy of the Key selection criteria and job description or for any further information contact Karen Heap on 53315344.

Closing date for the positions is 4th February 2010.



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- Arts and Culture
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National Training Wages Apply. For more information relating to the salary, please contact Gino Tota from Apprenticeships Plus on 03 9481 9104.

The successful trainees will..

- Be committed to the completion of the traineeship and obtain a Certificate III qualification in Business
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 Have good verbal and written communication skills
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- Have an interest in local government and one or more of the work areas in which the traineeships are offered

These are Identified positions within the City of Melbourne's Indigenous Employment Strategy. An exemption has been granted by VCAT Under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A96/2008). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Expressions of Interest close Monday 8 February 2010.

For further information about these traineeships an expression of interest in one or more of these traineeships, visit our website

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/employment

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Indigenous Road Worker DEER PARK

VicRoads manages the Victorian road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

VicRoads manages the Victoria arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system. We currently have an exciting opportunity for an Indigenous Road Worker to join our VicRoads Road Services team based at the Deer Park depot

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate the

- Undertake manually intensive tasks
- Work effectively in a team environment
- Learn to operate a variety plant and equipment

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply

VicRoads may ask you to consent to a medical assessment as part of the selection process. All information provided to VicRoads will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Salary is in the range of \$32,652 to \$39,727 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range

Further information

For more information or to apply for this job please go to vicroads.vic.gov.au/careers



For further information please contact

Ebony DeAraugo on (03) 54345026 or Brian Westley on (03) 54345020.





The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. We are currently seeking applications for the position of Assistant Accountant and Campaigns Coordinator. Both positions are located in Surry Hills,

Assistant Accountant

Fulltime, Permanent

The Assistant Accountant will be responsible for assisting and supporting the Accountant in managing the organisations finance, administrative and payroll support activities.

Campaigns Coordinator

Fulltime, Fixed term

The Campaign Coordinator will be responsible for managing the development and implementation of two separate state-wide health promotion projects of relevance to Aboriginal communities in NSW, specifically related to Sexual & Reproductive Health and Hepatitis C

* Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply

Applications close on Friday, 5 February 2010.

For further information on these positions or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, phone 02 9212 4777 or visit: www.ahmrc.org.au/employment.htm

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Coordinator Aboriginal Renal/Health Promotion

Cessnock Correctional Centre Temporary Full Time until 30/6/2010

Salary: Health Manager, Level 2 (State) Award - \$75,720 to \$89,810 per annum.

The Coordinator Aboriginal Renal/Health Promotion will oversee renal screening and tobacco control programs for Aboriginal peoples in custody in 16 correctional centres statewide. The position works collaboratively with the Coordinator Aboriginal Chronic Care Program to improve chronic health outcomes and close the gap in lifetime expectancy for Aboriginal patients in the correctional environment.

correctional environment.

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Straight Islander position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Justice Health Statewide Service deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Enquiries: Elizabeth McEntyre on 0417 650 472.

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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 approximation.

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Community Convener

Aboriginal Family Decision Making Program Sacs Award (level 3 - \$23.55/hour) Ongoing - Part Time **Ballarat and Region**

The purpose of this position is, to implement and co-convene a culturally responsive model of family decision making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families who are referred by the regional Child Protection Service or at risk of contact with the child protection system. To develop and deliver collaborative working relationships with community agencies and Child Protection to maximise service delivery to clients of Child Protection and their families and to promote the practice of Reconciliation and engage families in the Aboriginal Family Decision Making Program.

Key Selection Criteria:

- Sound knowledge of local issues and needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.
- Demonstrated ability to work with children, young people and families in contact or at risk of contact with family services
- · Demonstrated ability in convening and mediating outcomes with
- · Well developed interpersonal and communication skills, including the capacity to engage families, elders and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in a collaborative planning process.
- Have the capacity to develop, plan, implement, manage and evaluate a program.
- Demonstrated experience of working in and with Aboriginal communities.

Job Notes: applicants must address the selection criteria, stating relevant qualifications and experience, hold a current drivers licence, and the successful applicant will be required to undertake relevant criminal record and working with children checks. Qualifications at certificate/diploma level in Welfare Studies or equivalent qualification and/or a willingness to participate in training would be an advantage.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Position description and selection criteria may be obtained from: Karen Heap (CEO), Ballarat & District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd, and Ph: (03) 53315344.

Closing date: Wednesday 4th February 2010.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DENISON COLLEGE, KELSO CAMPUS

A vacancy for an **Aboriginal Education Officer** position exists at **Denison College, Kelso** Campus. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in this

The role of the Aboriginal Education Officer is to support Aboriginal students and parents and their teachers in developing student outcomes, and to be a point of contact between the school and the Aboriginal community.

For further information contact the Principal on (02) 6331 4544.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Understanding of the needs of Aboriginal students. Knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures. Effective communication skills. Ability to interact with Aboriginal students and parents. Knowledge of the local Aboriginal community.

N.B.: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Remuneration Package valued at up to \$48,595pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary \$24,943 - \$44,037). Progress to higher rates of pay is available on the completion of the three stages of the Aboriginal Education Officer

To apply for this position online go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au. Closing date for applications is 12 February 2010.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants



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Macquarie University is committed to social inclusion and values the diversity of its staff and student population. The university acts to redress past and present disadvantage for staff and students who are: Indigenous Australians, people with disabilities, the GLBTI community, women in nontraditional roles and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The Equity and Diversity Unit (Social Inclusion) is seeking to appoint the following:

Equity and Diversity Officer (Ref. 21336)

Full-Time, Continuing Position

The Equity and Diversity Officer will provide high quality advice to staff and students; work collaboratively across the university to progress the social inclusion agenda; take responsibility for university wide equity projects; coordinate awareness raising events; draft reports; and make recommendations on policy and procedures.

Office Administrator (Ref 22137)

Full-Time, 12 Month Fixed-Term

The Office Administrator will develop and manage the administrative systems and processes of the Equity and Diversity Unit; maintain the day-to-day operations of the Unit; and provide professional administrative and project support to the Director and staff of the Equity and

Indigenous Engagement Officer (Ref. 22138)

Full-Time, 12 Month Fixed Term

The Indigenous Engagement Officer will work closely with the Manager, Indigenous Engagement. This role will support the Indigenous trainees hip and cadetship program and coordinate cultural events and activities to engage Indigenous students at the university. They will also assist in schools and community outreach activities, and provide high level advice to Indigenous staff and students.

Closing Date for all positions Sunday 14 February 2010 11:30pm.

Further information including position descriptions, selection criteria, and salary details can be found at www.jobs.mg.edu.au.

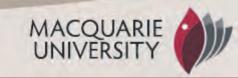
Enquiries can be directed to:

For the Equity and Diversity Officer and Office administrator roles Kate Wilson, Director, Equity and Diversity Unit (02) 9850 7471 For the Indigenous Engagement Officer role

Charlotte Moar, Manager Indigenous Engagement (02) 9850 9765

Applications need to be lodged through the Macquarie University online system, at www.jobs.mq.edu.au.

For technical assistance in lodging online applications please contact the Equity and Diversity Unit on 02 9850 9703.



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Indigenous Coordination Centre Manager

Queanbeyan ICC & South East Regional Office (Batemans Bay)

Position Number: 50018605

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The ICC Manager is responsible for leading the development of close cooperation between Australian Government agencies, State and Local Government agencies, Indigenous organisations, communities and stakeholders including the corporate sector. This is a great opportunity for the successful candidate to contribute to the delivery of important government outcomes. This position manages the Queanbeyan ICC and the Batemans Bay FaHCSIA regional office.

For further information on the position, contact: Brian Stacey on (02) 8255 7700

How to apply

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at www.fahcsia.gov.au

Applications close 10 February 2010

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Office for Children, Youth and Family Support **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Indigenous Out of Home Care**

Unit Manager

Administrative Services Officer Class 6 Salary Range: \$64,583-\$74,188 (PN: 09101)

Manage Narrabundah House, a supported accommodation facility for vulnerable young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. Under limited direction, the position occupant will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the House, ensuring a safe, caring and supportive environment for residents. The position occupant will require demonstrated experience in the managing the delivery of support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This is an exciting opportunity to manage a culturally appropriate residential program to assist young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in need of support and to work in collaboration with other Indigenous and non-Indigenous programs.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Suitable previous experience and a current driver's licence.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. This position is being readvertised, previous applicants will be considered and need not reapply.

Applications Close: 11 February 2010

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Female Case Worker (P/T)

Indigenous Family Support - Lismore, NSW

- * Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role
- * Genuine opportunity to help community * Rewarding career supporting people



rizons has an exciting opportunity for a part time (3 days per week) Case Worker (Female) to join the Indigenous Family Support program based in Visited (Tenade Visited Control of Control o This pivotal, rewarding role will provide immense job satisfaction, and you will **finish each working day knowing you have made a difference** in the community! The successful candidate will be rewarded with a **generous** remuneration package, based on your qualifications and experience



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Lifeline Families Plus

Youth Workers

We are seeking enthusiastic, self-motivated and reliable people for casual (with potential for some permanent part time) Youth Worker positions in the following areas: Ipswich, Toowoomba, Gold Coast, Brisbane.

Families Plus is a division of Lifeline Community Care QLD. Our role is to provide out of home care to children on Child Protection orders within Queensland. Children within our residential services are referred by the Department of Communities, Child Safety Services and may reside at the residential in an emergency capacity or on a medium to long

Ideally you will have some youth work experience, be passionate about improving the lives of children in the child protection system, be motivated, resilient and have an understand of the practical care of traumatised children as well as some understanding of why children come into the care

Remuneration is in accordance with the LCCQ UCA P&A Level 3 or Level 4 (dependent on experience/qualifications). Successful candidates will have a current QLD Driver's Licence, a First Aid Certificate (or be willing to obtain one prior to commencement) and be subject to relevant central screening unit checks (i.e. criminal and child protection system checks)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please send an expression of interest and your current resume to Stella Miria-Robinson by emailing families.plus@lccq.org.au or for further information please call (07) 3624 2420. Applications close Monday 15 February 2010.

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The Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd (GEGAC) seek suitably qualified applicants for the positions of Family Violence Support worker and Family Violence Outreach

Family Violence Support Worker

Based at Willaneen Women's Shelter (1 EFT available)

- To provide short term emergency accommodation to clients who have experienced family violence
- To be responsible for a direct service delivery to women and children in the community who are escaping from family violence and to assist them to achieve the greatest possible degree of self-reliance and independence
- To provide an accommodation service which is accessible to all women and offers equal support to women regardless of age, race, culture, sexual preferences, class and ability which is supportive of the individual needs of women. The service operates on a feminist

Family Violence Outreach Worker

Based at Willaneen Women's Shelter (.5 EFT available)

The purpose of the position is to provide psycho-social rehabilitation support to clients of Willaneen Women's Shelter as well as those by internal or external parties. This invo intensive support, practical assistance and advocacy which may

- Assisting clients to obtain and maintain housing options:
- Assisting clients to access and keep appointments with health and welfare services
- Providing support to clients around legal matters;
- . The provision of emotional support;

Further information regarding these programs can be sought by contacting Alyson Ferguson, Manager Children Youth and Family Services Unit on 5150 0700

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception.

Applications must be addressed in writing to:

Family Violence Support Worker Role GEGAC P.O. Box 634

BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875 Applications will close by 5pm Friday 5th Feb 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. GEGAC is and Equal Opportunity Employer.



ABORIGINAL LIAISON COORDINATOR

Full-time Ongoing VPS Grade 4 (\$63, 358 - \$71, 887)

digionales Court

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to fill the role of Aboriginal Liaison Officer Program Coordinator. The Aboriginal Liaison Service forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP). CISP provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to the service and treatment of defendants

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer Service addresses the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Identified Indigenous position, which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

or contact Janelle Cooper on 8615 3856. Closing date for applications is 5 February 2010.



Artback NT is the **Northern Territory's** visual and performing arts touring agency (www.artbacknt.com.au)

Indigenous Traditional Dance Manager

From 2007 - 2009, the Indigenous Traditional Dance Project (ITDP) has been extremely successful in improving both skills development and the presentation and promotion of Indigenous Traditional Dance from central Australia

Artback NT is now looking for a dynamic individual to take on the responsibility of further developing and supporting regional Traditional Indigenous Dance Forums. These will be conducted in remote Aboriginal communities where dancers from surrounding communities will be invited to travel to a central location and participate in consultation, research, documentation and performance of Traditional Indigenous

Priority is given to cultural maintenance and the successful applicant is required to identify Indigenous Traditional Dance leaders and support them to facilitate the revival and rechoreography of historic Aboriginal dance.

The Alice Springs position can be for between 6 - 12 months. A short term position is also available in Tennant Creek to help facilitate a dance event for the Barkly Region.

Email eo@artbacknt.com.au for a position description and selection criteria. Interested applicants must respond to the selection criteria to be eligible for interview

Applications close 5pm Friday 12 February



General Manager, Nura Gili

DIVISION OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC) | Ref. 6954 KM

Nura Gili Indigenous Programs provides pathways to learning opportunities that embrace Indigenous knowledge, culture and histories. Nura Gili encourages self-empowerment within an inspiring and supportive environment that celebrates learning, diversity and the achievement of social justice.

We seek an energetic and enthusiastic General Manager who will support the Director in the leadership and organisational management of all aspects of the centre including;

- · administrative and support services,
- human and financial resources
- marketing, promotion, publications and IT, and, Nura Gili's physical environment

As General Manager you will provide authoritative advice to the Director in strategic planning, budgeting and managing information and communications within Nura Gili.

Your knowledge and understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal students and staff in the university context and in the broader community, with a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, effectively and respectfully with Indigenous people and people from diverse backgrounds will be critical

This is a full-time continuing position. An appropriate total remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Suitably qualified applicants should systematically address the selection criteria in their application. Having read the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to Sarah Long (s.long@unsw.edu.au or 9385.3355) or Meg Brewer (m.brewer@ unsw.edu.au or 9385.1094)

Applications close: Friday 19 February 2010

For full details, application procedures and other vacancies check our website at www.hr.unsw.edu.au/jobs.html

NSW@HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST

AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date: 12 February 2010. **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Aboriginal Youth Health Education Officer

(Non-Grad/Grad)

Ref: 59664. Salary: \$41,972–\$71,589 pa. F/T at Campbelltown Community Health. Enq: Regina Nagy, (02) 4625 2525.

DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Aboriginal Case Worker - HEO

Ref: 59389. Salary: \$804.40-\$1372.00 pw Temp F/T up to Sept 2012 at Liverpool & Campbelltown Drug Health Services. Enq: Keren Kiel, (02) 9378 1300. FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

or email application quoting Ref No. to: jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or send application to: Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

NSWHEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Clinical Secretary - Relief

Surgery Clinical Management, John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Temp Full Time (6-month contract) Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions. Enquiries: Donna Gerste, (02) 4921 4880.

 This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Aboriginal Family Health Worker

Perm Full Time Position No: 65991 Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/ Part Time positions. Enquiries: Sue-Ellen Burchmann, (02) 6757 0211

 This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy, Taree

Perm Full Time Position No: 66017

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Building Strong Foundations (BSF) Aboriginal Children, **Families & Communities**

Aboriginal Maternal, Infant and Child Health, Taree Perm Full Time and creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions. Position No: 66022

FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

Enquiries: Christina Gallant, (02) 6592 9624.

• This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Sexual Assault Counsellor (Social Worker or Psychologist)

Upper Hunter Community Health, Muswellbrook

Perm Full Time and creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions. Position No: 65854

Enquiries: Christine Harle, (02) 6542 2083.

Community Midwife Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Health Strategy (AMIHS)

Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Position No: 66023

Enquiries: Christina Gallant, (02) 6592 9624. Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the

Closing Date for all positions: 12 February 2010

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Government of Western Australia **Department of the Attorney General**

Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer (50D)

Web Search No: 007194

Level/Salary: L4 PSGA, \$60,006 - \$63,418 pa

The Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer acts as a positive influence within the Aboriginal community by undertaking a community education role on social justice issues to assist and support Aboriginal people in accessing and attending courts.

Aboriginality is essential for this position as is the possession of a current C class driver's licence.

The successful applicant must be available to travel throughout the West Kimberley by air and road and spend nights away from

Subsidised accommodation and district allowance are available.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Rick Pugh on (08) 9192 1137.

Closing Date: Monday, 8 February 2010 at 4.30pm.





Careers with Queensland Health

Traineeships in Aboriginal and/or **Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Certificate III)**

Statewide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program, Clinical Support and Rehabilitation Services, Brisbane, Children's Health Service District. Salary between positions up to 12 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H10RCH0128. **Duties/Abilities:** Are you unemployed or just left school? Two traineeship positions are available with the possibility of long-term career prospects with Queensland Health. The traineeship consists of structured theory competencies which must be successfully completed along with satisfactory work performance and attendance over the duration of the traineeship. Applicants must have sound writing and arithmetic skills and be self-starters. As well as this, applicants should be able to demonstrate: interest in learning new skills and tasks; responsible and mature attitude; initiative; ability to work in a team environment. The position is responsible for assisting in the promotion of ear health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children within Queensland. This will be achieved through a close working relationship with others working within the Deadly Ears State-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program and the communities. A combination of community development, primary health care direct clinical service delivery and education of other service providers will be used. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Sarah Boyne (07) 3250 8506. Application Kit: (07) 3170 4260 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 15 February 2010.

You can apply online at www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission

The Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) is an independent statutory agency that promotes equality and resolves complaints of unlawful discrimination across Victoria in the public, private and community sectors.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT **OFFICER**

FIXED TERM FOR 12 MONTHS DJ 5663, GRADE 4, \$63,358-\$71,887

An exciting opportunity exists for a human rights motivated professional to make a difference in the Victorian Indigenous community. This position is responsible for the day to day delivery of the Commission's human rights and equal opportunity education and engagement programs with the Indigenous community.

This is an Identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy, and is part of the Commission's commitment to providing culturally appropriate and accessible services. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 12th February 2010

Enquiries: Jason Rostant on 9281 7104

To apply online and for further information on position description and selection criteria visit: www.careers.vic.gov.au

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The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Heath and Safety. Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (position number 124189)

Permanent Full-Time

Total remuneration package valued to: \$61,201 p.a. (salary \$55,461 p.a) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the Department at school, regional and State Office level.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills. Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977

Inquiries: Deborah Byrne (02) 4251 9925 Email: deborah.m.byrne@det.nsw.edu.au

Information packages: Glenys Evans (02) 4251 9932

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Ms Glenys Evans, Department of Education and Training, P.O.Box 118 Warilla NSW 2528

You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to the above position number.

Closing Date: 12 February 2010

JOIN THE GROG MOB TEAM TO DELIVER AN INNOVATIVE ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAM IN ALICE SPRINGS Safe and Sober Support Services (SSSS) is an innovative casework approach to supporting Aboriginal people in Alice Springs to manage alcohol safely.

Casework teams of an Aboriginal AOD worker and AOD Therapist will provide clients and their families with culturally appropriate social and practical support, structured therapeutic interventions, access to medical care, and case management or case coordination with a variety of other service providers. We are looking for practitioners who enjoy working in a team environment, can be flexible and creative in their casework, and bring compassion to those affected by the challenging issues of alcohol misuse. Ongoing training is available for all team members. The Central Australian Aboriginal Congress has been providing innovative responses to improving the health and social outcomes for Aboriginal people in

Central Australia since 1973. Come and be part of a team that can make a difference in people's lives

SENIOR AOD THERAPIST (PN 724) Full time Total salary: \$96,842 p.a. (includes base salary, super, leave loading and allowances)

Membership of APS College of Clinical Psychologists and full registration in the NT, experience delivering structured therapeutic interventions, including CBT, in relation to AOD issues, and with Indigenous populations

AOD THERAPIST (PN 725) x 2 positions Full time Salary range: \$85,299 - \$95,248 p.a (includes base salary, super, leave loading and allowances)

Degree in Psychology or Social work or equivalent and eligible for membership of the appropriate professional body and full registration in the NT, experience delivering structured therapeutic interventions, including CBT, with Indigenous populations.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PN 728) Full time Total salary: Level 5.1 \$56,579 p.a

(includes base salary, super, leave loading and allo Experience in administration/secretarial work

SENIOR ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD) ORKER (PN 727) Full tim

Total salary: \$71,236 - \$75,290 p.a (includes base salary, super, leave loading and allowances) Proven experience in support and advocacy for AOD clients and a recognised & significant level of cultural expertise

ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD) WORKER Total salary: \$62,615 - \$75,290 p.a (includes base salary, super, leave loading and allowances)
Proven experience in support and advocacy for AOD clients

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2010

Selection Criteria & Application Process: All applicants must address the Selection Criteria. For information on the position, please contact Tracy Spencer Programme Manager Phone: 0419 484 115 Email: tracyspencer@internode.on.net; tracy.spencer@caac.org.au. For selection documentation and application process, visit www.caac.org.au/hr or contact Recruitment Officer Kerrie LeRossignol on (08) 8958 3662, email hrro@caac.org.au Please send applications to the Recruitment Officer, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress PO Box 1604 Alice Springs, NT 0871 or via email above.



CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS PO Box 1604 Alice Springs, NT 0871

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE **KOORI MAIL**, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010. **55**

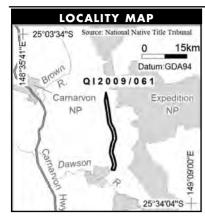
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements State of Queensland

Notification day: 10 February 2010



National

Native Title



QI2009/061 Santos Petronas Karingbal People GLNG ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area of this agreement is a 1km corridor covering about 26km², located approximately 52km northeast of Injune in the vicinity of Expedition National Park as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Central Highlands Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd and Petronas Australia Pty Ltd, C/- Tony Denholder Blake Dawson, Lawyers, Level 36 Riverside Centre 123 Eagle Street, BRÍSBANE QLD 4000

Mark Albury, Charles Stapleton, Sharleen Leisha, Marlene Leisha and Carol McLeod on their own behalf and on behalf of the Karingbal Native Title Claim Group, C/- Philip Hunter, HWL Ebsworth Level 23, Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

The Karingbal Native Title Applicants and the Karingbal 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 24EB(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.

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.

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 Karingbal Native Title Applicants consent to under this Agreement to the extent that the Future Acts are capable of having the non-extinguishment principle apply.

Karingbal Native Title Applicants means the living Registered Native Title Claimants in the Karingbal Native Title Claim who, at the date of this Agreement, are Mark Albury, Charles Stapleton, Sharleen Leisha, Marlene Leisha and Carol McLeod on their own behalf and on behalf of the Karingbal Native Title Claim Group.

Project means the construction and operation by the GLNG Project Entities of:

- (a) the Pipeline within an approximately 435 km corridor between upstream gas fields in Central Queensland and Curtis Island, near Gladstone, which post-construction of the Pipeline, will be located within an easement area of approximately 30 metres;
- (b) a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island; and
- (c) all other necessary infrastructure associated with the Pipeline and facility.

Project Activities means all activities and operations within the ILUA Area proposed or undertaken by the GLNG Project Entities, their contractors, servants, or agents relating to the Project 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) activities conducted pursuant to the Project Approvals within the ILUA Area.

Project Approval means, in relation to the Project:

- (a) the grant of the Pipeline Licence;
- (b) any Approval Granted or proposed to the Granted to any person or entity within the ILUA Area which is necessary or desirable for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning or rehabilitation of the Pipeline (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include the grant of any authorities to prospect or petroleum leases under the P & G Act;
- (c) for the purpose of the Grant of any Approval in relation to the ILUA Area 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 in relation to all or part of the ILUA Area 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 in relation to the ILUA Area and, where applicable, to the registration of such easements, as public utility easements or otherwise under the *Land Act* 1994 (Qld).

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, 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 by 10 May 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





Opportunities for Yorta Yorta people to Care for Country

Parks Victoria's Vision

"An outstanding park and waterway system, protected and enhanced, for people, forever" committed to developing partnerships based on mutual respect and trust with Traditional Owners [TO] and other Indigenous Communities that aspire to equally manage their culture and speak and

Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Vision

"The Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) represents the Yorta Yorta people who have a Cultural Connection based on Ancestry and Tradition to this area. We support and encourage the involvement of our people in the Management and Protection of our Cultural Heritage and facilitate the development of a sustainable Partnership based on recognition, mutual respect and with agreed outcomes within our recognised area"

A number of opportunities exist to employ Yorta Yorta persons in a range of roles at two locations being Shepparton and Nathalia. The advertised positions are:

1 - Ranger Co-ordinator

Grade 5 Grade 3

2 - Ranger Team Leader 3 - Ranger x 3

Grade 2

Applications are sought from Yorta Yorta people to work as part of a team responsible for the management of Country. The successful applicants will be part of park management team, including forest health programs, construction and maintenance of visitor facilities, customer service and emergency response.

Successful applicants will be seconded to Parks Victoria from YYNAC for three [3] years and will work within parks and reserves of Yorta Yorta traditional lands at Barmah and along the Murray and Goulburn Rivers. After 3 years the Positions will then transfer back to the Yorta Yorta Nations

Parks Victoria and YYNAC are committed to providing family friendly and flexible employment conditions, and supportive work environments.

For further information and to apply please contact: Kane Weeks, Ranger in Charge on 03 54812501 Mobile: 0427814299

Applications for all positions close 10/2/2010

Parks Victoria holds an exemption from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to enable the recruitment of members of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation only to these positions. Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.



department of disability, housing & community services

Office for Children Youth and Family Support **Early Intervention and Prevention Unit Child and Family Centre, Tuggeranong**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Development Worker

Health Professional Level 3

Salary Range: \$70,774-\$74,676

(up to \$78,474 on achieving a personal upgrade) (PN:16840)

The successful applicant will work within a multi-disciplinary team to develop and implement programs supporting prevention and early intervention strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and their communities. Sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is essential. This will include engaging in culturally appropriate clinical interventions to address relevant issues.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Qualifications in social work, psychology or other related health profession, with eligibility for membership or registration to the relevant professional association. A current driver's licence is essential.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Contact Officer: Yvonne Poels (02) 6207 8228 yvonne.poels@act.gov.au

Closing Date: 4 February 2010

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Indigenous Engagement Officer

- Part-Time Position
- Competitive Remuneration
- Challenging Professional Role



The Condamine Catchment is located at the very headwaters of Australia's biggest river system, the Murray-Darling Basin. Our Toowoomba based client, the Condamine Alliance, is a regional body with the lead responsibility for enabling the community to achieve sustainable natural resource management (NRM) within the catchment. The Alliance is funded by both State & Federal Governments and its vision is to be an innovative leader in NRM.

Condamine Alliance is currently seeking an astute professional to engage with key stakeholder groups within the region to encourage active participation of the Indigenous community in achieving the organisations' vision and mission.

In this capacity, you will: support the effective operation of the Traditional Owner Board; maintain & build Indigenous related partnerships; ensure compliance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003; assist in providing cultural heritage advice in the development of project plans; ensure that policies & procedures are followed; deliver contracts pertaining to the indigenous program; and related reporting & administration.

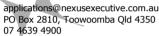
Your success in this challenging role with be underpinned by your: affinity with indigenous communities; indigenous cultural knowledge; indigenous engagement & negotiation skills; understanding (or ability to rapidly acquire an understanding of) the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003; and your proficiency with workplace Information Technology.

Our client has declared this an Indigenous Identified role and only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander applicants are eligible to apply.

This position is part-time with funding allocated for 40% of a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) role allocated at this stage.

Situated just 1.5 hours west of Brisbane and only two hours from both the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Toowoomba is one of South East Queensland's best kept secrets. This thriving regional community, Australia's largest provincial city inland with 125,000 residents, offers affordable housing, world-class health, education, recreation and cultural facilities. Toowoomba is unparalleled as an environment in which to raise a family.

Forward your application, quoting Reference Number IE10210, by **Wednesday, 10 February, 2010**.





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What sort of person could run a gold mining museum and an award winning Aboriginal art centre?



Could you bring tourists to town, create jobs for aboriginal people, become part of the community in a Central Australian town and drive economic development?

If you are this very special person, the Tennant Creek Foundation is looking to fill the unique and challenging position of

Chief Executive Officer

to run two key tourist attractions in the Barkly Region of the Northern Territory.

To fit the bill, you will have:

- Sound business skills
- A strong background in tourism and marketing
- Strong financial and corporate governance credentials
- Experience working with aboriginal people
- The ability to work with multiple stakeholders in a small community
- $\bullet \ \ Enthusiasm, excellent communication skills and strategic thinking$

The Tennant Creek Foundation is a partnership between the Northern Territory Government, Battery Hill Mining Centre and Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation, aboriginal owners of the award-winning Nyinkka Nyunya Art and Cultural Centre. Founded almost two years ago, the Foundation receives financial support from the Northern Territory Government and Julalikari.

For a copy of the full position description and for further information contact Cherie McKenzie on 08 8951 8465 or cherie.mckenzie@nt.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 12 February 2010.







NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29



NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/201	Terrain Minerals Ltd	3512.98ha	58km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°22' Long 121°15'	Leonora

The purposes for L37/201 are: Search for groundwater

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 27 January 2010

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 **27 April 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. 27 May 2010), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NU	APPLICANT	AREA	LUCALITY	CENTROID	SHIKE
15/5238	Matador Mining Pty Ltd	161.18ha	12km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
	Focus Minerals Ltd				
15/5415	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	97.8ha	34km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°47' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie
15/5489	Red Field Pty Ltd	107.29ha	14km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°36' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie
15/5490	John Leonard Clancy	9.48ha	24km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
15/5496-7	Dean James Clancy	300.378ha	24km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
15/5498	Dean James Clancy	178.89ha	22km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
15/5499	Crow Mining Pty Ltd	143.94ha	23km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
16/2543-4	Western Resources Pty Ltd	210.52ha	36km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
16/2567	Western Resources Pty Ltd	137.54ha	50km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
16/2568-9	Western Resources Pty Ltd	380.91ha	51km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-
10/2300-9	Western nesources Fty Ltu	300.9 ma	3 TKITTWW IY OF Kargoonie	Lat 30 27 Long 121 03	Boulder City
16/2649	Cazaly Resources Ltd	15.67ha	37km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
16/2665		187.36ha	50km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°31' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie
10/2003	La Mancha Resources	107.30118	SORITINITY OF COOLGAFULE	Lat 30 31 Long 120 36	Coolgardie
10/0000	Australia Pty Ltd	000ha	40km NW/kr of Kolgooglio	Let 200201 Leng 1010051	Coolcordio
16/2666	La Mancha Resources	200ha	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
	Australia Pty Ltd	0.051			
16/2667	Lyndon Scott Mahoney	9.85ha	68km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°44'	Coolgardie
24/3957-60	Hayes Mining Pty Ltd	999.87ha	58km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
& 24/3964					
24/4433	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	189.91ha	42km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Western Resources Pty Ltd				
24/4464	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	141.47ha	46km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Western Resources Pty Ltd				
24/4468	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	45.7ha	35km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Western Resources Pty Ltd		,	· ·	,
24/4469	Roger Shane Brockman	176.99ha	69km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°17' Long 120°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2108-11	Australian Mines Ltd	630.95ha	18km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2115	Bulong Mining Pty Ltd	121.27ha	29km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2116	Peter John Williamson	8.65ha	37km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2006	Empire Resources Ltd	141.95ha	44km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°30' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2007	Empire Resources Ltd	28.8ha	48km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2007	Empire Resources Ltd	80.1ha		o a	
			48km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°30' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1171	Heron Resources Ltd	113.8ha	63km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1190	David Malcolm Saggers	199.38ha	76km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Frederick Charles Saunders				
	Lyndon Scott Mahoney				
28/1191	David Malcolm Saggers	15.08ha	74km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Frederick Charles Saunders				
	Lyndon Scott Mahoney				
29/2133	lan Geoffery Burton	120.55ha	11km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2140	lan Geoffery Burton	119.92ha	8km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2141	Ian Geoffrey Burton	190ha	13km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2145	Clinton Dean Hood	9.91ha	6km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°05'	Menzies
29/2146	Clinton Dean Hood	120.66ha	7km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2147	Clinton Dean Hood	200ha	9km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2148	Clinton Dean Hood	120.45ha	9km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°44' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2149	Clinton Dean Hood	175.14ha	11km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2150	Clinton Dean Hood	158.6ha	12km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2152-6	Clinton Dean Hood	946.9ha		o a	
		1020.55ha	40km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 121°09'	Menzies
36/1731-7	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd		46km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°38' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/1738	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	194.31ha	55km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°30' Long 121°00'	Leonora
36/1739	BMV Properties Pty Ltd	78.13ha	16km W'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 120°32'	Leonora
36/1740	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	150.97ha	72km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°19' Long 120°59'	Leonora
37/7806	Ronald James Woods	121.24ha	42km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/7807-14	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	991.18ha	31km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°06'	Leonora
37/7815	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	72.83ha	34km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°03'	Leonora
37/7820-1	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	235.15ha	21km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°14'	Leonora
37/7841	Debin Nominees Pty Ltd	199.99ha	24km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°33'	Leonora
37/7846	Debin Nominees Pty Ltd	195.21ha	21km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/7866	Sulphide Resources Pty Ltd	194.54ha	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°02'	Leonora
38/3877-9	Regis Resources Limited	526.04ha	70km NW'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°39' Long 122°17'	Laverton
	3		Newberry Mission		
57/1250	Gateway Mining Ltd	10.16ha	66km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°30'	Sandstone
57/1251	Gateway Mining Ltd	21.83ha	66km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°25' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
63/1665-70	Blackham Resources Ltd	1188.79ha	47km N'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°16' Long 122°00'	Esperance
63/1700	Blackham Resources Ltd	31.68ha	43km N'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°19' Long 122°01'	Esperance
			, ,	Lat 32°17' Long 121°49'	
63/1784	John Douglas Marsh	3.35ha	11km SE'ly of Norseman		Dundas
63/1800	Hannans Reward Ltd	115.79ha	104km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 120°43'	Dundas
63/1751	Australian Strategic &	659.22ha	13km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°18' Long 121°44'	Dundas
& 63/1805-7	Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd				

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: 27 January 2010

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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
09/1694	Geotech International Pty Ltd	168.15km ²	182km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 26°50' Long 115°57'	Murchison
09/1695	Geotech International Pty Ltd	347.37km ²	146km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°14' Long 115°45'	Murchison
09/1696	Phyllis Marie Brosnan	12.54km²	143km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°46' Long 115°16'	Carnarvon
	Alan Nelville Brosnan				
09/1700	Karramindie Resources Pty Ltd	56.34km²	160km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°55' Long 116°12'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1702	Reedy Lagoon Corporation Ltd	473.72km ²	158km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°28' Long 116°58'	Upper Gascoyne
& 09/1715	Vol. A store FARL LIS	00.0710	474L - NIII - (1/4)	1.1.0005011	M. of Co.
09/1709	Vale Australia EA Pty Ltd	88.67km²	174km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 26°50' Long 116°10'	Murchison
15/1163	Heron Resources Ltd	26.39km²	22km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°26'	Coolgardie
24/163	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	62.21km ²	59km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°17' Long 121°10'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/414	Rubicon Resources Ltd	32.42km²	54km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/419	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	11.76km²	52km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 122°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/418	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	2.95km²	66km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/420	Empire Resources Ltd	2.95km ²	45km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°30' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1984	Rubicon Resources Ltd	52.71km ²	88km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°34'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-
28/2012	Zoodom Enterprises Dtv I td	14.72km²	GGkm NEthy of Kambalda	Let 20°50' Leng 100°10'	Boulder City Kalaparlia Boulder City
29/727	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd Reed Resources Ltd	14.72km²	66km NE'ly of Kambalda 33km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°50' Long 122°13' Lat 29°57' Long 121°10'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Menzies
31/851	Hawthorn Resources Limited	8.9km ²	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°00' Long 122°40'	Menzies
31/886	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	207.58km ²	, ,	Lat 30°08' Long 122°18'	
31/000	Saminy nesources Fly Liu	ZU7.JOKIII-	104km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30 06 Long 122 16	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Menzies
31/906	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.98km ²	77km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°23' Long 121°52'	Menzies
36/730	Enterprise Metals Limited	2.98km ²	35km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 29°23' Long 121°00'	Leonora
36/731	Enterprise Metals Limited Enterprise Metals Limited	12.12km ²	34km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°51' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/1028	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	100.15km ²	50km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°44' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/1026	Jabiru Metals Ltd	15.09km²	61km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°20' Long 121°06'	Leonora
38/2220		2.99km ²	41km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°28'	Laverton
38/2306	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd Rubicon Resources Ltd	2.99km ²	44km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°25'	Laverton
38/2368	South Boulder Mines Ltd	20.96km ²	94km NW'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°28' Long 122°09'	Laverton
30/2300	South Boulder Milles Eta	200.74KIII-	Newberry Mission	Lat 27 20 Luly 122 09	Laverton
38/2372-3	Ausquest Ltd	1155.43km²	171km N'ly of Cosmo	Lat 26°30' Long 122°25'	Wiluna
30/23/2-3	Ausquest Liu	1130.438111	Newberry Mission	Lat 20 30 Long 122 23	vviidia
38/2374	Northeast Minerals Pty Ltd	96.46km²	26km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°24' Long 122°30'	Laverton
38/2375	Sirius Resources NL	54.68km²	54km NE'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°32' Long 123°06'	Laverton
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39/1491	Rubicon Resources Ltd	77.45km²	114km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°39' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/1495	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	2.99km²	68km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°13' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/1499	Midas Resources Ltd	17.94km²	71km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°15' Long 122°17'	Leonora
39/1507	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	2.99km²	64km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°31'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1510	Niwest Ltd	20.93km²	74km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°13'	Leonora
39/1513	King Eagle Resources Pty Ltd	133.73km²	159km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 123°12'	Menzies
39/1517	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	50.93km²	63km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°00'	Leonora
39/1518-9	Desert Fox Resources Pty Ltd	179.13km²	131km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 123°22'	Menzies
39/1520	Desert Fox Resources Pty Ltd	80.49km²	137km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 123°17'	Menzies
39/1521	Desert Fox Resources Pty Ltd	172.79km²	156km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°38 Long 123°31'	Menzies
40/260	JML Resources Pty Ltd	191.36km²	52km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°19' Long 121°31'	Menzies
40/265	Maddison Resources Pty Ltd	134.39km²	33km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°27' Long 121°15'	Menzies
40/270	Chad Graeme Johnson	299.13km ²	46km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°15'	Menzies
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40/271	St Barbara Ltd	20.94km ²	40km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°14' Long 121°17'	Menzies
40/276	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	5.99km ²	26km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°07' Long 121°23'	Leonora/Menzies
40/277	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	2.99km ²	41km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°29'	Menzies
45/3491	Reed Resources Ltd	102.5km ²	52km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°52' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
45/3547	Jupiter Mines Ltd	195.07km ²	91km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 21°07' Long 120°44'	East Pilbara
51/1374	Enterprise Metals Limited	76.33km ²	48km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°00' Long 117°59'	Cue/Meekatharra
52/2485	Ilmenite Resources Pty Ltd	3293.61km ²	42km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°40' Long 119°57'	Meekatharra
52/2516	Hannans Reward Ltd	28.28km ²	69km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°44' Long 120°15'	Meekatharra
52/2525	Raven Resources Pty Ltd	217.73km ²	174km S'ly of Newman	Lat 24°54' Long 119°27'	Meekatharra
53/1477	TE & CG McMahon	18.38km²	22km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°46' Long 120°20'	Wiluna
	Nominees Pty Ltd		•	•	
53/1524	Toro Energy Limited	18.36km²	46km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 120°00'	Wiluna
57/807	Gateway Mining Ltd	9.14km²	66km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°26' Long 119°32'	Sandstone
57/808	Troy Resources NL	6.05km ²	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°03' Long 119°21'	Sandstone
59/1629	Crosslands Resources Ltd	20.96km²	36km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 117°22'	Yalgoo
59/1631	Vale Australia EA Pty Ltd	33.46km²	125km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°24' Long 115°58'	Murchison
74/456	James Ian Stewart	200.16km²	29km W'ly of Munglinup	Lat 33°38' Long 120°34'	Ravensthorpe
	Regency Mines	157.36km²	17km NW'ly of Munglinup	Lat 33°35' Long 120°45'	Esperance/
74/457	riogorioy iviirioo				

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: 27 January 2010

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DIRECTOR

Executive Level 2 \$99,190-117,436

MELBOURNE Ref No: 10-0765

The Department of Health and Ageing Victorian State Office is seeking an appropriately experienced officer to head up its Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Branch which oversees iimplementation of the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy and programs in

Reporting to the State Manager the Branch Director is responsible for operational management of the Branch and as a member of the State Office Executive will play an important role in the strategic planning and management of the State Office

Contact officer: Jennifer McDonald on (03) 9665 8870 or jennifer.mcdonald@health.gov.au

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

APS Level 6 \$67,653-\$76,323

MELBOURNE Ref No: 10-0763

The Victorian State Office is seeking a suitably experienced person to undertake the role of Senior Project Officer in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). The successful applicant will demonstrate strong analytical and conceptual skills and undertake a range of tasks that will support the Australian Government's commitment to close the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The role includes: key stakeholder engagement; information collation and analysis; managing and supervising the work of a small team and contributing to the strategic directions of the branch.

Contact Officer: Annabel Thorpe on (03) 9665 8915 or annabel.thorpe@health.gov.au

Applications close 11 February 2010, 7pm AEDT

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: http://www.health.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

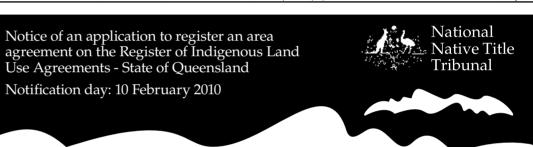
The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

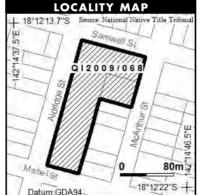
EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/1966	Crescent Gold Ltd	336585	356.41ha	7km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°24'	Laverton
	Crescent Gold Ltd	336590	173.83ha	9km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°23'	Laverton
	Crescent Gold Ltd	336591	283.02ha	10km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/2059	Crescent Gold Ltd	366244	23.79ha	33km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°41'	Laverton
53/1106	Avoca Resources Ltd	336201	32.71ha	120km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°49' Long 121°25'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336202	199.87ha	125km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 121°26'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336203	199.42ha	126km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°54' Long 121°26'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336204	162.80ha	125km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°54' Long 121°26'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336209	199.89ha	124km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 121°24'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336210	198.26ha	125km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 121°24'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336211	199.86ha	125km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 121°24'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336212	199.74ha	127km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 26°58' Long 121°25'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336214	199.91ha	128km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 121°26'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336215	199.77ha	129km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 121°27'	Wiluna
53/1218	Avoca Resources Ltd	336216	152.59ha	131km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°50' Long 121°30'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336217	152.40ha	131km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°50' Long 121°30'	Wiluna
	Avoca Resources Ltd	336218	51.32ha	131km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°51' Long 121°30'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals. Notification day: 27 January 2010

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 27 April 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 Śubdivision 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. 27 May 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.





QI2009/068 Croydon Shire Council/Tagalaka People -True Blue Tourist Facility ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to the agreement is located in the town of Croydon. The agreement has a total area of about 1.4 hectares and covers lots 1 and 2 on SP134193, Parish of Croydon as shown on the locality map

The agreement falls within the local government authority of the Croydon Shire Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Croydon Shire Council. /- Andrew Kerr, Preston Law PO Box 707N Cairns North QLD 4870

Janet Busch, Bill Fortune, Janet Owens, Maureen Douglas, Beverly Bowyang and Gladys Callope on their own behalf and on behalf of the Tagalaka People #2, C/- Principal Legal Officer, North Queensland Land Council, 61 Anderson Street CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 4.4

Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this ILUA.

Clause 7 Consent to Agreed Acts

7.1 The Parties consent to the Agreed Acts.

Clause 11.1

The Parties acknowledge that the Non-Extinguishment Principle will apply to the Agreed Acts to the extent they are Future Acts.

Definitions:

Agreed Acts means:

- (a) the dedication, management and use (including the construction of infrastructure that is consistent with the dedicated purpose) of the Reserves;
- (b) subject to the terms of this Deed, the construction of the True Blue Tourist Information Facility on part of
- (c) the preparation and approval by the Minister of a Management Plan;
- (d) to the extent that it is a future act the reconfiguration of the Reserves as determined by Council;
- (e) all acts necessary to give effect to those act

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 North Queensland Land Council, 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 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, PO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD 4870 by 10 May 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.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Manager Indigenous Programs

working to increase awareness and improve treatment of depression, anxiety and related substance use disorders and reduce the associated stigma. The beyondblue Social Inclusion Strategy provides a research framework to improve mental health outcomes for people who experience social exclusion, disadvantage or discrimination. A significant focus of the Strategy is to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness about social and emotional wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We are looking for an experienced Program Manager or research graduate to join our Hawthorn (Victoria) based Research & Planning team. Your role is to implement Indigenous programs and applied research within the beyondblue Social Inclusion Strategy. You will build relationships with peak Indigenous bodies, key Government and NGO's to identify opportunities to facilitate Indigenous research collaborations, and to promote culturally appropriate, evidenced-based programs and resources to Indigenous communities

Tertiary qualified in health, mental health, social sciences or a related discipline, you will have experience in Indigenous community development or health projects/programs and/ or conducting applied research. You will have demonstrated work or research experience related to the health issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with a focus on social and emotional wellbeing, as well as experience working directly with Indigenous communities. You will also have:

- A good understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with specific knowledge of Indigenous affairs, community kinship and social and emotional wellbeing
- · Knowledge and understanding of priority activities in 'closing the gap' on Indigenous health
- Understanding and experience in translating research outcomes into practice
- High level strategic thinking, conceptual, analytical and planning skills
- Strong communication, networking and relationship building skills

Further information is available at www.bevondblue.org.au (About Us/Jobs at bevondblue).

To apply for this position please forward your resume and a covering letter addressing the requirements of the role by e-mail to jobs@beyondblue.org.au

Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close Friday 19 February 2010



Galambila Aboriginal Health Service has the following positions vacant:

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (Male)

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker (Female) **Aboriginal Health Assessment Officer**

For an application package please contact Michelle Collins. The contact Officer for further information is David Kennedy CEO.

Please phone 6652-0850 for a package and information about the vacancies. All positions are based at Coffs Harbour.

The closing date for these positions is Friday 12th February 2010



New Position

Indigenous Health Administrative Officer

Part time - 24 hrs pw

Under the Australian Government's new Closing the Gap initiative we would like to recruit to this new position to assist in delivering improvements in access and outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. The position will work closely with the newly appointed Indigenous Health Program Officer to develop strategies to improve health outcomes on the Mornington Peninsula. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to

Position descriptions are available on our website at: www.pgpn.org.au

Please send your resume to: Executive Manager, Peninsula GP Network, PO Box 496, Frankston, Vic 3199 or email: contact@pgpn.org.au or fax: 9708 8157.

If you would like to discuss this position further please call the Executive Manager on ph: 9708 8019.

Closing date: Friday February 19th.

Facing Anxiety Program

A leading Mental Health not-for-profit organisation is seeking a full time Health Education Officer to continue the implementation of education programs for parents and teachers (Small Steps). The program involves the early recognition of anxiety disorders among primary school students in the Sydney metro area. The major focus is the delivery of seminars to parents and teachers of primary school students. The secondary focus is the implementation of a time-limited psycho-education program for parent groups.

The Nepean Division of General Practice **Indigenous Health Project Officer** Full time 38 hrs per week Salary band: \$62,638 - 71,879 pro rata depending on skills

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Health Education Officer

improve the health of the Nepean community. We are seeking a project officer with an understanding of general practice, primary health care and Indigenous health

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

www.nepeandgp.org.au or phone 02 4721 1150.

Closing date: 5pm Monday 15 February 2010.

Indigenous health issues at a local level.

The organisation is situated in East Sydney however travel will be required within the Sydney metro area. Some evening work will be required.

Salary Range: SACS Grade 5. (\$53,510 to \$55,857) Salary packaging is available.

People with experience of an anxiety disorder are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should download an information package from www.mentalhealth.asn.au prior to submitting an application. Alternatively call 02 9339 6009 to request a

Applications that do not address the selection criteria may not

Closing date Thursday, 4 February, 2010.

Mental Health Association NSW Inc.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM18002	Approx. 34 km W from Eulo Centred at approximate Lat.28°09'S Long.144°42'E Local Government Area: Paroo Shire Council and Bulloo Shire Council	Area: 12 km² Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 81 s, v, w, x	Earth Ray Exploration Pty Ltd 128 511 062

144'30'E

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining

the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER. Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d. Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits

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subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003. **Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for

Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002. Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102,

Telephone: (07) 3238 3814. Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal

against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 February 2010



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Orana Haven

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The organisation has a fantastic opportunity for a Chief Executive Officer based in Orana. The position will play a critical role in driving the continued success of a well respected organisation, developing effective strategies and inspiring a high performance team to achieve their vision.

To succeed in this pivotal position, you will have qualifications and/or relevant experience in management or a related discipline. Your management skills will demonstrate your ability to manage the financial, human resources, facilities and administrative functions of a small organisation in a remote situation.

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Armidale Local Aboriginal Land Council

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Armidale Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-today management of the Armidale LALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner

The successful applicant will have demonstratable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Charles Lynch, by email: charles.lynch@alc.org.au or on (02) 6772 7639 or 0400491544

Applications can be marked "Confidential" and posted to:

ARMIDALE Local Aboriginal Land Counci

PO Box 696 ARMIDALE NSW 2350

Applications close: Friday 19th February 2010.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply



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The following essential criteria are necessary:

- Cert 1V in Drug and Alcohol Work / Degree
- . Counseling Qualifications / Facilitation Experience
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For further information, please call: Anne Mannix, Operations Manager, Rekindling the Spirit Ltd on (02) 66225534 or submit your resume in confidence to annemannix@nrg.com.au

Applications for this role close on:

2nd February 2010

Gender and being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised by Section 31 & 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.



SNAICC is the national non-government peak body in Australia that represents the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. SNAICC is seeking to employ well-qualified and experienced persons to the following positions. The positions are based in Melbourne and involve regular interstate travel liaising with SNAICC Members, government and other non-government agencies

SNAICC e people and non-Indigenous people to apply.

Manager, Policy and Research

Manager position will have responsibility for leading the development of SNAICC policy in a way which reflects the views of SNAICC membership and the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities. The SNAICC Manager, Policy and Research will liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations and government agencies.

Policy Officer

Project position focused on policy development, research and development of briefing papers, submissions relating to SNAICC advocacy in the areas of child and family welfare and

To apply, obtain selection documentation from the SNAICC

For further information about the position contact SNAICC Executive Officer, Frank Hytten by telephone 03 9489 8099 or email frank@snaicc.asn.au

APPLICATIONS close on Monday 08 February 2010

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1678	Approx. 85 km NW from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.141°07'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 837 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 260 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) 37 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 38 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 39 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 109 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 110 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 181 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 182 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 183 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 253 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 254 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 325 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 326 a, b, c, d, e 327 a, b, c	Vale Coal Exploration Pty Ltd 108 568 725
EPC1679	Approx. 70 km NW from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.20°10'S Long.141°19'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 599 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 186 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 39	Vale Coal Exploration Pty Ltd 108 568 725
EPC1680	Approx. 107 km NNW from Julia Creek Centred at approximate Lat.19°45'S Long.141°26'E Local Government Area: McKinlay Shire Council	Area: 755 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 234 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3136 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3208 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3209 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3210 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3280 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3281 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 3282 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3283 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 3355 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3355 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3356 l, q, r, v, w, x	Vale Coal Exploration Pty Ltd 108 568 725

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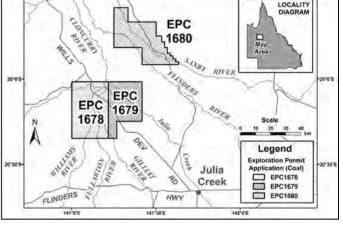
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(07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501. Notification Day: 17 February 2010



Queensland Government

site, see http://www.snaicc.asn.au/

Aboriginal TransportDevelopment Officer

Fulltime - SACS Award: Grade 4 Northern Rivers Community Transport

NRCT requires an ATDO to coordinate transport services for Aboriginal communities across the LGAs of Lismore, Kyogle and

NRCT is looking for a highly skilled energetic person of Aboriginal identity, to coordinate the Aboriginal Transport Program. This is a well established program having operated for over 7 years; we offer a culturally integrated friendly and supportive team environment.

For an information package contact: NRCT on 02 6628 6000 or download from our website www.nrct.org

Applications close:

12 February 2010 This is a designated Aboriginal position







Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Permanent - Full Time (80 hrs per fortnight with ADO) Position No: 35578

We seek suitably qualified applicants for this important role within our Social Work department. Primarily, this role provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander patients experiencing health-related issues in acute and sub-acute

Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander heritage and demonstrate the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with the Ballarat & District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC).

To be considered for this role you will demonstrate a sound knowledge of related issues and have experience in the provision of support and advocacy to Aboriginal families. An important aspect of this role will be to foster cultural awareness in the BHS staff population.

For further information contact Catherine Ludbrook, Clinical Manager Social Work on 5320 3804 or Megan Ali, Senior HR Consultant on 5320 6734

Applications Friday 5 February 2010

For further details and to apply, please go to our website at www.bhs.org.au and click on 'Career

All appointments are subject to satisfactory clearance of a current Police Record Check



Join the team in Mudgee and be part of this new program

We have been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, not-for-profit organisation, working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKERS

Indigenous Mental Health Support Worker Peer Mental Health Support Worker

We seek two full time Support Workers for our new Personal Helpers and Mentors Program aimed at providing practical support and assistance for people who have a severe functional limitation resulting from a severe mental illness. We currently deliver this service in other areas across NSW and this is part of our expanding services in the Central West.

Benefit from ongoing support and training and a \$16,050 taxfree salary component working for this leading not-for-profit organisation. With a career at The Benevolent Society you will have the resources and the time to make a difference.

All applications including a statement addressing the selection criteria found in the position description should be received by Friday 5th February 2010.

www.bensoc.org.au

Senior Research Fellow

Sustainable Livelihoods, North-west Kimberley (negotiable), Western Australia

12 months full time fixed term; \$80,000pa + 9% super, District Allowance & 6 weeks annual leave Nyikina **Mangala Aboriginal Corporation**

POSITION CONTEXT:

The position will coordinate a Case Study looking at sustainable Indigenous livelihoods (focussing on natural resource management) for the Nyikina Mangala people or the Fitzroy River in the north-western Kimberley region of

The position is hosted by the Jarlmadangah Burru Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Nyikina Mangala Aboriginal Corporation (NMAC) Board. The NMAC is the body corporate for the Nyikina Mangala native title group. The Nyikina Mangala people are Traditional Owners from the lower Fitzroy River to the Great Sandy Desert and associated land and coastal waters in the West Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The position will, through a participatory, action-based research approach, both document the factors that have contributed to the Nvikina Mangala's sustainable livelihoods agenda momentum to date and document and facilitate the continuation of this momentum through achieving the Case Study objectives.

Expressions of Interest and brief regarding the Senior Research Fellow Position should be directed to: Dr Anne Poelina, Mobile: 0408-922-155 or Email: maiala@wn.com.au

Closing date: 14th February 2010.



Careers in Construction!

Sydney Location - Identified positions

Casual Labour Hire

If you have any construction industry experience, reliable and hardworking, a greencard is essential own transport preferable, but not essential.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

Bricklaying, Electrical & Carpentry To apply please call Annette on 02) 46271388 or 0423712203



Employment and Business Development Advisors

ESQ is currently seeking to appoint fulltime Indigenous Employment and Business Development Advisors at various sites in Brisbane South and in our Bundaberg office.

Advisors in these roles will guide, support and motivate jobseekers (EA'S)as well as arrange for pre-training and in-company training to assist in maintaining employment of jobseekers (BDA's).

Knowledge and links to the indigenous community in BNE South and Bundaberg is essential. Previous experience in working in the employment and training industry or in sales/marketing is not essential but would be highly regarded. If you are self motivated to perform to high

standards and enjoy working with people -

APPLY NOW. To apply please submit a detailed cover letter outlining your suitability for this position and an up to date resume to lenchen.kurtzahn@esgld.com.au by 5.00pm on 3rd February 2010.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM16199	Part 1: Approx. 47 km SE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°57'S Long.139°52'E	Area of Part 1: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry	Exco Resources Limited
consists of six separate parts	Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 815 b, g, h, n, s	080 339 671
	Part 2: Approx. 37 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.139°50'E	Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 670	
	Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.139°54'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 4: Approx. 37 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°50'S Long.139°50'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 5: Approx. 39 km ESE from Mount Isa	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
		Block Number Sub-blocks 671 t	
		Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
		Block Number Sub-blocks 742 e	
		Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
		Block Number Sub-blocks 743 f	
	Part 6: Approx. 43 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°53'S Long.139°52'E	Area of Part 6: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 743 r	
EPM17216 This Application consists of five	Part 1: Approx. 35 km NNE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°27'S Long.139°42'E	Area of Part 1: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd
separate parts	Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 381 c, g, h, l, m, q, v	124 925 944
	Part 2: Approx. 47 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°28'S Long.139°52'E	Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 383 h, n, q, r, s	
	Part 3: Approx. 45 km NNE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°24'S Long.139°46'E	Area of Part 3: 10 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 310 q, v, w	
	Part 4: Approx. 53 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°25'S Long.139°54'E	Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 383 d, e	
	Part 5: Approx. 35 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°29'S Long.139°45'E	Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Block Number Sub-blocks	

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EPM17872 This Application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 86 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°56'S Long.140°17'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 820 b, c, g, h	Manganese Australia Corporation Pty Ltd 132 363 207
	Part 2: Approx. 90 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.21°0'S Long.140°19'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 820 y 892 d	
	Part 3: Approx. 84 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°58'S Long.140°16'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 820 q	
	Part 4: Approx. 88 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°58'S Long.140°18'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 820 s	
EPM17947 This Application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 46 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°41'S Long.139°56'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 38 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 528	Mt Isa Metals Ltd 120 212 017
	Part 2: Approx. 48 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°36'S Long.139°57'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 13 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 528 a, f, g, h	
	Part 3: Approx. 45 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°38'S Long.139°56'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 528 q	
	Part 4: : Approx. 51 km ENE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°37'S Long.139°59'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Btlock Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 528 0	

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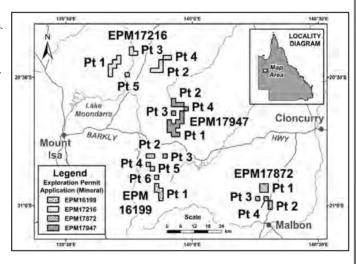
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Notification Day: 17 February 2010



Queensland Government



Family Violence Outreach Program

The following opportunity exists to join a highly motivated and innovative team of women delivering case managed assistance to women and their children who are experiencing family violence.

Social Worker - Indigenous Outreach Support 12 Month Part Time Contract Position - 30.4 Hours per week Social & Community Services Victoria Award 2001 Social Work Class 2 Year 3

Position Descriptions for the above position can be accessed via the Infoxchange on www.employment.infoxchange.net.au, The Salvation Army Crisis Services on www.salvationarmy.org.au/crisisservices or via email at doug.parker@aus.salvationarmy.org

Applications should be received by 5:00pm Monday February 8th, 2010 addressed to "The Manager" The Salvation Army Crisis Service PO Box 2027 St Kilda VIC 3182.

Dandenong Casey General Practice Association

PROJECT OFFICER

(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health)

If you have a passion for working in Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander health and have experience in project management, this position is what you are looking for! The Association is seeking an enthusiastic project officer to

plan and deliver a new "Closing the Gap" Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program. The role will involve working closely with general practices, the local Aboriginal health service and other services to improve the cultural safety of mainstream health services for Aboriginal people, and to improve chronic disease management services

The successful applicant will have experience working with Aboriginal people, a strong understanding of and empathy for general practice, strategic management skills and partnership skills. They will also have a demonstrated understanding of historical and contemporary issues that are relevant to the lives of Aboriginal people. Experience and success in implementing systems change in general practice is also desirable. A full orientation and a program of ongoing training and support will be provided.

For a copy of the position description, selection criteria and information on how to apply see www.dcgpa.com.au, or contact Peter Larter at p.larter@dcgpa.com.au or phone

Applications close on 10th February 2010.



CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Administration/Grants Officer

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is inviting applications from suitably qualified persons for this new position

The objectives of the position include:

- To identify appropriate funding programs suitable to Council operations
- To assist with administrative coordination and acquittal of
- To assist with other administrative functions within Council
- Salary conditions will be in accordance with the Queensland Local Government Officer's Award. Salary range will be \$47508 to \$50071 per annum plus superannuation.

Further information about this position or a copy of the position description can be obtained by contacting Ross Higgins, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on telephone 07 4168 1866 or via email at dceo@cherbourg.qld.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE by COB Tuesday, 9 February 2010

Chief Executive Officer



NEW SOUTH WALES

FAMILY ADVISOR

Sydney City Family Relationship Centre Part time/Full time

We are seeking social welfare professionals to work part time or full time (4 or 5 days/week) as Family Advisors. You will

provide support and assistance to people dealing with a wide range of family relationship issues, most particularly those dealing with separation. Family Advisors must be able to demonstrate skills in providing professional telephone and face-to-face client services including; engaging clients, providing needs assessments, case management and referral and delivering educational seminars for parents.

The Sydney FRC is committed to working closely with the Aboriginal communities in the area and applicants with knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal issues are strongly encouraged to apply.

You must obtain an information pack www.relationships.com.au/vacancy_list or contact Lee at leed@ransw.org.au or by phoning 8874 8024.

Please forward vou're professional CV and vour written application addressing the selection criteria found within the information pack. All positions are subject to a Working with Children check

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EPM17222 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 137 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°09'S Long.139°07'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 154 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°03'S Long.139°0'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 3: Approx. 149 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°0'S Long.139°07'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 4: Approx. 157 km NW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.18°59'S Long.139°01'E Local Government Area:	Area of Part 1: 97 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2677 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2678 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2750 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, o, p Area of Part 2: 29 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2604 o, p, t, u, y, z 2605 f, g, l Area of Part 3: 29 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2534 v, w, x 2606 a, b, c, f, g, h Area of Part 4: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17870 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 7 km S from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°05'S Long.140°03'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 12 km SSW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°08'S Long.140°01'E Local Government Area:	Area of Part 1: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 25 s, x 97 c, h, n Area of Part 2: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 97 l, q	Gateway Mining Limited 008 402 391
EPM17948	Approx. 30 km NE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°51'S Long.140°15'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3339 e, k 3340 a, f	Phoenix Consolidate Pty Ltd 133 410 303

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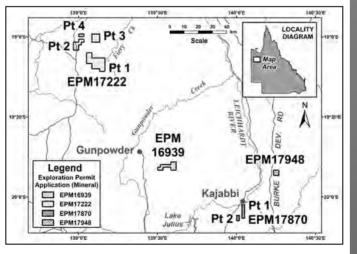
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Notification Day: 17 February 2010



Queensland Government



Indigenous Professional Support Unit NSW & ACT

Training & Resource Officer

Part time position

The Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) NSW & ACT is seeking an enthusiastic Training & Resource Officer to provide high quality support and training to staff in eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child care services. This position is part time 37.5 hours per fortnight and is a contract placement until June 2012.

Essential Requirements

- Demonstrated experience in Aboriginal early childhood services or related area
- Qualifications in the care and education of children

This position entails some travel and occasional evening or weekend work

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

To obtain an information package including application procedure and job description, please phone Sandra Basir (02) 8345 7636 or email admin@gowrie-sydney.com.au

Closing date:

Friday 12 February 2010

The Indigenous Professional Support Unit is an initiative of the Inclusion and Professional Support Program, funded by the Australia Government and managed by Lady Gowrie Child Centre, Sydney.

Lady Gowrie is an Equal Opportunity Employer



MALE BTH COUNSELLOR

- Exceptional opportunity for a Male Bringing Them Home Counsellor to engage in deeply rewarding and transformative work
- Based in Lismore within the Bundialung Nation area of Northern **New South Wales**
- This position is targeted at a SACS Grade 4

Key responsibilities involve:

- an ability to work with Stolen Generation clients and their families (of either gender) in both individual and team settings
- good teamwork ability, computer skills and experience working in social work, community development, anti-violence, health or similar
- · ability to facilitate groups, provide intake and counselling services and manage some casework
- You must have counselling experience or be obtaining your counselling or similar qualifications to apply.

The Salary Package includes some above-award conditions including flexible leave and hours. Staff are provided with clinical supervision from a specialist, plus strong support from the team and managers.

For further information, please call Anne Mannix, Operations Manager, Rekindling the Spirit Ltd on (02) 66225534 or submit your resume in confidence to annemannix@nrg.com.au

Applications for this role close on 2nd February 2010

Gender and being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised by Section 31 & 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office

Expressions of Interest are sought for an

AEW

(Aboriginal Education Worker)

at MacKillop College, Bathurst. (Girls, Years 7-12) Full Time, Permanent • • Position

(Start: Middle of February, 2010 or suitable negotiated date)

Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- . Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate a sound and exemplary employment history.
- Demonstrate an exemplary level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Indigenous students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Indigenous students.

Applications will close:

Thursday, 11th February, 2010, COB.

Please ring 0268827355 or e-mail request with name, postal address and phone numbers to p.okeeffe@ceo.bathurst.catholic.edu.au for an information package which will contain an application form, job description and relevant information about the position and school. The application form from this package and relevant documentation must be returned by the due closing date.

Please note that the application form will ask for the names and phone contact details of a local Catholic Parish Priest, a previous employer and one other professional person as referees. Supporting documentation of experience and/or qualifications will also be

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject

•• This position is funded by the Commonwealth Government's IEP program and is a position tied to that program (ie the position



Arts Law Centre of Australia

Indigenous Lawyer

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts. Artists in the Black is our Indigenous service designed to improve access to legal advice for Indigenous artists and their communities

We are seeking a Full-Time Indigenous lawyer with an interest in the legal and professional issues affecting Indigenous

Post-admission experience is desirable.

For selection criteria and job description contact: (02) 9356 2566 or artslaw@artslaw.com.au or speak to Robyn Ayres. Applications close: February 12, 2010.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.

Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd



The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) is the recognised **Aboriginal Community** development, VACSAL is a community based, community controlled organisation, comprising representatives from

cancy currently exists within the Organisation

Youth Hostel Residential Worker

The purpose of the position is to work as part of a team, providing culturally appropriate, quality crisis accommodation and casework for young people experiencing homelessness. Youth hostel staff will contribute to these young people feeling safe and supported whilst living in Hostel and within the community

Salary Package available

Please contact Linda Bamblett on (03) 9484 5310 for further information and/or a position description.

Koorie people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close:

Friday 20th February 2010



Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec)

AbSec is primarily funded by Community Services (NSW) and is recognised as the peak Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home-care (OOHC) policy advice to the government and non-government sector in NSW

An organisational review and expansion of AbSec services requires the creation of the following new positions.

Manager - AbSec projects

This is a senior management position within the organisation. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate exceptional advocacy and project management skills. The position encompasses the overall supervision of AbSec's Aboriginal foster care support and advocacy services as well as managing the provision of training to Aboriginal caseworkers employed by AbSec member agencies. A thorough knowledge of the OOHC and child protection sector is required to obtain best practice outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people, carers, agencies and communities. The successful applicant will need to be able to undertake some travel and will require a current NSW driver's licence.

Project Assistant

This newly created position will work with the "Keep Them Safe" project team to provide administrative and other support. The position would ideally suit a person with clerical or administration experience who is looking to advance their career into project management. A current NSW driver's licence is required.

Executive Assistant

This position will have the responsibility to of providing executive support to the Chief Executive Officer and Operations Manager, as well as providing general office administration and reception duties as required to enhance the executives' effectiveness through information management and other support for the executive and board. The successful applicant will require extensive experience in providing executive support and assistance at a senior level, including providing a broad range of administrative and related clerical

Over award and competitive salary packages (including salary sacrificing) are available for these positions and are commensurate with the experience required to undertake these roles. If any further information regarding the scope of these positions is required contact Michelle on the details below. Before applying for this position, applicants will need to request an information package containing the selection criteria and other relevant information from foster@absec.org.au or by phoning (02) 9264 0088 and speaking to Michelle. Applications close 12 Feb 2010.

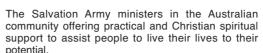
Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of these positions and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-



Moneycare Counsellor - Moree

(Part Time 15 hrs/wk)

Indigenous Position - Funded by NSW Office of Fair Trading . Initially 12 month contract with possibility for extension



This position is to provide a financial counselling service to indigenous clients with budgetary needs and general financial support.

Ideally, you will have extensive experience in a financial / welfare service delivery role. We are able to train and accredit the successful applicant with financial counselling qualifications if they do not already have suitable credentials but are highly motivated. Effective verbal, listening and training skills and an understanding of and empathy with the Christian faith, values and ethos of The Salvation Army is also essential.

We offer a supportive and friendly team environment and great work/life balance. Best of all we provide the

opportunity to be part of an organisation where you can really make a difference.

For an application kit please contact:

Phil Donnan

telephone: (02) 6771 1632 or email phil.donnan@aue.salvationarmy.org

Applications close:

Wednesday 2nd February 2010.

Applications should address the selection criteria and be forwarded to:

Workplace Relations Consultant The Salvation Army North NSW Division PO Box 1180 **ARMIDALE** NSW 2350

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Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1700 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 8 km W from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°31'S Long.147°46'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 478 f, g	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702
	Part 2: Approx. 11 km W from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°32'S Long.147°45'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 5 km W from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°32'S Long.147°48'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 4 km W from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°33'S Long.147°49'E	Area of Part 2: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 477 p Area of Part 2: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 478 n Area of Part 2: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)	
	Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Block Number Sub-blocks 478 t	
EPM17976	Approx. 20 km W from Proserpine Centred at approximate Lat.20°24'S Long.148°24'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 341 t, u, x, y	Armfest Pty Ltd 051 650 616
		413 c	

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions

EPM17976 Proserpine Pt 2 Pt 3 Collinsville EPC1700 Legend

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

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Notification Day: 17 February 2010

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501



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)

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LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE	
09/130	Sweetman Industries Pty Ltd	98.66ha	43km NE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 24°44' Long 114°03'	Carnarvon	
36/465	Plutonic Operations Ltd	3.47ha	48km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°12' Long 121°03'	Leonora	
37/1288	Nemex Pty Ltd	137.53ha	66km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°30' Long 121°10'	Leonora	
39/1069	Phillip Murray Gordon	175.82ha	59km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°55'	Leonora	
45/1192	Thomas Charles Nelson	179.55ha	32km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°26' Long 119°36'	East Pilbara	
59/729	Karara Mining Limited	239.02ha	71km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°12' Long 116°44'	Perenjori	
59/730	Karara Mining Limited	491.7ha	74km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°10' Long 116°46'	Pereniori	

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: 27 January 2010

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 27 April 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. 27 May 2010), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the

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.

Shedding weight is worth it

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17989 This Application consists of four separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 16 km WSW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°19'S Long.143°24'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2009 g, h, m, q, r, v, w, x, y, z 2010 v, w, x 2082 a	Georgetown Mining Limited 060 953 602
	Part 2: Approx. 9 km SSW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°21'S Long.143°30'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 36 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2011 w, x 2082 h, j, k, p 2083 b, c, g, l, m	
	Part 3: Approx. 11 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°23'S Long.143°35'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: of Part 3: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2083 o, t, u 2084 q	
	Part 4: Approx. 15 km W from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°16'S Long.143°25'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: of Part 4: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2009 e, k	

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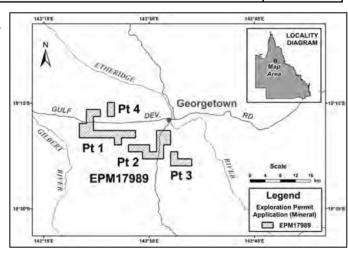
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Queensland Government

▶ HEDDING those few extra kilos could be as simple as making a few small changes to your lifestyle, said a Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS) obesity expert in the lead-up to Healthy Weight Week (24-31 January).

Professor Ian Caterson, Boden Professor of Human Nutrition and Director of the Institute of Obesity, Nutrition and Exercise, SSWAHS, said recent figures showed 59.2 per cent of men and 45.3 per cent of women living in the SSWAHS area were overweight or obese.

"This reflects a rising trend in overweight and obesity in the community," Prof Caterson said.

"More people are eating less than their recommended daily consumption of fruit and vegetables, not exercising enough and leading more sedentary lifestyles.

"However, most people would be aware that being overweight or obese is a serious, chronic medical condition that can be associated with a range of debilitating and life threatening conditions."

Any weight loss beneficial

Professor Caterson said losing weight did not have to entail a lot of hard work and people did not have to lose a lot of weight to experience the benefits

"Successful weight loss simply needs a commitment to a healthy lifestyle, including eating healthy foods and keeping physically active in a way that you can maintain and enjoy," he said.

"Just ten easy steps can be all it takes to lose weight. If you are overweight, a small loss of only five per cent of your initial weight can really help.

Professor Caterson said to lose weight, people

- 1 Eat breakfast
- 2 Include vegetables or salad with meals
- 3 Choose fruit as a snack
- 4 Replace full fat food and drinks with reduced fat alternatives
- 5 Choose wholegrain foods in place of more refined ones 6 Eat smaller serving sizes by using smaller
- plates and cups 7 Eat slowly and stop when you are satisfied,
- not stuffed full 8 Eat when you genuinely feel hungry rather than for emotional or other reasons
- 9 Swap sweetened beverages such as cordial,
- soft drink and juice with water/diet drinks 10 Sit at the table to eat your evening meal, not in front of the TV.

Blink, and you will miss it...

PEOPLE wanting to see Mandy Nicholson's Living Culture Murrenda yurrong wandamba project should not miss the opportunity - it's on for one night only.

The full moon outdoor twilight performance will be on 28 February at Melbourne's Abbotsford Convent on the final night of the In-Habit season.

It is an exhibition of youth portraits juxtaposed against Elders' portraits in the Wurundjeri Association Centre at the Abbotsford Convent.

The performance has two parts – sculpture and dance.

In-Habit is a month-long live arts event in February. Events will take place within the Convent and across the City of Yarra and include installation, durational performance, live art, dance, public forum, an intimate two-participant experience, soundscape, vocal performance, tours and a shop.

Eels, Dragons first up



PARRAMATTA and St George Illawarra will kick off the 2010 National Rugby League (NRL) season at 7.30pm (AEDT) on Friday 12 March at Parramatta Stadium.

Brisbane and North Queensland will launch the season in Queensland at Suncorp Stadium on the same night at 8.30 (AEDT).

Canterbury, Cronulla and Penrith will host the first Saturday clashes against Newcastle, Melbourne and Canberra respectively.

Gold Coast will welcome the Warriors for the first Sunday fixture of the season, with South Sydney facing the Sydney Roosters at ANZ

Stadium in the 3pm (AEDT) game.

Monday night football in 2010 will get under way with the Wests Tigers against Manly at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Defending premiers Melbourne will play their

Abbott to line up for Kookaburras

NDIGENOUS Northern Territory striker Des Abbott (pictured) has retained his place in the Australian men's hockey

team playing a three-test series against South Korea this week.

The matches will be played at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart on Thursday 28 January and on the following Saturday and Sunday. – AAP



Privateer to run new basketball competition

THE National Basketball League (NBL) is not involved in the proposed twenty20-style basketball competition set to take place in April, but the national league will watch the results with interest as the sport tries to gain some much-needed attention.

Using a similar format to cricket's Indian Premier League, the competition is slated to be held in Adelaide in April featuring eight privately-owned teams and \$250,000 in prizemoney.

The national league has made some strides in 2009-10, with a streamlined competition leading to one of the closest seasons on record, while teams in the major markets of Sydney and Brisbane are expected to re-join the NBL next year.

But basketball can still take all the help it can get in Australia and the proposed event could give it a welcome boost.

While Basketball Australia (BA) aren't directly involved, they will be keeping a close eye on the event

"The tournament is being organised by a private operator and isn't an NBL or BA sanctioned event," BA chief executive Larry Sengstock said.

"We will say however that anything that helps generate additional public interest in the sport of basketball is positive and we will be watching the tournament with interest."

Driven by former Melbourne Tigers and Brisbane Bullets chief executive Jeff Van Groningen, the event is set to be shown on One HD and will likely feature overseas-based players and no restrictions on the number of imports.

Players from other sports could also participate, with Hawthorn superstar Buddy Franklin being linked to the event.

It will be up to NBL clubs to decide whether they are prepared to release their players to compete.

There will be some rule changes, including a proposed power play when three-pointers will be worth four points. – AAP

first home fixture at Etihad Stadium before moving to their new stadium in May.

The Storm will host the Dragons in round four on the afternoon of Good Friday.

It will give the club a real opportunity of pulling in a bumper crowd, with no AFL fixtures taking place that day. – AAP

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EPM17234	Approx. 68 km WNW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17°40'S Long.138°15'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 235 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 72 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1371	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17883	Approx. 34 km WNW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.17*49'S Long.138*32'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area: 81 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1518 p, u, z 1519 l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1590 e, k 1591 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j	Teck Australia Pty Ltd 091 271 911
EPM17919 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 71 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°26'S Long.138°23'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 79 km SW from Doomadgee Centred at approximate Lat.18°31'S Long.138°23'E Local Government Area: Burke Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 39 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2093 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l 2094 a Area of Part 2: 32 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2165 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	Archeoptryx Resources Pty Ltd 125 301 206
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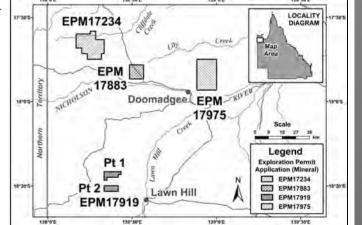
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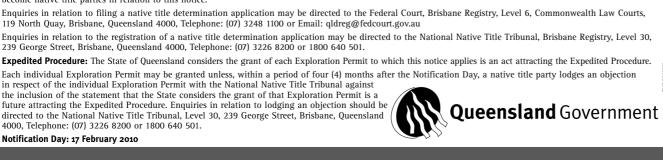
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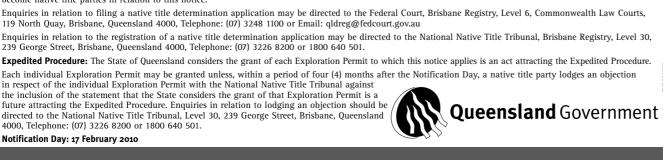
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Player of the carnival, bowler of the carnival



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The carnival was hosted by Ashgrove Marist College and games were played around Brisbane from 13-20 December.

Corey was awarded the Br Evan O'Halloran Trophy for Player of the Carnival, and Dillon Walford was awarded the Tony Lantry Trophy for Bowler of the Carnival.

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With the bat he finished the carnival with the highest average, batting four times for an aggregate of 128 runs, with a highest score of 59 and an average of 64.

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It was the 13th time the college had taken out the Stan McCabe Trophy for the top team of the carnival. The team remained undefeated

With wins over Sacred Heart College (SA), last year's winners Notre Dame (Shepparton, Vic), Lavalla (Taralgon, Vic), Trinity (Lismore, NSW) and Ashgrove (Brisbane, Qld), the 2009-10 team performed with grit, getting out of some tight situations.

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Katsidis keen to fight 'Choc'



ONE of Anthony Mundine's old undercard fighters wants a crack at The Man, but before boxing fans complain about another sub-standard opponent, the fighter in question is WBO interim lightweight world

champion Michael Katsidis. Mundine maintained his record of never having lost to another Australian by unanimously out-pointing fellow Sydneysider Robert Medley in a 12-round fight at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 11 January.

The result extended Mundine's winning streak to 15 fights and improved his professional record

His next fight is scheduled to be against The Contender reality TV show winner Garth Wood, who has had only eight professional fights in his

American-based Queenslander Katsidis would be prepared to move up three weight divisions to junior middleweight to fight Mundine, who was originally scheduled to box Medley in that category before changing it to a middleweight contest

Katsidis revealed Mundine had recently left a message on his website in which he praised his fighting ability and also reminded the Toowoomba-born boxer of his appearances on his undercards.

Fought on undercard

He fought on Mundine undercards in Sydney in 2002 and 2004 and the two men have also

Mundine has already defeated two of Katsidis' 2000 Australian Olympic team-mates in Danny Green and Daniel Geale.

Katsidis has compiled an impressive 26-2 record, with his only losses coming against world champions Joel Casamayor and Juan Diaz.

"This (fight) is something that would really lift the profile of the sport in Australia," Katsidis

"It's just not me, I think a lot of people would like to see that.

"The very first time it (a fight with Mundine) dawned upon me is when he flew over to watch me fight Casamayor.

"He came over to America and he stood next to me and I thought he's not that much taller.

"He's definitely not wider than me, in the shoulders, he's not as big as me.'

Katsidis wasn't worried about Mundine's famed hand speed.

"It's nothing different to the lightweights that I am experiencing over here. The speed of the guys is as fast, if not faster, so I am used to that,"

Now based in Las Vegas with his wife and baby daughter, Katsidis said Mundine was 'relatively unknown' in the United States.

Katsidis' manager and trainer Brendon Smith said he would give his full blessing to his charge fighting Mundine.

He stressed that Katsidis was not issuing a challenge to his compatriot.

Although genuinely interested in fighting Mundine, Katsidis' No 1 priority remains his mandatory challenge to WBO lightweight world champion Juan Manuel Marquez.

"I'm honouring the commitment with the WBO," said Katsidis.

If he doesn't fight Katsidis next, Marquez who has a 1 May date scheduled for his next fight - will be stripped of the title and the Australian will be recognised as the full WBO champion.

Maintained five-vear run

Mundine continued his five-year unbeaten run with a comfortable victory over Rob Medley in their non-world title fight at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 11 January.

"I'm the best, " Mundine said after the fight.

"And secondly I'm the best."

Mundine dominated the fight against a game and clever fighter in Medley, but neither boxer looked like landing a knockout blow.

The judges scored the bout 117-113, 117-115 and 117-112 in Mundine's favour, scores that seemed a little closer than the fight appeared.

"I knew I was the superior fighter," Mundine said. "I don't know what the judges were doing.

"He never hurt me, I wanted to knock him out, but he showed his fitness and preparation."

Medley had the odd moment and won some admirers, catching Mundine with a nice right to the temple in the fifth round, but 'The Man' never lost his composure and was a class

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM16753	Approx. 66 km NE from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.11°28'S Long.142°14'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 335 km² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2931 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 2932 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3003 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3004 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v, w 3075 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3076 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v 3146 e 3147 a, b, c, d, e	Gulf Alumina Pty Ltd 108 086 371
EPM18015	Approx. 41 km NE from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.11°39'S Long.142°07'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 47 km² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3146 j, n, o, r, s, v, w, x 3217 e, k 3218 a, b, c, h	Oresome Australia Pty Ltd 071 762 484

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Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003. Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

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Notification Day: 17 February 2010



2010 could be Hill's big year



EXCITING Indigenous youngster Stephen Hill could have a bumper Australian Football League (AFL) season in 2010, according to Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich. Hill was one of the

best signs coming out of Fremantle in 2009 with his lightning pace, ball-winning ability and great left boot.

He has bulked up a little over summer and Pavlich is excited at what he could offer, not only in 2010, but for years to come along with the likes of Nic Suban,

Hayden Ballantyne and Greg Broughton.

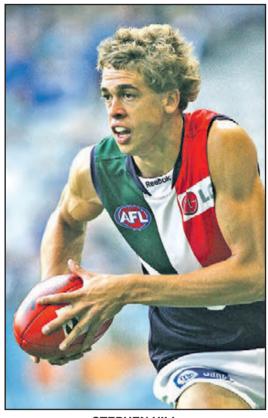
"He's certainly holding his body a lot better as compared with 12 months ago and that's no surprise given he's had time to mature and with a weights and strength program," the skipper said of Hill.

Exciting

"He's an unbelievably exciting player and with the things that he does he will be great for the Fremantle fans in the years to come.

"Stephen is looking bigger and stronger, but at the same time he still has that explosive pace. It's a delicate balancing act because you want him to stay the same Stephen Hill we recruited him as, but at the same time he has to be able to hold his own a little better than he did last year.'

With ten debutants from 2009 that should keep improving, a host of new draftees arriving along with the returning Adam McPhee, and Rhys Palmer, Ryan Crowley, Michael Johnson, Roger Hayden and Des Headland back to full fitness, Pavlich sees every reason to be positive. -AAP



STEPHEN HILL

No special deal for Thurston



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) Chief Executive David Gallop insists there will be no salary cap exemptions made to keep star halfback Johnathan Thurston in the

game. Thurston and agent Sam Ayoub held a meeting with Gallop and North Queensland Chief Executive Peter Parr on 18 January in Sydney, with several reports indicating the Queensland and Australia representative was thinking about a lucrative switch to rugby union.

But Gallop says there is no chance of the Cowboys star being granted special concessions when it comes to his contract to keep him in the NRL.

"We would love him to stay in the NRL, however we're not in a position to bend the salary cap rules for any player," he said.

Opportunity

"We spoke about the opportunity to use his profile to promote rugby league, particularly with his Indigenous background.

"While the game will definitely have increased revenue in the next few years, we need to balance the way that money is spent but clearly the elite players will share

Avoub, who said the meeting had been positive, claimed the issue isn't about getting concessions for Thurston, but ensuring a fairer deal for the game's elite players. He says the current situation is limiting top players' earnings and forcing them to switch codes or head overseas.

"We accept that they're restrained by that fact," Ayoub said when asked about the NRL's stance on the salary cap.

"We don't accept that they can't and shouldn't be able to do some things outside

"In saying that, we're not asking for Johnathan to be an exception to the rules.

"We're suggesting that some of those rules should be watered down to allow those elite players such as Johnathan to derive a greater income from the game."

Gallop said Thurston was facing some 'big decisions' over his future and refuted suggestions that Ayoub was making up interest from other codes to force up his client's value. - AAF

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EPC1697	Approx. 45 km SSE from Jericho Centred at approximate Lat.24°0'S Long.146°14'E Local Government Area: Barcaldine Regional Council and Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area: 482 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville and Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 154 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Charleville 27 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 28 a, f 99 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 100 a, f, l, q 171 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z Clermont 3267 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 3339 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3340 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 3411 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3412 a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766 (50%) Lodestone Exploration Limited 075 877 075 (50%)

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League 'crazy not to consider offers'



Brisbane, Melbourne in running to host grand final



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) boss David Gallop says the league would be 'mad' if it didn't consider offers to move the grand final to Brisbane or even Melbourne, Queensland Premier

Anna Bligh has said her Government would be 'playing hard' to attract the game's showpiece amid reports that the State would be prepared to pay up to six times as much as NSW does to host the event.

"It's no secret, we would love to host future NRL grand finals here in Queensland and we'll be playing hard to get them here," she said.

"We've got the fans, we've got the facilities, and we're a great holiday destination - where better place to host a grand final?'

The NRL's deal with the NSW Government, worth \$500,000 a year, expires in 2012.

"It's not just about money, but major events are things that state governments are chasing and we'd be mad not to have an open mind about that, particularly given the strength of the game already in Queensland," Gallop said.

He said he had been in 'preliminary discussions' with Queensland's major events body after exchanging correspondence with Ms Bligh earlier in the year.

He said no figure had yet been discussed, although the Seven Network reported between \$2 million and \$3 million was a possibility for a single grand final.

Gallop also said the traditionally non-league state of Victoria was also a potential host, although he was yet to have any discussions with officials.

"We've had a very successful relationship with Victoria in relation to State of Origin," he said.

"Potentially, I expect they'll be interested.

"At this stage it's a more logical fit for Queensland with three (NRL) teams up there, but I'm not discarding anything at this stage."

Gallop said the Super Bowl model in the US had proved a grand final played by two 'away' teams could work, but he was mindful of a backlash from traditionalists.

"Certainly, that's something to take into account, and that's not something that we would do lightly," he said.

"We accept that the traditional home of the grand final is Sydney, but we're going into this with an open mind.'

Gallop expected NSW would not let the game go without a fight.

"I'm comfortable that the NSW Government recognise the value of the grand final and I don't think they'd be letting it walk out of Sydney without putting up a good argument to keep it here," he said. - AAP

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EPM17230 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 113 km NE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°11'S Long.138°52'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2747 b, g, h, m, n	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
	Part 2: Approx. 110 km NE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°10'S Long.138°47'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2674 w, x 2746 c	
	Part 3: Approx. 113 km NE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°09'S Long.138°50'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2674 z	
EPM17437	Approx. 88 km ENE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°49'S Long.138°57'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3252 r, w	Legend International Holdings Inc 120 855 352
EPM17676	Approx. 54 km E from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°53'S Long.138°38'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 303 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 94 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3319	Syndicated Metals Limited 115 768 986
EPM17930	Approx. 125 km ENE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°22'S Long.139°09'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2894 d, e, j, k, o, p, u	Uramet Minerals Limited 124 251 396

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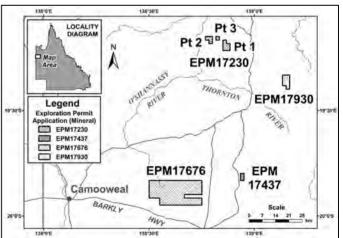
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Notification Day: 17 February 2010



Queensland Government



Beale clear to play... for now



WALLABIES and NSW star Kurtley Beale is free to play for the Waratahs, despite an assault charge hanging over his head.

The Wallabies utility back pleaded not guilty to one count of common assault in Mount Druitt Local Court on 13 January, but Australian rugby union officials say he won't face a playing ban similar to Test

team-mate Quade Cooper, who faces charges over an alleged burglary. Like Cooper, however, the game will haul Beale in front of a disciplinary tribunal once his

court case is completed. "Pending resolution of the court proceedings, at this stage he's eligible to play," an Australian Rugby Union spokesman said.

Beale was charged over an incident alleged to have occurred in the early hours of 18 July last year at Tregear, in western Sydney.

Reports said the alleged incident happened at a family birthday party and that the complainant was a female relative of Beale.

The 21-year-old's case has been adjourned until 5 February and his bail extended.

Beale is back training with NSW and was available for for the side's three Super 14 trial matches, the first of which was played in Lismore last weekend.

Clear for more games

The other two trials will take place before his next court hearing.

"Obviously it's before the courts and he's entitled to the presumption of innocence," the ARU spokesman said.

"The matter will be referred to a disciplinary tribunal, but that will be on hold until the resolution of the court proceedings.

"In the meantime he is free to resume training and he will be eligible for selection in the trials prior to that 5 February hearing."

Beale has some previous off-field form, but has kept his nose clean since having his driver's licence suspended for nine months for drink-driving in 2007.

He is receiving strong support from the

"We'll continue to support him at the court hearing," Chief Executive Jim L'Estrange said.

"It's been a difficult situation for him obviously. "He's come back very fit and he's obviously

very, very keen to play. "From a personality perspective he's feeling, despite the situation, very positive and looking

forward to the season." The Waratahs embark on a two-match tour to South Africa after their season-opener in

Brisbane. L'Estrange would not speculate on whether Beale, who made his Wallabies debut on last year's spring tour, would be travelling with the

NSW squad for the Super 14s opening rounds. "(That's) very pre-emptive on the basis that he's obviously pleaded not guilty," he said. - AAP



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum. 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Exploration Permit application/s applied for under section 31 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)

NUMBER	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
31/07-8 EP	DYNASTY METALS AUSTRALIA LTD	452.7 km²	The application comprises 6 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet (SH50 Perth) and is located in the Perth Basin. The South-East corner of the application is located approximately 14 kilometres North-West from the town of Mullewa. The application occupies an area of 452.7km² and falls partly within Mullewa Shire and partly within Chapman Valley Shire. The GDA coordinates of the application are: - NW corner (Lat 28"24"55.53"S, Long 115"15"05.06"E), - SE corner (Lat 28"24"55.52"S, Long 115"30"05.07"E).	Mullewa Shire (38.1%) Chapman Valley Shire (61.9%)
32/07-8 EP	DYNASTY METALS AUSTRALIA LTD	673.3km²	The application comprises 11 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet (SH50 Perth) and located in the Perth Basin. The South-East corner of the application is located approximately 15 kilometres North-West from the locality of Three Springs. The application occupies an area of 673.3km². The GDA coordinates of the application are: - NW corner (Lat 28°54′55.54″S, Long 115″55′05.09″E) - SE Corner (Lat 29°24′55.56″S, Long 115″50′05.11″E)	Mullewa Shire (2.6%) Morawa Shire (7%) Mingenew Shire (63.7%) Three Springs Shire (26.6%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permits, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years

Notification Day: 27 January 2010

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 27 April 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. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e 27 May 2010), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 in relation to the area

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). **Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:**

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17979 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 34 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°46'S Long.140°12'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 39 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°43'S Long.140°13'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 19 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3195 w 3267 b, g, m, n, o Area of Part 2: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3195 s, o, s, t	Phoenix Consolidated Pty Limited 133 410 303

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The approximate area of a Block is $80\ \text{square}$ kilometres. $3456\ \text{Blocks}$, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals

specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Old) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in

respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501

Notification Day: 17 February 2010

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BEING an elite athlete in two sports sometimes leads to painful decisions - and Bo De La Cruz recently found herself in that situation.

De La Cruz is an Australian representative in two sports – touch football and women's rugby union.

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Last weekend the Darwin champion was in New Zealand playing for Australia in a Trans-Tasman touch football clash.

Back in her home city, the Heineken Hottest 7s in

the World rugby tournament was being played. And missing from the Australian team was De La Cruz.

She threw the final pass that saw Australia overcome New Zealand in the inaugural women's World Cup Sevens tournament last March in Dubai.

Australian captain Cheryl Soon said the touch tournament had taken a few players away from

the Hottest 7s in the World event. "A few of them are in New Zealand, including

Bo, which is a shame," Soon said. "It is a shame it is on the same weekend. We have lost some good players."

De La Cruz was recruited from the touch ranks when rugby union scouts spotted her skills in 2008.

Soon thinks De La Cruz would not be the last touch player to cross over.

"We've been getting a lot of players from touch and I think we will definitely be getting a lot more," she said.

"With rugby now part of the Olympic Games it is going to be a lot more."

Jaylene a spectator

One of the spectators in New Zealand was top Darwin Indigenous touch footballer Jaylene Bonson.

She will join De La Cruz in the Australian Indigenous women's touch football team in New Zealand, taking part in the first World Indigenous touch football tournament.

The Indigenous women's team will be coached by Tamara Appo, while the men's team will be coached by her brother Aaron Appo.

The Koori Mail reported on 13 January that Bonson soon could face the same dilemma as De La Cruz - having to choose which sport - as she is also a top basketballer.

The 16-year-old has been selected in the Australian touch under-18 side preparing for the 2011 World Youth Championships.

She also is in the Australian under-17 basketball squad.

Simon in Matildas Asian Cup squad



INDIGENOUS goalkeeper Kyah Simon is one of 29 players Matildas coach Tom Sermanni selected for a training camp that will kick off the soccer squad's preparations for the

women's Asian Cup.

The four-day Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) camp began in Canberra last Thursday and was Sermanni's first chance to work with his players since the conclusion of the W-League season.

"These training camps over the next couple months will go a long way towards shaping the final squad in the lead-up to the Asian Cup," he said.

"It's now up to each player to prove that they deserve to be in the final squad that will travel to China in May."

The Matildas have been drawn in group B of the cup along with host nation China, Vietnam and South Korea.

The competition doubles as a qualifying tournament for the 2011 FIFA women's World Cup which will be held in Germany. Only the top three teams from Asia progress to the World

Australia is currently ranked 14 in the FIFA rankings and fourth within Asia. - AAP

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Permit (Refer to Diagram)			
ЕРС707	Approx. 39 km ESE from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.147°42'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional	Area: 134 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 42 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1197 z 1268 k, p, t, u, z	Talbot Group Exploration Pty Ltd 096 687 526 (50%)
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Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration

Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months

after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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Notification Day: 17 February 2010



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League: Who owns it?

Clubs set 12 March deadline for outcome



THE Australian Rugby League says it won't be rushed into a 12 March deadline to establish an independent commission for

Representatives from all 16 NRL clubs on Monday voted to support having the commission up and running by the start of the season, but ARL Chief Executive Geoff Carr said that would only happen if there was a suitable agreement with News Ltd.

The ARL and News Ltd are each 50 per cent owners of the NRL.

"The objective for ARL and News Ltd as far as I know is that in principle we agree to a commission, but we've got to get it right," Carr

"If it's achieved by then, well and good, but if it's still got some problems, you've just got to be careful you're not dealing with an unrealistic deadline.

"Certainly, there's no doubt that both the current partners have got a desire to work towards a commission.

"They're doing so and they may well do it by then, but that shouldn't be the be all and end all the date. The result is important, not the date.

"If it's the wrong result at that time, you've got

The 18 January meeting in Sydney brought together NRL chief executives, chairmen, coaches and club captains.

After hearing a one-hour presentation on how the commission negotiations were progressing and what shape the future authority on the game would take, three resolutions were reached.

They were:

- The 16 NRL clubs represented agreed to create, and to support, an independent commission for the administration of rugby league in Australia
- The commission is to be truly independent from its inception
- The date for the establishment of the commission is to be the date of kick-off of the 2010 NRL season if possible.

South Sydney Chief Executive Shane Richardson, who has played a leading role in the move to establish a

commission, said the backing of the clubs was an important step for the game.

"This is the first time in the history of the game that not only are the clubs on board but also the coaches and the players," Richardson said.

"It's a very important statement and I've got no doubt the members and fans are absolutely supportive of it too.

"It's an opportunity for the ARL and News Ltd to hand the game back to the game itself."

Independence

Brisbane Chief Executive Bruno Cullen said one of the key components to the new commission would be its independence.

"While the NRL Partnership Committee would select the initial members, it wouldn't be a case of the ARL select three

and News Limited pick three delegates," Cullen said.

"We would seek from the partners that it would be a truly independent commission with absolutely no allegiance to the existing owners of the game or the stakeholders of the clubs from the date of inception.

Penrith captain Petero Civoniceva said he was excited by the proposed commission and that NRL players were fully behind the move.

"I think with just the people in the room, all the club captains and CEOs, it's just a sign of the support the concept has,' Civoniceva said.

"For us as players, it was really enjoyable to sit in on the meeting and hear the whole process that has been taken over the past year or so.

"It's pretty exciting." - AAP

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EPC1690	Approx. 129 km SW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.22°04'S Long.146°20'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 260 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 82 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1683	Linc Energy Limited 076 157 045

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Notification Day: 17 February 2010

Henry pulls the plug on **Origin post** NDIGENOUS All Stars and North Queensland

coach Neil Henry has quit as Mal Meninga's right-hand man with the Queensland State of Origin team to focus solely on the National Rugby League (NRL).

Henry's role as head coach Meninga's assistant has coincided with the Maroons' unprecedented four straight Origin series wins since 2006

The Cowboys boss has been widely credited with adding the tactical nous to Origin great Meninga's inspirational presence in the Queensland dressing rooms.

But the Cowboys have suffered in his absence and missed the NRL finals last year after being widely tipped as premiership contenders when the season began.

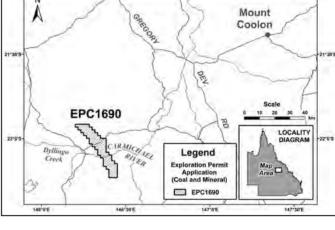
"Being part of the Queensland Origin coaching team is a rewarding experience, and I'm extremely grateful to the QRL for the opportunity and the offer to work alongside Mal Meninga again in 2010," former Canberra coach Henry said in a Cowboys statement last week. "I've thought long and hard about this and, to give the Cowboys every opportunity to succeed in 2010, I won't be part of Origin.

"While we've always been actively coaching for the club in the lead-up to matches, albeit from a distance, it does take a degree of focus away from the competition.

'Origin is traditionally a challenging time for us, with some of our club stars out of the mix representing their State, but everyone is in the same boat so we want to make sure we make the most of it."

Cowboys strength and conditioning coach Billy Johnstone will also step down from his role with the Maroons, which he has held since 1998.

"While I've been part of Origin for over a decade, the Cowboys' fitness, match preparation and injury management over a long, tough season ahead are the most important things for me," he said. - AAP



The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Queensland Government

NRL All Stars voting will end tomorrow



FANS have voted Israel Folau, Billy Slater, Kurt Gidley and Anthony Watmough as their top picks for the NRL All Stars side to meet the

Indigenous All Stars at Skilled Stadium, Gold Coast, on Saturday 13 February.

With voting now closing a day earlier – at midnight (AEDT) tomorrow (28 January), people have little time left to shape who will face the Indigenous All Stars in the inaugural Harvey Norman All Stars clash.

More than 12,000 fans have selected their NRL All Stars team, but the final line-up is still undecided, making it more important than ever for fans to cast their

Voting in this final stage has been moved forward a day to allow the NRL All Stars team a longer preparation.

Fans can cast their votes as to who should join automatically selected internationals Darren Lockyer, Benji Marshall, Cameron Smith and Adam Blair to wear the NRL All Stars

NRL All Stars coach Wayne Bennett Bennett has provided the public with his guide for the team by dividing the 64 shortlisted players into his preferred positions.

Positions assured

Bennett has already appointed Lockyer at five-eighth, Marshall at half, Smith at hooker and Blair in the front row.

He has assigned each of the 64 short-listed players in the position he wants the public to consider them for and players can only be voted for in one of

their designated position/s.

The first representative to be voted into the NRL All Stars team will be the player who receives the highest number of overall votes for a single position. This will mean that no other player from that representative's club will be eligible to make the team.

The next player selected for the team will have recorded the second highest number of overall votes for a single

If a player is unable to play due to injury, he will be replaced by someone from the bench. Another player, from the injured player's club, will fill the bench spot - the new player having recorded the second highest number of votes from that club, either as a forward, back or utility, depending on the position needed for the bench.

Rip Curl Pro spot for Koori **surf winner**



A WILDCARD entry into the Rip Curl Pro pre-trials awaits the men's open winner of the 11th Woorrangalook Victorian Koori Surf Titles at Urquhart Bluff, near Aireys

Inlet, Great Ocean Road, on 13-14 February. There is one catch: The wildcard entrant must be from Victoria.

Organiser Steve Parker said the two-day event would cater for Indigenous surfers from the beginners to the experienced.

Last year's titles attracted 217 competitors. The 2010 event will open with a welcoming ceremony, followed by a coaching clinic in the morning of 13 February.

Competition will start after lunch with age heats running continuously. The finals will be on the second day, with the men's open and the tag team event being the highlights.

The men's open winner will gain a wildcard entry into the Rip Curl Pro pre-trials at Bells Beach in Easter.

The tag team event on 14 February will consist of teams from Victoria Police, CFMEU, Parks Victoria, Surf Life Saving Victoria and a Koori team.

Details: steve.parker@lifesavingvictoria.

Kelly unconcerned by

traitor inferences

club.

the 2012 AFL season.

The inspirational former Swans skipper confirmed his role last Wednesday as a talent identification officer for the club that will debut in

"I think the opportunity that we are presenting the kids in southern NSW is what really excites me most," said Kelly, who hails from Wagga

We are providing these kids with a strong

"There might be a few people out there that

"It's about creating a better opportunity for

local kids to realise their full potential in AFL and

have a realistic chance to make it through to the

The Brownlow Medallist, who played 234

games for the Swans from 1990 to 2002, will join

head coach Kevin Sheedy from 1 February. – AAP

pathway with the opportunity to potentially play

AFL at the highest level, it's something that

will call me a traitor, but it really is about the

hasn't been done there before.

SYDNEY Swans Australian Football League (AFL) great Paul Kelly says he is ready to be labelled a traitor for joining the Western Sydney AFL expansion

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPC1701	Approx. 62 km NNE from Hughenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°24'S Long.144°33'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council	Area: 404 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 126 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 224 t, u, x, y, z 293 s, t, u, w, x, y, z 294 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 295 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 296 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 297 a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 298 l, q 365 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 366 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Eastern Australia Energy Pty Ltd 134 371 029

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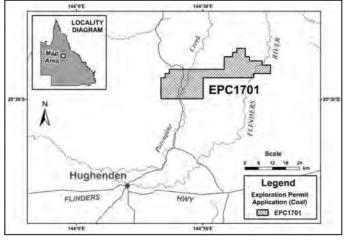
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rugby league knockout carnival is to return to Toowoomba and the

bigger picture.

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KO at Toowoomba AFTER an absence of 20 years, a

> Queensland Darling Downs. The Toowoomba Warriors Reunion Committee will hold the knockout at the Toowoomba

Newtown Rugby League Club on Saturday 30 January.

Spokesman Laurie Stewart said there had not been a knockout in the region since 1989 and the committee felt it was time to hold another one.

The Warriors ceased as a club in 1993, but a reunion was held a couple of years ago and it was a resounding success.

Stewart said that following on from that, it was decided to hold a knockout carnival.

He said one of the Warriors' stars was Dick Rose, who also captained the representative Toowoomba side in an era when the city was dominant in Queensland rugby league.

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The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Chad Reed sixth highest sports earner

NDIGENOUS motocross star Chad Reed has come in at number six in a list of Australia's top 50 sports earners.

The list is compiled by Business Review Weekly

Reed is said to have earned \$8.8 million in 2009 and is one of four involved in motor sport to have made the top ten.

Golfer Greg Norman retained his place at the top of the list, with earnings of \$15 million. Most of Norman's earnings these days come from off the golf course.

The big improver in the money stakes was basketballer Andrew Bogut, who climbed from fifth in 2008 to second in 2009, earning \$14 million.

The 25-year-old Milwaukee Bucks star's

five-year, \$US60 million (\$A65 million) contract extension has kicked in for the current NBA season and Bogut has responded with his most productive season, averaging 15.1 points and 10.4 rebounds a

Harry Kewell remained our best-paid football player despite his earnings dipping from \$10.5 million to \$9.5 million as he continues to ply his trade at Turkish club Galatasaray.

Formula One ace Mark Webber (\$9 million) was next best, one of four involved in motor sports that made the top ten ahead of motocross star Chad Reed (\$8.8 million), NASCAR driver Marcos Ambrose (\$5.44 million) and 2007 MotoGP world champion Casey Stoner (\$5 million).

Geoff Ogilvy (\$6.34 million) was the highest full-time golfer on the list, while Lleyton Hewitt has dropped out of the top ten and watched his earning power shrink from \$6.6 million to \$2.88 million.

Australia's cricketers remained the best paid locally-based sportsmen even if they spent much of each year crossing the

Skipper Ricky Ponting (\$4.26 million) was the sport's top earner despite never having really cashed in on the lucrative Indian Premier League.

The top ten Australian money earners

1 Greg Norman (golf) \$15m

2 Andrew Bogut (basketball) \$14m

3 Harry Kewell (soccer) \$9.5m

4 Mark Webber (motor sport – Formula

5 Chad Reed (motor sport - motocross)

6 Geoff Ogilvy (golf) \$6.34m

7 Marcos Ambrose (motor sport -NASCAR) \$5.44m

8 Casey Stoner (motor sport - MotoGP)

9 Robert Allenby (golf) \$4.93m 10 Tim Cahill (soccer) \$ 4.6m

Source: The list is compiled by BRW journalists and includes gross wages, prizemoney, sponsorships and endorsements for 2009. - AAP

Boxing put on hold

Carl Webb told to focus on footy

By ALF WILSON



HIS professional boxing career may have been put on hold, but Queensland State of Origin, NQ Cowboys, and

Indigenous All Stars forward Carl Webb continues to spar in the lead-up to a big fight night in Townsville on 13 February.

Former NRL star John Hopoate will fight Michael Kirby in the main bout at the Townsville Entertainment Centre on the same night as Webb represents the Indigenous rugby league All Stars against the NRL All Stars on the Queensland Gold Coast.

Former Test front-rower Webb made an unsuccessful debut as

a professional boxer on 11 January when he lost to heavyweight Scott Lewis in Sydney.

Webb fought the main undercard on Anthony 'The Man' Mundine's non-world title bout with Rob Medley.

Hot favourite Webb was all over Lewis in the opening round, showing a nice array of punches which he displayed in six unbeaten amateur bouts a decade earlier.

Commentators were predicting Webb would win by knockout in the bout scheduled for four two-minute rounds.

Format changed

But the contest was extended to three-minute rounds, even though Webb had trained for the shorter ones.

Webb and Lewis traded heavy punches and the bout was a crowd-pleaser, watched by a huge live crowd and on pay television.

Webb showed courage and survived a standing eight-count during the third round. He battled on, even though he was shaken and out of breath.

Then, with one second remaining in the round, the referee ended the bout and Lewis won by TKO.



Webb's own boxing career has been put on hold by Cowboys officials - at least until the end of his football career and he is looking forward to being part of the Indigenous All Stars team.

"Having been involved in a number of Indigenous teams, it has always been a dream to play in a team with all the top

players," Webb told The Koori Mail.

"To have legends like Ronnie Gibbs, Cliff Lyons and Gorden Tallis involved only makes me more grateful to be involved in the original event."

Since weeks before his Sydney bout, Webb has been a regular at the Dragon Do Jo Club Gym in Townsville, sparring boxers who will compete on the Hopoate undercard.

Two fighters he has sparred regularly have been Queensland heavyweight champion Mick King and Brian Pearson, who has won a number of toughman

King and Pearson will fight on 13 February on the Hopoate

"I am really looking forward to the Indigenous All Stars game," Webb said during a short break from punching the bag.

Improved

King was there and was glowing in his praise of Webb. He said Webb had improved 'in leaps and bounds' since the loss

"Carl trained for two-minute rounds and ran out of puff when they went the extra minute. He has been great to spar and the pressure he was under against Lewis was enormous," King said.

"It wasn't just a backyard brawl, but was televised nationally and may have been watched by hundreds of thousands. I think he will do well if he continues with boxing and he is training strongly here.'

Promoter Scott Lindgren said Webb has been an enormous drawcard at the gym and was a popular man.

"Carl has been just great and the boys all look up to him," Lindgren said.

Likely fighter

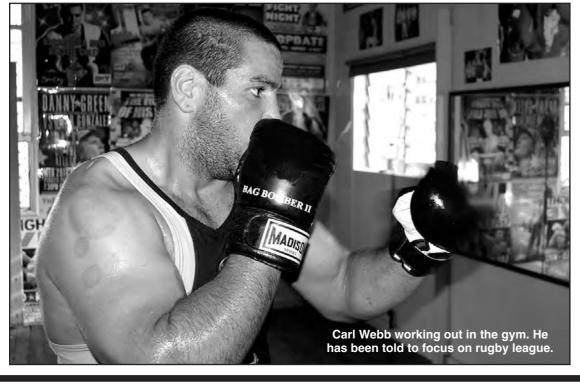
He said he expected former Palm Island professional Peter Bonner would fight on the Hopoate undercard.

"I have to find a boxer to take on Bonner," Lindgren said.

Palm Island Boxing trainer Ray Dennis told The Koori Mail that Bonner now lived in Townsville and was being trained by Dennis Clancy at Hawks

The Daisy Cup Indigenous rugby league carnival is being held at the Townsville Sports Reserve on the same weekend as the gala fight night, and Lindgren reckons many visitors with out-of-town teams will be at the fights.

"We will have eight fights and some martial arts bouts as well," he said.



Launching pad for the future

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist PRESTON CAMPBELL

HE All Stars game on 13 February and the expectation around the clash continues to grow.

All the boys are excited, although we all feel for Justin Hodges, who will miss the match due to a freakish injury at training.

Justin will still be part of the team in our eyes, as will Matty Bowen and Timana Tahu, who would have been in the side selected by the pubic if it were not for injury and suspension.

That being said, these circumstances have provided the opportunity for the likes of Blake Ferguson to be called into the

Last year the selectors picked a young Jamal Idris into the Dreamtime team and look at the year he had.

As excited as I am to be playing with the likes of Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis, I am equally excited about the opportunity of playing alongside Ferguson, Waddell and Thompson.

They are the frontline of the next generation of exceptional Indigenous

I am certain that all these players will not only benefit from the experience, but that they will also rise to the occasion.

They will not be the only ones who will have to perform on the night because we will all have to be 'on song' if we are to beat what is building as a formidable opposing team.

Classy opponents

Any team with the guaranteed quartet of Darren Lockyer, Cameron Smith, Adam Blair and Benji Marshall provide the nucleus of a top side.

According to the latest poll, you can also start to pen in the names of Billy Slater, Anthony Watmough, Israel Folau and Kurt Gidley.

This is before the likes of Dally M Player of the Year Jarryd Hayne get a mention.

Which brings me to the major point of this article.

All the boys will be bursting with pride and will be doing everything possible to win the game.

But that pride will not diminish if we

somehow fail to win the game.

We would be devastated if we were to lose – and we are not contemplating failure

What I am trying to say is that the pride will be there when we pull that jersey on as it will represent who we are, who we represent and all our hopes for the future.

It will represent the culmination of a week that celebrates all that is good about the game and the importance of the game to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Spirit of respect

It will celebrate what the game will provide to communities through the programs that will be funded as a result of the work of all involved in the game -Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

So we hope that all our supporters will celebrate the week in this spirit and respect the significance that it is to be played on the anniversary of the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations.

My family - like so many families was affected by this period in our history and I want the game to be a symbol of respect to our people and the Prime Minister's apology to our people.

I also want the game to be a source of inspiration to the next generation so that they can move forward believing that their dreams can be achieved.

It would be great for all our children to see a crowd inspired by this spirit of co-operation and hope.

People should not under-estimate the support of the rest of the players in the NRL and all the NRL clubs.

The NRL All Stars will be led by

Darren Lockyer, who may well be playing his last representative game, but who has championed the game from the start.

The NRL players will also include players of Polynesian and Islander descent and may even include an English player in Gareth Ellis.

All of these players have been united by the spirit of what the game symbolises and the benefits it will bring to kids in all our communities.

It is our chance as Indigenous peoples to respond to this true spirit of reconciliation by displaying to a national television audience that we can all be united by a cause.

Rugby League may have its ups and downs in the public eye, but its great strength is that it has always been a game of the people.

It brings people and communities together in an environment where you are judged on your spirit and your talent.

Rugby League is not perfect and there have been times when some of our people have felt they have been treated unfairly.

Brotherhood

But at its best, the brotherhood of rugby league can unite people of all backgrounds in a way that creates a sense of unity that is unique to sport.

We would not have ten per cent of players in the NRL coming from an Indigenous background if this was not the

Let's take the opportunity to celebrate the week and the game in this spirit.

Let us all recognise the past and look to the future at the same moment.

Let the game provide the stage for us all to build a platform for the future.

Young guns train with Gold Coast



NORTHERN Territory Thunder young guns Steven May and David Kruse are the latest Territorians to be invited to train with the new Australian Football League (AFL) club, the Gold Coast.

The two youngsters have spent a week on the Gold Coast under the eye of coach Guy McKenna.

They were accompanied by NTIS AFL coach Brett Hand.

The Gold Coast coaching and recruiting staff observed the two potential recruits as they were subjected to an intense week of AFL level training which saw them tested physically and mentally.

Gold Coast playing list strategy

manager Scott Clayton said his club was 'really respectful of our relationship with

"We have zoning rights to the NT for the next 12 months so we're definitely keen to work closely with the Thunder program as we look out for more recruits," he said.

"We have been pleased with the outcome to date, with the selections of Michael Gugliotta, Liam Patrick and Roland Ah Chee on our list.'

For NTIS and Thunder under-18 Coach, Brett Hand, the week on the Gold Coast was an opportunity to work closely with McKenna and his coaching group.

The Gold Coast will enter the AFL competition in 2011 after debuting this year in the Victorian Football League (VFL).

Finally, financial reward for soccer's Matildas

USTRALIA'S female soccer stars will small cost of living monthly payments receive match payments for the first time under a new contract agreement released last week.

While nowhere near the money paid to their male counterparts, the Matildas will earn between \$500 and \$1000 per match at this year's Asian Cup as well as six-month retainers of up to \$17,000.

A minimum of 23 players will be contracted under the three-tier system when they are offered six-month deals to take them through to the Asian Cup in Chengdu, China, from 19-30 May.

Matildas defender Kate McShea, who was part of a players' committee which negotiated the deal, said it was a big step forward for the women's game in

Previously, the Matildas received

and all of the squad work fu study.

"It's guaranteed income which will hopefully help us focus more on football," McShea said.

"We'll still have financial worries, but they'll be a bit less of a burden.

Our entire budget is probably what one Socceroo gets but in terms of female sports we're sitting pretty good.

"We've definitely come a long way." McShea said the agreement had been in negotiations for about six months and wouldn't have gone ahead without the support of Professional Footballers Australia.

A new arrangement will be negotiated by July to take the Matildas through to the 2012 Olympics. - AAP



Magic⁹s MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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HEN you read this article, I will already be on a twoweek tour of South Africa with the 2010 Indigenous Youth Team - the Flying Boomerangs.

In relation to coming to terms with retirement from playing the game, my role with this team is a privilege I will relish and also see as an exciting challenge.

To be part of a coaching group including fellow AFL Indigenous Ambassadors Chris Johnson and David Wirrpanda is a challenging new frontier for me.

These are the third Flying Boomerangs and we will play two matches against the South African Lions and hold football clinics in Mafeking and Cape Town.

Off the field, our 25-player squad will also visit Johannesburg's Apartheid Museum, Nelson Mandela's

home, the Hector Pieterson Memorial and the Regina Mundi Church, Pilanesberg National Park, Cape Town's Table Mountain and Robben

The potential overall impact on the lives of these young players cannot be overstated.

These kids will not just learn about another culture.

They will learn about themselves, their own identity and, hopefully, gain a fuller appreciation of our own culture.

The AFL should be congratulated for maintaining this initiative as it has provided a stepping stone for many of our young players to the AFL level.

But the initiative is much larger than just game development or talent identification.

AFL Foundation Chief Executive Jason Mifsud said the tour would benefit and promote both nation's indigenous programs and international development.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for these young men to develop on and off the field," he added.

"The tour will also share the AFL's experience of utilising sport as a vehicle to generate lifestyle outcomes for Indigenous people and communities.

The AFL has identified South Africa as the priority market for the international development of the code.

AFL South Africa now has more than 15,000 participants across four provinces -Gauteng, North West, Kwa Zulu Natal and Western Cape.

But it is the social outcomes delivered through sport that will be part of the lasting legacy of these tours.

However, my main focus will be on the personal development of the young players under my charge.

As I said earlier, experiences such as these can be life-changing.

And the main catalyst for change can be the simple realisation that there are other people in this world that face not only similar challenges to ourselves, but sometimes have to confront even larger obstacles to achieve their goals.

Eye-opener

I am certain some experiences in the trip will be an eye-opener for some of our

They will also have the opportunity to share and experience the traditions of cultures that have been maintained for centuries like our

And in sharing and experiencing I hope that they will develop or deepen their appreciation of our own heritage and the many cultures that are part of the Indigenous landscape of Australia.

And part of this will be growing as individuals through the trip.

For many it will be there first extended trip away from home and their first step towards independence.

For the great majority it will be their first trip away from the shores of Australia and the comfort zone of your home soil.

The trip will be one of many firsts for these kids.

And it is along the path of these challenges that we first start to discover our own identity.

We sometimes find strengths that we never knew we had. And we are also sometimes

brought back to earth when we find that we are not as good as we thought we were.

But above all, we begin to understand what is important

We can begin to appreciate the importance of family or the positive influence of those close

We begin to define our goals and what we hope to achieve even if that is only in the short

Overall, we begin to develop and define those values that shape who we are and what we stand for.

An important part of this will be gaining that appreciation of the culture of our opponents.

The exchanges off the field will be as important as those on

I must admit, however, that I am looking forward to putting on my coach's hat and influencing the players' development on the field.

While we will be teaching them skills that will assist in their pathway to the AFL, we will be also conscious of allowing the players to display their natural ability and the flair which has become the Aboriginal trademark of our game.

In an upcoming edition, I will file my report on the trip and hopefully include some of the images we capture as we progress around the country.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



The 2009 Flying Boomerangs in Papua New Guinea.

Indigenous stars shine

By PETER ARGENT



SEVEN players with Indigenous heritage were a part of the Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) held from 3-14 January at

Albury-Wodonga, on the NSW-Victorian

For the first time in the competition's 26 seasons, the Northern Territory was invited to compete - and came away with the championship trophy.

The NT Strike team was coached by Northern Territory personality and Australian under-19 cricketer from the early 1990s Ken Vowles, with talented batting all-rounder Darcy Short (see

separate story) as one of its stars.

Going into the final day of the championships, the Northern Territory and NSW were equal leaders, each with 25 points, separated only by percentages.

The Strike's comeback against Western Australia after a difficult first day of play resulted in the NT securing the first innings points and taking pole position

Although NSW made a highly competitive 9/302 against Victoria on day one of the final match, the Strike won the title thanks to their outright victory against the ACT Comets at the Kiewa Cricket Ground in round five.

Strike coach Vowles was ecstatic with the championship win.

"I am very proud of the Strike players and their fantastic achievement in winning a national championship," he said. "They have demonstrated great skill, determination and sportsmanship and it is the most significant and outstanding achievement a Northern Territory cricket team has ever had."

'Very proud'

NT Cricket CEO Andrew Ramsay, who watched the NT team take out the national title, said: "The association is very proud of the senior Strike team.

"They have played excellent cricket and represented themselves and the Territory in the best possible way."

Vowles said 19-year-old Short had the ability to be a very good first-class player.

"As a batsman he has the ability to do anything he wants - and some," Vowles said.

"He has every shot in book and get runs from good balls, with a range of shots all around the wicket.

"Darcy's left-arm spinners just adds to the whole package.

"And he is able to bowl left-arm quick and he proved during the trials in Darwin – bowling upwards of 130 km/h.

"A true natural talent – the sky is the limit for Darcy."

The NSW side which included Aboriginal players captain Jeff Cook and Southern Cricket League left-arm orthodox spinner Michael Coulter finished

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captain Jeff Cook turns a ball



Cook at the helm

N a full cricket career where he has made first-class hundreds and collected five-wicket hauls, Jeff Cook achieved his greatest captaincy honour during the 2010 Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) in Albury-Wodonga.

At the second annual marquee match, where the ACCC played the Australian Cricket Association (ACA) in a Twenty/20 contest at Lavington Panthers Oval on Saturday evening 10 January, the NSW leader for the last three seasons was honoured with captaincy of the Australian Country XI.

In front of a boisterous crowd of about 1600, and played in extreme heat, the Australian Country XI went down by just four runs.

The ACA scored 7/127 and the Australian Country XI replied with 8/123.

"We should have really won the match from the position we were in with two overs to go, needing 15 runs from 12 balls with wickets still left in the shed," Cook said.



JEFF COOK

"But we panicked a bit and the experience of the ACA side showed at critical moments.

"It was a good experience and there was a lot of talent in the Australian Country combination.'

Cook made an important 18 runs, which did not include a boundary, batting in the middle

order, before being dismissed by fellow Indigenous cricketer and South Australian Outbacks coach Jason Gillespie, caught behind by Phil Emery.

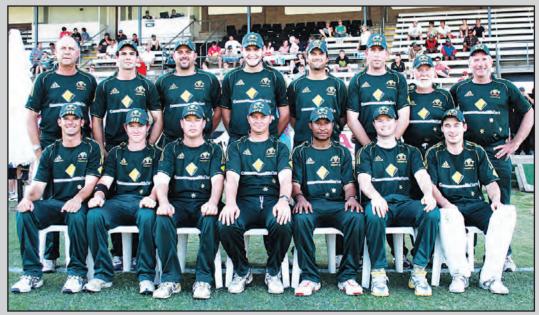
Gillespie, who finished with the impressive figures of 1/17 from his full allotment, was one of the experienced campaigners who navigated the ACA to victory.

In this form of the game, where Gillespie was one of the recruiting coups for the rebel Indian Premier League team the Ahmedabad Rockets, the 259-Test-wicket quick bowled no less than 12 dot balls during his spell.

Young Indigenous left-handed all-rounder Darcy Short secured the man of the match honours for his 3/28 with the ball.

At the completion of the tournament, Cook, who made 238 runs at a strong average of 47.60, including two half-centuries, was named as captain of the ACCC 2010 team of the year.

Players were presented with their caps by Jason



The Australian Country XI for the match against the Australian Cricketers Association. The captain, Jeff Cook, is in the centre front row, and the other Indigenous player is Darcy Short (front row, second left).

at Aust Country carnival

From facing page

Cook's championship performance was impressive and consistent, finishing with 238 runs at an average of 47.6, including two half-centuries and a highest score of 61 against Victoria.

His run of scores over the titles was 54, 7 not out, 16, 27 not out, 35, 38 and 61.

Cook's best figures were 2/5 from four overs against traditional rivals Queensland.

Young tweeker Coulter finished with eight wickets at a more-than-respectable average of 23.8, and a strike rate of a wicket every six-and-a-half overs.

His best figures, in this his first trip to the

national country championships, were in the contest against East Asia-Pacific at the Bethanga Cricket Ground, where he claimed 3/44 from 9.4 overs in the 50-over contest.

The third-placed Queensland side had two Indigenous cricketers from Cairns - strongly built quick Glen Martin and off-spinning all-rounder Barry Wearne.

Eight wickets

Martin, who is also a handy lower-order batsman, had a best effort of 29 against the ACT. He also claimed eight wickets during the championships, including two three-wicket hauls against the eventual winners the NT Strike and South Australia.

His 3/22 from 7.5 overs with three maidens was an important component in the Bulls thrilling defeat of the Northern Territory.

Off-spinner Barry Weare's most productive effort with the ball was also against the NT Strike, where he took 3/31 from his ten overs.

Weare made an enterprising 34 when the Bulls chased down the SA Outbacks' formidable total of 364.

The man regarded as Australia's first Test cricketer with Indigenous heritage - Jason Gillespie - coached the SA franchise, the Outbacks, but despite a number of fine individual performances, his troops could only secure one win in a Twenty/20 contest on the opening day.



JASON GILLESPIE



Queensland right-arm quick



Queensland all-rounder

wickets, averaging

23.8 runs a wicket.



He's Short by name, but long on talent

NORTHERN Territory Institute of Sport Indigenous cricket star Darcy Short has dominated with the willow over the past couple of tournaments he's played in.

At the National under-19 championships in Canberra during the last couple of days of November and early December, Short was the Northern Territory's outstanding batsman, making 320 runs at an average 45.71 and an impressive strike rate of 91.2.

This performance included four half-centuries and a top score of 80 (run out) against South

After a relatively quiet start, Short found a rich vein of form, which saw him reel off four successive 50s against the best young talent in the game.

Batting in the important number-three position, the aggressive left-hander produced a 60 (51 balls faced) against Western Australia, followed by 78 (66 balls) in the contest with

Then, following his 80 against the SA Redbacks, he finished with a powerful 64 (60 balls) against host side the ACT.

His efforts in the nation's capital earned Short selection in the team of the championships.

Short's scorching form with the bat continued at the Australian Country Cricket Championships (ACCC) in the NSW-Victorian border centre of Albury-Wodonga.

For the NT Strike side that collected the title at its first attempt, Short was the team's outstanding batsman, making 318 runs at an average of 53.

The highlight was a brilliant 107 not out against Victoria, reeling off 16 boundaries and a couple of sixes. His century came off just 67 balls in 77

"I gave a chance on 98, but it was as good as I've hit 'em," Short said about the innings.

"It was great to be a part of a side that has won the Northern Territory's first national title.

"I've also had a couple for years at the Woodville District Cricket Club in Adelaide, but I've decided to have a break this summer.

"I'm every chance of going back next season." Along with his century, Short, who has played senor cricket in Darwin with his father Lachlan, also produced three half-centuries at the ACCC. These included an unbeaten 53 against New South Wales in a Twenty/20 contest and a pair of 50s against the ACT in an outright victory which proved critical in the Strike's title win.

His best performance with the ball was 3/41 against Queensland in round three.

Made Australian team

Adding to his performances with the NT Strike, Short was also selected as a member of the Australian XI for the second annual clash against the Australian Cricketers Association

In this Twenty/20 fixture, Short wasn't successful with the willow, but claimed three wickets with his left-arm orthodox spinners to claim man-of-the-match honours.

From his four overs, Short collected the figures of 3/28, with his victims including Michael Di Venuto (the man with more first-class runs than any Australian over the past decade), South Australian all-rounder Ben Johnson and former Test left-hander Darren Lehmann.

He was the fourth highest run-scorer in the ACCC titles and at the completion of the event was also selected in the Australian Country XI 'team of the titles'



Northern Territory coach Ken Vowles and NT player Darcy Short.

League in the wet

By ALF WILSON



AURUKUN, Mapoon, Napranum and Weipa teams look certain to take part in a Cape York wet season rugby

league competition set to start next month.

Nine rounds are planned, with the season opener on 27 February, semi-finals on 19 June and the grand final on 26 June.

Former North Queensland Cowboys and NSW State of Origin coach Graham Murray will be a special guest at the season launch on Friday 26 February.

Selection trial

During the season a representative side will be picked to play against another from the Northern Peninsula Area. That game will double as a selection trial for the Torres-Cape team to compete in the 2010 Foley Shield.

Last year six Cape York-based players - Garreth Smith, Andrew Sampson, Teleke Kofe, Jason Nixon, Jimmy Baira



Cicely Baira with her husband Jimmy Baira.

and David Westley represented Torres-Cape, which reached the final of the Foley

Shield in Townsville, losing 32-22 to Innisfail-Eacham. In the qualifying games, Torres-Cape caused some upsets, beating Townsville, Cairns and a combined Mount Isa-Mid West side.

All of the Cape York representative players, with the possible exception of Westley, will play in the west season competition.

Westley said he 'may pull the boots from the cobwebs if any team is short'.

Governing body

The governing body for the wet season competition will be the Central Cape Suns, which was formed two years ago and competed as a regional team in the 2008 Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island.

The Suns held their annual meeting in December, and new secretary Cicely Baira said the new committee met on 13 January to develop a calendar for the first half of the year, which included the

wet season competition.

Mrs Baira is the wife of champion Weipa player Jimmy

"It is all happening in Weipa at the moment. Some flyers are around Weipa and the other centres to get the town interested and excited about rugby league again," she said.

The wet season competition that we will be running for the Weipa Rugby League Cup has already generated lots of interest, with four teams ready, so that is just fantastic.

"For this competition to be successful we will also need to secure referees for each week. There are plenty going around Weipa, so hopefully we can tap into some of that talent.'

Mrs Baira said it was exciting news to have such a well-known and respected identity in Graham Murray coming to Weipa for the Central Cape Suns' season launch dinner.

Junior league

The Central Cape Suns will also be taking over the junior rugby league in Weipa for 2010.

At the annual meeting a new committee was elected, with the president being Sarina Adams, secretary Mrs Baira, treasurer Margie Adidi and development officer David Westley.

Weipa-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL) development officer David Westley came up with the idea of the wet season competition.

After the wet season finals the cluster competition, which proved so successful in 2009, will start in June or July. Weipa Northern Force won that last year, beating Lockhart River in the final.

On a personal note, Mrs Baira and her husband are expecting a baby later in the

"Sarina and I are trying to get as much organised before I fly to Cairns on 26 January to prepare for the baby," Mrs Baira said.



Torres-Cape players from Cape York at the 2009 Foley Shield, back row from left, David Westley, Andrew Sampson, Garreth Smith, Jimmy Baira and Teleke Kofe; front, Jason Nixon.

Early start to Kaiwalagal league season

By ALF WILSON



THE Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition on Thursday Island will kick off earlier than normal in 2010 to accommodate representative games for men, women, and juniors.

KRL President Harry Cook said it was planned to have a pre-season competition on Saturday 20 February, with the season proper starting a week later on 27 February.

Mr Cook said four teams - Mulga Tigers, Waiben Roosters, Pioneer Knights and Suburbs – would compete in the competition.

"All representative games for men, women and juniors are happening within the first six months of the 2010 KRL season. This is the reason why KRL plans to commence competition early this year and every year from now on," he said.

The highlight of the representative season will be the bid by Torres-Cape to equal or better their mighty effort of 2009 in the prestigious Foley Shield

In its debut year, Torres-Cape defeated powerhouse centres Townsville and Cairns and a combined Mount Isa-Mid West outfit in qualifying games at Townsville Sports Reserve over the Easter long weekend.

A gallant Torres-Cape then lost 32-22 in the Foley Shield final to Innisfail-Eacham.

This year Torres-Cape will play a qualifying game in Cooktown in the lead-up to the remaining matches and finals at Townsville during May.

Last year the Torres Strait Islands boasted all but six of the Torres-Cape players, with the balance being from western Cape York.

Torres-Cape's chances will be further boosted with additional players aiming for

selection with the establishment of an Outer Islands competition.

The KRL enjoyed a boom 2009 season, with Mulga Tigers scoring a nail-biting 36-34 win over Roosters in the September grand final. That was courtesy of a Terry Baira try with seconds remaining in what was regarded as one of the best games on the island.

Pioneer Knights was also a force last year, narrowly losing the preliminary

Suburbs have reportedly gained some new quality players, which will make the 2010 season one of the most anticipated for years.

The junior sign-on will be held on Saturday 13 February for under-8, under-10, under-12, under-14 and under-16. There will be a sign-on fee of \$20, which will include shirt, cap, football, water bottle and bag.

It has not been decided how many women's teams will compete in 2010.



Chasing hat-trick

By GRAHAM HUNT



DEFENDING champions Queensland will take on Victoria in a Twenty/20

match on the opening day of the 2010 Imparja Cup cricket carnival in Alice Springs on Monday 8 February

The Maroons will be attempting to win the Cup for the third year in a row to make it their sixth victory in the Cup's ten-year history.

The first two days of the week-long carnival will involve Twenty/20 matches, with each team playing two games on each day.

The Queensland-Victoria game will be at Larapinta

In their afternoon game, the Queenslanders will be up against Western Australia at Albrecht Oval.

First appearance

On the second day, the Maroons will meet the ACT at Larapinta, then the Northern Territory in their first appearance at Traeger Park the Imparja Cup headquarters.

All teams will play 40-over games on days three, four and five, with Queensland drawn to meet Tasmania at Traeger Park on Wednesday 10 February, NSW at Larapinta on Thursday 11 February, and South Australia on Friday 12 February at Traeger Park.

The final will be at Traeger Park at 4.30pm on Saturday 13 February. The two teams finishing with the most points after meeting each other will play in the final.

Imparja Cup activities actually will start on Sunday 7 February when an Invitational Indigenous XI will take on the Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) Masters at Traeger Park.

The ACA team, made up of former Test and Sheffield Shield players, has been announced.

The game will start at 6pm and will be followed at 7.20pm by the Imparja Cup opening ceremony.

Welcoming barbecue

A feature this year will be a welcoming barbecue for players taking part in the Major Centres, Community and Women's divisions. It will be on Tuesday 9 February.

The Imparja Cup gala dinner again will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on Friday evening 12 February 12. NITV's Brad Cooke will be the compere for the event.

Another feature this year will be the centralised finals day at Traeger Park.

Organisers have scheduled the finals of all divisions to be held at Traeger Park in conjunction with the family day that includes children's activities and rides and games.



ABOVE: Queensland captain Bradley Stout accepts the Imparja Cup from **Imparja Television sales** manager Steve Rattray at the 2009 presentation.

LEFT: Some of the Darwin players who took part in the **Major Centres** competition last year, rear, from left, Ken Solien, **Jason Mortimer** and Arthur Croydon; front, William Alderson, **Robert Weribone** and Raymond

Imparja Cup program

Sunday 7 February 6pm, Feature match, **Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) Masters v Invitational** Indigenous XI, Traeger Park.

7.20pm, Imparja Cup opening ceremony.

Monday 8 February 9.30-11.30am, Schools super clinic, Traeger Park.

8am, Imparja Cup starts at Larapinta Oval, **Traeger Park and Albrecht Oval** (Twenty/20 format).

Tuesday 9 **February** 8am, Imparja Cup continues at Larapinta, **Traeger and Albrecht** (Twenty/20 format).

8am, Major Centres (Division1) matches start at Sadadeen Oval.

Wednesday 10 **February** 8am, Community (Division 2) and Women's division

matches start. Community games at **Head St Oval and** Women's games at Flynn Park.

Imparja Cup games revert to 40-over matches.

Thursday 11 **February** 8am, matches in all divisions continue.

Friday 12 February 8am, matches in all divisions continue.

7pm, Imparja Cup gala dinner, Alice Springs Convention Centre.

Saturday 13 **February** 8am-9.30pm, family fun day and finals day at Traeger Park. All finals, starting with Community division, Women's final and Major Centres final, and featuring Imparja Cup final from 4.30pm.

9.30pm, Closing ceremony.

Former Test stars in ACA Masters team

PIG names are in the Australian balancing the ledger after their 'Cricketers' Association (ACA) Masters team that will pad up against an Invitational Indigenous XI in Alice Springs on Sunday 7 February.

The game under lights at Traeger Park will mark the opening of this year's Imparja Cup, which brings together the best Indigenous cricketers from around Australia.

Playing the game at the beginning of the Imparja Cup is a departure from previous carnivals, when it has been played as a curtain-raiser to the Imparja Cup final.

The ACA Masters will be out to

six-wicket loss to the indigenous XI last year.

The game will start at 6pm and be followed at 7.20pm by the Imparja Cup opening ceremony, which will include a welcome to country, a welcoming speech and a team parade.

Masters team

The Masters team is: Jo Angel (Australia & WA), Phil Emery (Australia & NSW), Jason Gillespie (Australia & SA), Brad Hogg (Australia & WA), Wayne Holdsworth (Australia & NSW), Mick Lewis ((Australia & Victoria), Greg Matthews (Australia &

NSW), Len Pascoe (Australia & NSW). Corev Richards (NSW).

The ACA established the Masters team to promote cricket and to assist local cricket associations raise funds and increase the profile of the game. The ACA Masters tour regional Australia throughout the year, playing against invitational and representative sides and participating in community activities in addition to hosting training sessions and children's clinics.

Masters players will take part in a Milo In2CRICKET children clinic at 9.30am on Monday 8 February at Traeger Park.

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Queensland to launch Hall of Fame

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE first seven inductees into the Queensland Indigenous Sport Hall of Fame will be announced at the Gold Coast on Friday

12 February. Indigenous Sport

Queensland, which hosts the annual Queensland Indigenous Sports Awards, will announce the nominees when it launches the Hall of Fame website at its 2009 sports award gala dinner at Skilled Park, Robina - the night before the big Indigenous All Stars National Rugby League (NRL) game at the same venue.

The 2009 awards night was put back to coincide with the All Stars rugby league game.

Each year, more famous Indigenous Queensland sportsmen and women will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The other big feature at the awards night will be the naming of the winner of the Eddie Gilbert Medal – presented each year to the Indigenous sportsman or woman judged to have been the most outstanding in Queensland.

Rugby league star Johnathan Thurston was the inaugural winner of the Eddie Gilbert Medal in 2007 and the 2008 winner was Olympic basketballer Rohanee Cox.

Other awards to be presented will be the Robbie Williams Encouragement Award for an emerging sports person, and the Leigh Ann Goodwin Indigenous Sports Youth Award, sponsored by the Department for Communities, Disability Services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

The late Leigh Ann Goodwin was a top Queensland jockey.

The Robbie Williams Encouragement Award is being judged by the late Mr Williams' wife Trish, who has succeeded her husband as the head of the First Contact organisation.

Indigenous Sport Queensland Chairman Wayne Coolwell said the awards recognised Indigenous Queenslanders on the local, national and international stage.

Mr Coolwell said ISQ would launch the Hall of Fame website to highlight Indigenous sportspeople who had contributed so much to their sport and community.

The awards night is open to the public and tickets are available through www.ticketek.com.au

People attending should be there by 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Organisers say they can cater for between 250 and 300 guests.



WAYNE COOLWELL

All Stars call-up

Ferguson to replace injured Justin Hodges



CRONULLA winger Blake Ferguson has been called into the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team to

replace injured Broncos and Test star Justin Hodges.

Hodges has been ruled out of playing in the inaugural Harvey Norman All Stars game at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on 13 February, after rupturing his right Achilles tendon.

"The selectors are excited about giving a talented young player like Blake an opportunity to compete on this stage," Indigenous All Stars coach Neil Henry said.

"Losing Justin through injury is obviously disappointing, but I am sure Blake will make the most of his chance.

"Blake showed just how talented a player he is with his performances at the Sharks last year and is a great addition to our squad."

The 20-man Indigenous All Stars squad now is:

Blake Ferguson (Cronulla

Carl Webb (North Queensland Cowboys)

Cory Paterson (Newcastle Knights)

Daine Laurie (Penrith Panthers)

George Rose (Manly Sea Eagles)

Greg Inglis (Melbourne Storm) Jamal Idris (Canterbury Bulldogs)

Jamie Soward (St George Illawarra Dragons)

Jharal Yow Yeh (Brisbane Broncos)

Joel Thompson (Canberra Raiders)

Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys)

Nathan Merritt (South Sydney Rabbitohs)

PJ Marsh (Brisbane Broncos) Preston Campbell (c) Gold Coast Titans)

Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos)

Scott Prince (Gold Coast Titans)

Tom Learoyd-Lahrs (Canberra

Travis Waddell (Canberra Raiders)

Wendell Sailor (St George Illawarra Dragons

Yileen Gordon (Canterbury Bulldogs).

VOTING for the NRL All Stars side remains open, with fans having until midnight tomorrow (28 January (AEDT) to decide who will join automatically selected internationals Darren Lockyer, Benji Marshall, Cameron Smith and Adam Blair in the team.

Fans must select one player



Blake Ferguson is tackled by Johnathan Thurston during the NRL round six Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks v North Queensland Cowboys match at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, on 19 April 2009. Ferguson has been called into the Indigenous All Stars team. AAP Image

from each of the 16 NRL clubs in the team, as well as take into account coach Wayne Bennett's player positioning guide, available at www.nrl.com.

More than 9000 fans have already logged on to register their preferred NRL All Stars team. There are only a limited

number of tickets remaining for the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars, including corporate packages and single seats. Ticket inquiries can made through Ticketek outlets, on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

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