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## Cathy inspires Juniperina girls

By NANCIA GUIVARRA



THE sign on the first door of Juniperina Juvenile Justice Centre in Sydney said it all: 'Welcome! Cathy Freeman Day'.

Last Thursday was the day the centre's 25 young female offenders met Australian national sporting hero, Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman.

Freeman visited Juniperina under its Role Models program, following in the wake of AFL player Adam Goodes, the NRL's Jamal Idris and others.

Rosemary\*, 17, has been in the centre for 10 months and has eight months to go. Currently completing her Year Ten studies online, she hopes to get a job working with animals when she's released.

For Rosemary, Freeman's visit was inspiring.

"It's exciting and cool, that someone that famous would take the time to come and see us," she said.

"She's an inspiration. She's deadly! Her achievements are mad, she's done a lot of hard work with dedication and lots of support."

The experience was just as significant for Ms Freeman. She said the girls had made her smile, and she would be happy if she'd represent some kind of hope for the girls or inspired them to aspire to greatness.

"As a role model, all I can do is make the most of whom I am," she said. "I'll share my

Australian Olympian Cathy Freeman speaks to young girls during a visit to Juniperina Juvenile Justice Centre in Sydney last Thursday. AAP Image



story and hope to make a difference that way... but it's up to them."

One of the biggest challenges for the girls, and Aboriginal kids of any age, she said, would be getting a sense of identity and where they belonged in life.

"If they give themselves a chance in life... it's in them. It's in

everybody," Ms Freeman said.

A sore knee meant the former Olympian had to be content to simply watch as the girls played tunnel ball, cricket, captain ball and ran relay races. Later, she shared a barbecue lunch and toured the centre's amenities.

Juniperina is Australia's only juvenile

justice centre for young female offenders aged ten to 17. Currently with a majority of young Indigenous women making up its population, the centre provides a range of health, education and spiritual services on a case-by-case basis including parenting, life skills and other courses for rehabilitation.

\* For legal reasons, not her real name.

## Less help for city addicts

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS people living in large cities are receiving less help for drug and alcohol addictions than

those in rural and remote communities, according to a new report.

The National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC)

### Indigenous committee report identifies fundamental flaws

report released last week said there were fundamental flaws in the way funds were being delivered for projects to combat addictions.

NIDAC Chairman Ted Wilkes said while 'the levels of funding have been increasing markedly,

there really are some clear gaps and some key fundamental flaws in how this is being done'.

Dr Wilkes told *The Koori Mail* that governments had to do away with the notion that Aboriginal people living in urban centres were

accessing mainstream services.

"The worse thing is to be involved in a paternalistic system where mainstream players are telling us how to suck eggs," he said.

"This report highlights there are very real disparities between the size of the Indigenous populations and the actual levels of funding and services they are receiving.

"Indigenous populations in

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# My FAMILY

# GREG BLACKMAN – Brisbane



● Pictured: Back row, left to right, Lurleen (Kaha) Blackman, Raylene Blackman and Greg Blackman holding Dulka-Min (17 months) and in front Jai (10) and Talijah Blackman (9).

**T**HIS is me with my wife Raylene, and our kids Jai, 10, Talijah, 9 and Dulka-Min (17 months) and my mother Lurleen (Kaha) Blackman.

We're at the inaugural Indigenous All Stars rugby league game at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast.

The whole family loves rugby league and we weren't going to miss history in the making. My mother, father and two of my three sisters came down from Townsville especially for the game.

I grew up in Townsville, but moved to Brisbane in 1998 because Raylene was studying marketing at university there, but also for a career change and a change of lifestyle.

I'm from the Gurang people from between Gladstone and Bundaberg, Queensland, connected through both my mother and father's line.

I've also got connections to Munbarra (Palm Island) and Nywaigi (Ingham) through my mother.

My wife Raylene is from the Juru people of the Birrigubba nation in Bowen.

I've grown up my whole life knowing who I am, and where I'm from, and I've had that right from an early age.

My father, Shayne Blackman, is a Minister for the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

He does a lot of travelling for his job, and me and my siblings travelled with him from an early age to communities all over – places like Arnhem Land and Mornington Island. So I got to spend time with respected Elders learning how to make spears, hunting and gathering, how to play the didge. My strongest memory of my childhood is growing up really connected to my culture.

We spend a lot of time with our immediate and extended family and the kids are really active in sports, basketball, soccer and rugby league, so that takes up a lot of our time.

I work as a consultant for a company called SNTC (Specialised Native Title Consultants), which does work on things like native title and cultural heritage agreements and ILUAs.

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# OUR CHILDREN



SIX-year-old Lucy McKenzie rolling her way to good health at the Bullinah Aboriginal Medical Service Health Kids Day held at Ballina, in northern NSW, last Tuesday. The day was a big success, with 71 children seen by the centre's staff for teeth, eyes ears and other checks. More on page 82. Photo by THERESA DALTON

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# NITV survives

## Funding for another 12 months



FOLLOWING a deluge of letters, petitions and other community lobbying, the Federal Government has confirmed it will fund National Indigenous TV (NITV) for a further 12 months.

The service had begun cancelling coverage and shedding staff due to funding uncertainty beyond June, but Arts Minister Peter Garrett announced on Friday that NITV would receive \$15.2 million over the next year and the Government would review its spending on the Indigenous broadcasting and media sector.

NITV chairperson Terri Janke said the news provided commercial and operational certainty needed to keep NITV on the air for the next 12 months and locked in the development and production of new high-quality Indigenous educational, cultural and entertainment programming.

It would enable NITV to commit to staff,



NITV Chairperson  
Terri Janke.

the Indigenous production sector, commercial partners and its audience – ideally eventually becoming free-to-air to all Australians, Ms Janke said.

Mr Garrett said the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts would co-ordinate the review of the

Indigenous broadcasting sector, which included NITV and Imparja Television, Indigenous Community Television, five community radio stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Darwin, licensed community radio stations in 22 regional centres, eight remote Indigenous

media organisations and 71 remote Indigenous broadcasting services.

“The review will be conducted across government to include input from the Indigenous Affairs and the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolios,” Mr Garrett said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government was determined to ensure that the resources allocated to Indigenous broadcasting were delivering the best outcomes for Indigenous people.

NITV currently has no free-to-air carriage outside remote Australia, but the review is expected to inform considerations of free-to-air carriage of Indigenous television and radio content.

Communications Minister Stephen Conroy said the review would also look at the Government’s investment in Indigenous programming through the ABC, SBS and the Community Broadcasting Foundation, which fell outside the \$14.5 million Indigenous Broadcasting Program, and take into account findings of a separate review of NITV last year.

Ms Janke said NITV looked forward to making a positive contribution to the review.

NITV is broadcast free to air in various metropolitan and regional areas nationally, as well as via Channel 180 on Foxtel, Austar and Optus. – **By KIRSTIE PARKER**

## Locals learn camel handling skills



**T**RISTAN Mulda was one of 15 Aboriginal people from Walkabout Bore homelands and Tjitjikala community, south of Alice Springs, who took part in a five-day camel handling pilot training workshop earlier this month.

The students learned occupational health and safety, animal welfare and stress management techniques for working in a yard, handling, loading and unloading the camels.

Some central Australian communities have experienced camels in virtual plague proportions recently, and it is hoped the students’ new skills will help in dealing with the problem. CDU Rural Lecturer Peter Dempster said the care and welfare of both animals and handlers was central to the course.

– Photo courtesy of Charles Darwin University.

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# Dispute a threat to Kimberley gas hub

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



A DISAGREEMENT between Jabirr Jabirr and Goolarabaloos native title claimants has the potential to derail or at least delay the proposed gas hub precinct in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The disagreement arose during a meeting on 7 April called by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) to discuss issues around the proposed multi-billion-dollar gas precinct at James Price Point, about 60kms north of Broome.

The KLC last year brokered a deal for the two claimant groups between the WA and Federal Governments and energy giant Woodside, which wants the site operational by 2015.

As the Broome meeting was about to start, the Jabirr Jabirr claimants decided to hold their own meeting at which it was resolved to resign from the joint native title claim and lodge their own claim with the National Native Title Tribunal.

Jabirr Jabirr spokesman Frank Parriman said his group would work with the KLC on the separate claim, but it could be months before it's lodged and perhaps years before the claim is heard in the Federal Court.

The split between the two groups meant that the Jabirr Jabirr people had to resign from the joint claim over James Price Point and the surrounding region, leaving the Goolarabaloos people as the only legal native title holders over the site.

Goolarabaloos lawman Joseph Roe said that he had a petition with more than 200 signatures rejecting the entire proposal for the gas hub, and he had also lodged writs in the Federal Court objecting to the KLC representing his group.

"I said it from day one, in 2004 we had a law boss meeting with all the law bosses and we said 'no' to it," he said.

Mr Roe said the KLC and the Jabirr Jabirr had gone ahead and made a deal over the site despite objections from the Goolarabaloos group, and there would also be contention over the new Jabirr Jabirr claim.

"That's all Goolarabaloos country, and these Jabirr Jabirr people are coming from the north, that's their homeland and I've got no problem with that," he said.



Goolarabaloos lawman Joseph Roe says his group has always been opposed to the gas hub development. "I said it from day one, in 2004 we had a law boss meeting with all the law bosses and we said 'no' to it." Photo by Kirsty Cockburn

"But as soon as you come and start taking over and try treading on my toes and treading on other people's toes, then you're in for a big surprise."

Opinion is divided over how the disagreement between the two groups will affect the gas hub development, but Perth barrister Greg McIntyre, who represented Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo in the historic High Court native title case, said it

could cause significant delays.

Mr McIntyre said the disagreement could also frighten off potential partners in the venture, but even though the Goolarabaloos people were the legal native title holders, their objections would probably only delay the project.

"Ultimately I don't think it could stop it," he said.

"If the State Government

wishes to proceed with it, then they'll proceed and give notice of intention to grant tenements that are required for it to go ahead.

"That then kicks in the negotiation process under the *Native Title Act*, which has a six-month time span and if agreement is not reached then it goes to arbitration."

The split between the Jabirr Jabirr and Goolarabaloos could

also cause disagreements between families who have relatives on both sides.

Mr Roe said he wasn't sure how people would react to the latest developments.

"We'll have to wait and see now, but this process has been splitting families from day one," he said.

"Just family arguments for nothing really. Really nothing."



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# Doubt cast on Muckaty site



THE FEDERAL Government has no alternative but to scrap a proposed nuclear waste dump at

Muckaty Station in the Northern Territory and begin a new process of consultation, according to the Australian Greens.

Senator Scott Ludlam, a member of a Senate committee examining the Federal Government's National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2010, said evidence at the inquiry had shown that the process of selecting Muckaty Station in the first place was flawed.

The Senate inquiry sat in Darwin on Monday last week and heard from a number of traditional owners from the Muckaty area who are opposed to the dump.

A group of Ngapa traditional owners, supported by the Northern Land Council, has strongly supported the Muckaty nomination for the facility.

But the Darwin sitting also coincided with a day of action by anti-nuclear campaigners, with rallies held in Darwin, Tasmania and Melbourne.

Senator Ludlam said the evidence from other traditional owners in Darwin had proven that the process to select Muckaty was flawed.

"Numerous traditional owners outlined how they and their people were completely excluded from the shared decision-making process which is the norm in Aboriginal custom on issues to do with kinship of land," he said.

"Despite claims to the contrary, it is clear they were not properly consulted and have never given consent, a fact human rights lawyers recently



The protest outside Parliament House in Darwin and, inset, Dianne Stokes, spokesperson for Warramunga and Warlmanpa people, protesting against a proposed waste dump at Muckaty Station, addresses the rally in Darwin last Monday.

confirmed as they assess avenues for a possible legal challenge.

"From all I have heard and read in this inquiry from over 230 submissions, the only outcome is for Muckaty to be scrapped and a fresh process begun that is truly consultative, transparent, scientific, and accountable, as this government promised."

Meanwhile, in Hobart a group of about 30 Tasmanians staged a mock waste dump in support of

traditional owner opposition to a Muckaty waste dump.

The colourful, bubbling creation drew the attention of

Brett Thompson said it was not fair that generations of Aboriginal people would be forced to bear the

consequences of nuclear waste for thousands of years to come.

"Nuclear waste and its consequences are forever," he said.

In Melbourne, another rally was held, organised by Friends of the Earth and the Australian Students

campaign in Melbourne, slammed the proposed legislation. "(Federal Resources Minister Martin) Ferguson's draft legislation is as draconian as the Howard-era legislation it is intended to replace," she said. "The Bill allows Mr Ferguson sweeping powers to over-ride State and Territory laws and to bypass Federal environmental laws and the *Aboriginal Heritage Protection Act 1984*."

Emma Kefford, from the Australian Student Environment Network, said a lack of consent and inadequate consultation meant people at Muckaty were having a waste dump forced on their community.



A protest in Hobart drew the attention of lunchtime passerbys to the issue. Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

media and bemused office staff on their lunch breaks.

Spokesperson for the group

Environment Network.

Cat Beaton, co-coordinator of Friends of the Earth's nuclear

# Anger over death

## Family says phone call could have saved patient



THE bereaved family of an Aboriginal mental health patient, who died after being restrained by hospital security staff and police, say a simple phone call could have saved his life.

Lyji Vaggs, 27, tried to admit himself to the mental health unit of Townsville Hospital in north Queensland several times on Wednesday after hearing voices, but he was told to go home and take his medication because no beds were available.

When his medication failed to give him relief, the father of three returned to the unit in an extremely agitated state and was restrained by security and medical staff before police were called.

He was handcuffed and injected with anti-psychotic drugs, although doctors had not had time to perform a toxicology test to determine what drugs were already in his system.

It's believed he lost consciousness immediately, and doctors spent 40 minutes trying to revive him before he was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit.

He died on Thursday after his life support system was switched off.

The Queensland Coroner has launched an investigation into the death.

Mr Vaggs' aunt, Aboriginal activist and nursing expert Gracelyn Smallwood, said her family was well known to staff at the unit, with many working in the hospital, and a call to one of them would have been enough to pacify her nephew.

"He has a heap of relatives that work here (Townsville Hospital) and not one of them was notified to pacify him, and he is usually pacified by his mother's voice," Ms

Smallwood told reporters in Townsville.

"Qualified, trained people working in a mental health unit should know 'this is coming on, let's call his family'."

"We firmly believe that if one of us had been there he would still be alive."

Ms Smallwood said her nephew's plight was proof Queensland Health needed a 'cultural safety network' for Aboriginal patients.

She said the family was not coping well with the death.

### 'Lot of anger'

"There is a lot of anger... a lot of unanswered questions," she said.

Hospital staff told the family in a meeting that CCTV footage would be available to the coroner to determine whether the level of force used to restrain Mr Vaggs was reasonable.

The family has appointed a legal team to investigate the matter.

Townsville Hospital Medical Director Dr Andrew Johnson said the death was a tragedy and he expressed sympathy for the family.

"This is a tragic situation. A young man has lost his life, a family has lost

a brother, a son, a nephew," he said.

"This is clearly an incident that requires understanding, and we will be co-operating fully with the State Coroner, and we will be conducting our own internal reviews." - AAP

● On Saturday, as *The Koori Mail* went to print, the Queensland Greens repeated their earlier call for a full Royal Commission into relations between the state's criminal justice system and Indigenous people.

Party spokesperson Dr Libby Connors said there were so many disturbing cases of failed police-Indigenous relations across the state that a thorough and open investigation into the issue was urgent.

As well as Mr Vaggs' death, Dr Connors pointed to the recent death in the Prince Alfred Hospital of an 18-year-old Aboriginal man who had been transferred from the Arthur Gorrie Centre in February; the failure of police to lay charges against three men and a woman implicated in the killing of Aboriginal man Peter 'Bo' Duncan in Toowoomba in January 2010; and police handling of the Mulrunji Doomadgee case since 2004, including the issuing of bravery awards before any disciplinary findings had been made known.

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# Transgender jail death answers demanded

By LIZ MURRAY



SYDNEY gay, lesbian, bisexual and transexual activists are calling for immediate answers from NSW

authorities on the death in custody of an Aboriginal transgender woman in a Sydney men's maximum-security jail last year.

Last year, Veronica Baxter's family disclosed to *The Koori Mail* details about her death in custody on 16 March 2009, allegedly before prison staff could clear a cell for her in a protection unit.

However, Government officials have consistently refused to officially confirm the circumstances of the 34-year-old's death, raising questions about the ongoing safety of Sydney's transgender inmates.

Rachel Evans, a journalist and secretary of Community Action Against Homophobia (CAAH), said a petition had been launched calling for an independent public inquiry into Veronica's death at Silverwater Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre, where she was on remand over minor drug charges.

"We (CAAH) want to know why (Veronica) was put in an all-male jail, if she was harmed in any way, when she died, the reasons she died and why her cell was not checked for 14 hours," said Ms Evans.

The Baxter case raised questions about potential inequality when prisons administered transgender policy, as transgender people from disadvantaged backgrounds struggled to afford gender reassignment surgery that sometimes pre-determined where detainees were sent, Ms Evans said.

"We know transgender people are hard done by in prisons," she said.

"The placement of female transgender people in men's jails happens regularly, according to prison advocates.

"This is not uncommon. It is appalling and degrading and we want it to stop," Ms Evans said, adding that the petition had already sparked a strong public response.

Head of the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) in NSW Ray Jackson said government delays in accounting for Veronica's death had merely served to heighten public fears and that was worsened by a departmental 'no comment policy', which was only implemented in recent years.

"As taxpayers we have a right to know what's going on within the jails that we're paying for, and this Department of Corrective Services

(DCS) 'cone of silence' even covers the families, who are not told anything either," Mr Jackson said.

Last year, when she referred Veronica's death to ICAC, Sydney MLC Sylvia Hale said she was exasperated.

Despite numerous approaches made to then-Corrective Services Minister John Robertson and the expectation he would respond to parliamentary questions in a timely fashion, both the department and the ministry remained tight-lipped.

It became the second referral to the corruption watchdog relating to a NSW death in custody that year, and Ms Hale was later informed that any further investigation had to await the eventual coronial inquest.

DCS Commissioner Ron Woodham referred his own department's

investigation of another Aboriginal prisoner Adam Shipley's death to ICAC, when former DCS NSW and war crimes investigator William Beale told an inquest his original death in custody report was replaced with a less critical one.

Mr Jackson was sceptical, and said ICAC's definition of corruption was too broad to effectively re-investigate custodial deaths and would lead to them being either scrapped, or

discovering very little.

An ICAC spokesperson would not respond to the criticism, and said she could not confirm nor deny the existence of the two inquiries, or the referrals, which had long since hit the national media.

A DCS NSW spokesperson said 'the department does not comment on any death in custody until it has been heard by the NSW Coroner for legal reasons, i.e. because of sub-judice, contempt or so as not to interfere with the proper legal process of investigation into the death of the inmate'.

"There is no lack of transparency," the spokesperson said.

"When a person dies in custody, officers of the department make a full report of the details pertaining to the inmate and circumstances surrounding his or her death.

"That information is released to the Coroner as the law requires it to be."

CAAH's petition and more information about the campaign is available at [www.change.org/caah/petitions/view/an\\_open\\_public\\_inquiry\\_into\\_veronica\\_baxters\\_death\\_now](http://www.change.org/caah/petitions/view/an_open_public_inquiry_into_veronica_baxters_death_now)

Ms Evans said each time the petition was signed, DCS NSW would receive an automatic update on supporter numbers. CAAH will also host stalls around Sydney's city centre and on university campuses over the next two months.



Brad Welsh with his family – partner Rochelle TeMoananui, their daughters Kaiawa, Miriama and Mullaya, and his mother Kerry Welsh.

## New lawyer is on a roll

By DARREN COYNE



BRAD Welsh is on a roll – as a solicitor to the NSW Supreme Court. But his life also appears to be on a roll – with a loving partner, three gorgeous kids, and employed by the Premier of NSW. Mr Welsh's admission to the NSW Supreme Court on 9 April was the culmination of ten years of study for the Sydney-born Muruwari man.

And there to wish him well were the most important people in his life – partner Rochelle TeMoananui, their daughters Kaiawa, Miriama and Mullaya, his mother Kerry Welsh and sister Kowana.

"They have changed my life immensely and given me the drive to be where I am today," said the 28-year-old, who until last year was an advisor to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

"Without my partner Rochelle, who has supported me at every step, I would not have been able to complete two degrees (Welfare and Law) while trying to raise a family and work full-time.

"It has been ten years of hard work, but it's something that you dream about.

"I've got a good partner who works from home (as a travel agent) and that gives her the ability to do things like pick up the kids. You need a supportive family and that's what I've got."

Mr Welsh is not planning to leave politics in the near future – much to the delight of his boss, Premier Kristina Keneally. But he said his career could eventually take him into the corporate sector.

### Strategy

"I maintain a strong interest in Aboriginal economic development and believe that my community of Redfern is well placed to lead an economic strategy in the same way as we led the rights campaign in the 1960s and 70s," he said.

"It's important for me that while I build a career, I also be a good dad and offer my children the opportunities that I was offered in life by my family, especially my mum."

Prior to the ceremony, at which Mr Welsh was

introduced to the court by Aboriginal barrister Tony McAvoy, Premier Keneally told *The Koori Mail* that it was 'definitely Brad's work ethic which has got him here today'.

"No doubt Brad, in whatever role he chooses to take, will make a positive contribution to the Aboriginal communities of NSW," Ms Keneally said, and she was not alone in heaping praise on Mr Welsh.

His mother Kerry said her son had worked hard for his achievements.

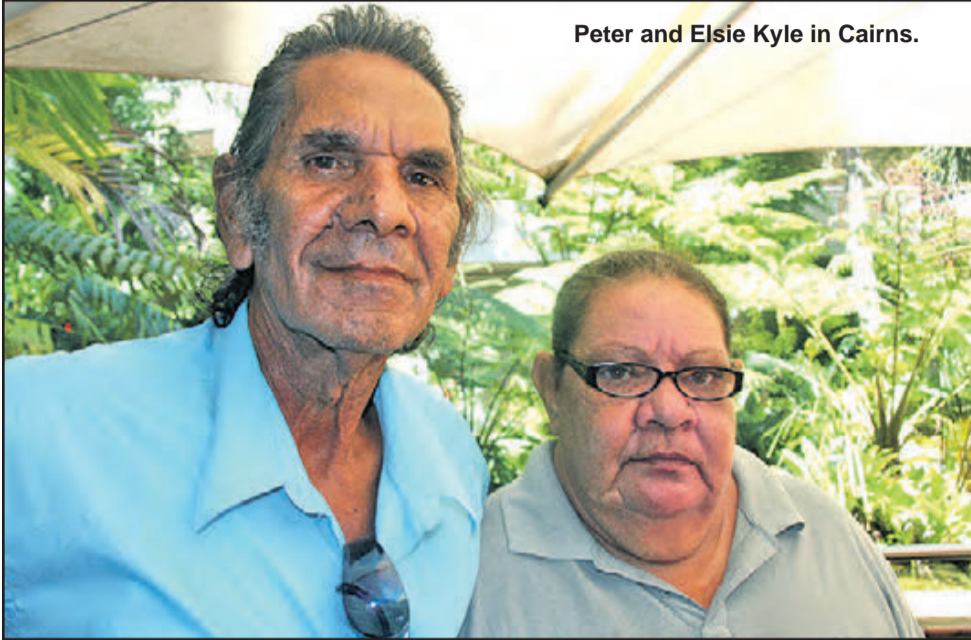
"I always knew Brad had the ability to be something special," she said. "Brad has been raised in a family who understand that the road to real opportunity is education. "One of the proudest moments I have as his mother is people stopping me in the street to compliment Brad's achievements; community members genuinely proud of his contribution to our community and excited about our future."

University of NSW Law School Dean David Dixon also congratulated Mr Welsh on his admission.

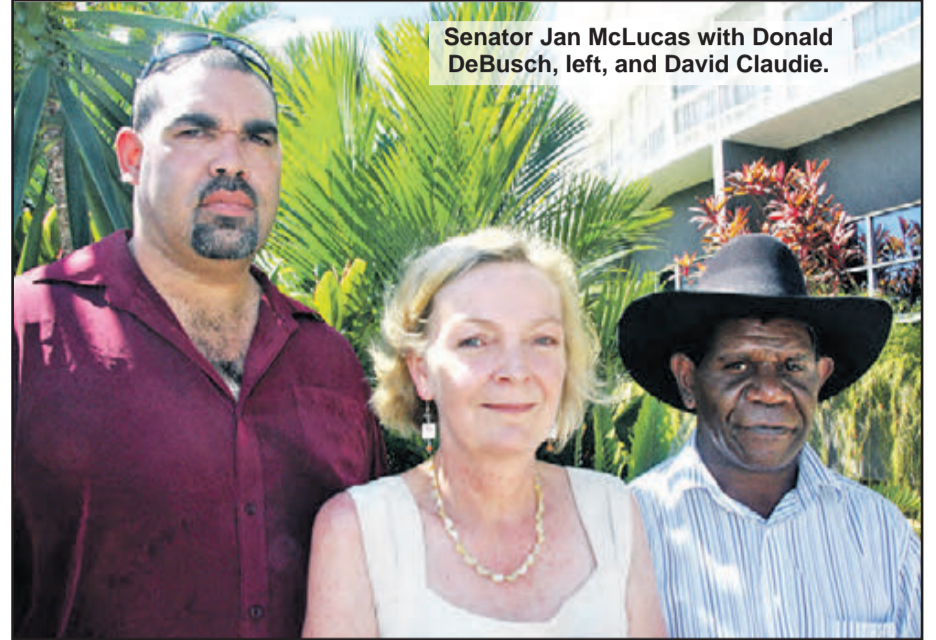


Aboriginal barrister Tony McAvoy, Brad Welsh and NSW Premier Kristina Keneally.

# Groups have their say on



Peter and Elsie Kyle in Cairns.



Senator Jan McLucas with Donald DeBusch, left, and David Claudie.

## Senate committee gathers evidence

By CHRISTINE HOWES



THE contentious nature of Queensland's *Wild Rivers Act 2005* was evident in Cairns last week when Aboriginal and other groups fronted a Federal parliamentary inquiry on the issue.

The Senate's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee is conducting an inquiry into Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott's Private Member's Bill, the *Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010 [No.2]*, heard oral evidence and took the opportunity to ask questions of a diverse range of groups, from Cape York Sustainable Futures through to local traditional owner groups.

Mr Abbott's bill, introduced in the Senate by Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion, seeks to overturn the state legislation, which the Opposition Leader, and Cape York Land Council, says stymies opportunity for Indigenous economic development on native title land within wild rivers areas.

The *Wild Rivers Act* severely restricts development close to wild rivers. Other Aboriginal groups have sided with the environmental lobby in maintaining that the state legislation is vital in protecting the Cape York natural environment and keeping its impact manageable for Aboriginal communities.

The Senate inquiry is taking submissions until 31 March, and is due to report to the Federal Parliament by 9 May.

At the Cairns hearing, knowledge about the *Qld Wild Rivers Act* and Mr Abbott's Bill varied between groups, some of whom appeared to change their view as the day progressed and they heard other groups' arguments in favour or against both.

However, with the *Wild Rivers Act* already in place under state law, it was



JOSEPH ELU

generally agreed that the Federal bill was unlikely to succeed.

That didn't stop many people taking the chance to express their views. *The Koori Mail* was there to see what some of them had to say...

**Donald DeBusch**, Chair, Nyacha Kumopinta: "I'm supportive of the Wild Rivers legislation, the Queensland one, but I'm not supportive of the Bill that was put into the Senate because it doesn't reflect our perspectives."

"It was good to share evidence to show there are traditional owners from Cape York that actually have a different position to the regional bodies in relation to the Bill."



RICHIE AH MAT

"The real truth of the [Wild Rivers] legislation is that it actually can empower economic development back on our own lands."

"I think so many traditional owners in Cape York would be supportive if they knew the truth."

**David Claudie**, CEO/Chairman, Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation: "It went well. I think the main thing was to get our views out there and have a different perspective to what is really around the Queensland legislation and the Federal level."

(Mr Claudie was supportive of Wild Rivers legislation and believed the Federal Bill was flawed.)

**Joseph Elu**, Board member, Cape York Sustainable Futures: "We've been told [the Queensland Government] is going to declare these rivers whether we like it or not and they'll come and talk to us about what that will mean."

"And we're saying: Who gave you consent to declare these rivers Wild Rivers in the first place?"

"What we're saying is no river should be declared a Wild River without the native title owners and/or others who live there, have businesses, make their living out of that area. These people have to be consulted and they have to make an informed decision when they want it or not want it."

"The Government should really take into account what the people of the Cape are saying."

"People should be informed on what this really means because they're saying you can still run cattle, but what happens ten years down the track?"

"They can come around and say: Oh sorry, you can stop running cattle?"

"That's what happened with the declaration of the Wet Tropics. That's the changes that happen without consultation because they can do it."

"People have to be informed and people have to have a time to fathom that information and then afterwards make an informed consent or decline the listing of the properties or the rivers."

**Larry Woosup**, Northern Peninsula Area Traditional Owner: "It's very important for myself and other traditional owners from Cape York to sit and hear and be part of the Senate inquiry to get our issue across the board of this Wild Rivers legislation."

"There was some conflicting issues regarding the Wild River legislation and also hearing about the Bill."

"I believe, from what I heard, that the Bill is more supported and recognises

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# Wild Rivers issue



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more of the traditional owners.

"It gives us the opportunity to be part of an agreement whereas the Queensland Government Wild River legislation does not give us an opportunity to have our say."

**Peter Kyle**, Umpila Traditional Owner: "I am actually a speaker on behalf of the opening of the clan group which goes from Princess Charlotte Bay at Silver Plains right up to near the old site which is the Nesbitt River. "So we've got a national park, 50 per cent of our country was given up for national parks, and then they were declaring Wild Rivers on a creek which runs directly into Princess Charlotte Bay."

"If you have a look on the map it doesn't give us any land to actually prepare and make way for a sustainable future for the generation ahead of us."

**Richie Ah Mat**, Chair, Cape York Land Council: "We fought for many, many years to get land back, to get country back for blackfellas, traditional owners, and the Commonwealth Government has spent millions and millions of dollars to help blackfellas acquire the land and then in one fell swoop the State Government

allocated parts of the land for environment reasons without no compensation.

"The Private Member's Bill has to be put in the Senate and has to be debated at the highest level.

"Hopefully all the senators, all the politicians in Canberra, actually realise there's an unjust issue here concerning Aboriginal people."

**Gerhardt Pearson**, Chair, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation: "The point we're making is that the Bill goes well beyond even the parameters of the *Native Title Act* at the moment in that it provides the consent of mechanisms for traditional owners.

"It actually goes back to the fundamental of land rights, I believe. It calls on government or anyone else who wants to put in place conservation or Wild Rivers over country.

"They're required to go and negotiate with traditional owners and get their agreement before the declaration is made.

"The Bill needs to be supported by Indigenous people in Australia, and the supporters of our cause, because it really sets the benchmark now for a move where you've got the right (wing) of politics of this country prepared in fact to recognise and empower land rights.

"That's what this is about.

"We believe that there is sufficient traction out there in the community."

**Murrandoo Yanner**, Carpentaria Land Council: "We wanted to come and give an alternative view to the hysteria being portrayed in the paper as everyone being anti-Wild Rivers.

"We think it's great legislation and we think one of the best parts of the legislation is the range of programs, sponsors and supports and that's what we came here to highlight today.

"It's working very well in the lower Gulf, we'd like the whole lot declared.

"We're not against the Bill, we think it needs to be clarified. For instance, it talks about traditional owners in it. There is no such word in the *Native Title Act*, you're either a native title holder or you're not.

"It talks about native title lands and it doesn't clarify whether that is an area already determined as native title by the courts or an area that also just has a claim over it.

"So it needs to be clarified in a lot of ways and tidied up, but the essence of it is that Aboriginal people should be consulted and have the right to negotiate in those consultations before rivers are declared or in an area where rivers are declared before development applications are approved.

"I think it's great."

# WA Govt warns on future of court

By KEN BOASE



THE West Australian Government has extended funding to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder community court for a further two years, but has warned that Aboriginal crime rates in the region would have to be reduced to make the court viable in the long term.

WA Attorney General Christian Porter said an independent review of the court had found that 88 per cent of juveniles going through it in the past two years had re-offended compared with 67 per cent in the Children's Court.

Mr Porter said the review also showed that 79 per cent of adults appearing before the court had re-offended, compared with 71 per cent in the local magistrates court, and a number of measures had been put in place to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the positions funded.

"An additional full-time staff member in the Corrective Services Juvenile Justice team at Kalgoorlie-Boulder will now also be resourced to link juvenile offenders with appropriate programs and support systems," Mr Porter said.

"A number of new practices and guidelines concerning which offenders can access the court, as well as changes to the management of the court, have also been put in place."

WA Aboriginal Legal Service Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said the Government should look at other benefits to the local Aboriginal community from the court and not just judge its success on statistics.

"For instance, all those Elders that sit on those courts all have grandchildren and children within those communities and one of the positive effects I see is that people are saying our Elders are now taking a lead back into law and order within our communities," he said.

"You've got grandkids who are growing up seeing a respected Elder in their communities being part of this process.

"These problem-solving courts are a way of long-term change in people's behaviour, and that's what we've got to do."

WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin spoke out in support of the community court system, saying it was unfair to compare the Aboriginal court with other justice forums.

"The cases that were going before the community court were people who have been charged with rather more serious offences than the equivalent sample of cases going down mainstream court," Chief Justice Martin said.

"So it's in the nature of things that people charged with more serious offences are more likely to re-offend.

"And the other thing is the sheer numbers are not the whole story, so that if, for example, those who are going to the community court re-offend in a less serious way than they otherwise would have, then that again can be a plus in terms of protecting the community."

Chief Justice Martin said the community court had been going for only a couple of years and it would be hasty to make a judgment on its success at this early stage.



Aboriginal Legal Service of WA CEO Dennis Eggington

# Governance Awards finalists named



A BRISBANE media and events company, a Northern Territory artists association, a West Australian Aboriginal-owned public housing company, the peak body for Indigenous doctors, and several education bodies have been selected as finalists in the

prestigious Indigenous Governance Awards for 2010. The biennial awards were created five years ago by Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton to identify, celebrate and promote strong leadership, good management and effective partnerships.

This year's finalists:  
**Category A – Organisations**

**established for less than 10 years**

- Carbon Media Events Pty Ltd (Brisbane, Qld)
- Mirrimbeena Aboriginal Education Group Inc (Echuca, Vic)
- Napranum Preschool PaL Group (Weipa, Qld)
- Noongar Mia Mia Pty Ltd (Perth, WA)

**Category B – Organisations that have been established for longer than 10 years**

- Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (Darwin, NT)
- Australian Indigenous Doctors Association Ltd (Canberra, ACT)
- Laynhapuy Homelands Association Inc (Nhulunbuy, NT)

● North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health (Sunshine Coast, Qld)

The eight finalists were selected from 28 applications by an independent judging panel, chaired by Professor Mick Dodson. They'll all receive a visit from the judges next month, and the winners will be announced in Melbourne on 27 August.

# Housing progress hailed



THE Federal and Northern Territory Governments are counting on progress on the Tiwi Islands, albeit slower than hoped, to turn a tide of bad public relations surrounding the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin and NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson visited Nguu on the Tiwi Islands last week, meeting local home owners and inspecting works under the \$672 million housing program.

They gave an enthusiastic progress report, declaring construction under way on 14 new homes, in addition to three homes already completed and tenanted. Just six new houses have been completed throughout the Territory under SIHIP since mid-2008, against a target of 150 by December.

Ms Macklin and Mr Henderson said in a statement that more than 50 per cent of the Tiwi SIHIP workforce was Indigenous, well above the overall program target of 20 per cent.

There were currently 57 Indigenous employees across the three communities on the Tiwi Islands, including 34 at Nguu, they said. The Federal Government has committed to building 90 new houses and up to 155 rebuilds and refurbishments at Nguu and a further 30 rebuilds each at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi, at a cost of \$81 million under SIHIP.

Nguu traditional owners were the first in the NT to sign a township lease under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976* giving local people the opportunity to buy their own home.

"So far, ten families have either bought and renovated homes or are building their own homes. Another four residential sub-lease applications for both new and existing houses are being processed," Ms Macklin and Mr Henderson said.

"The Australian Government's Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) Program, managed by Indigenous Business Australia, has empowered local people to seize these opportunities by providing money management skills and access to loans to put home ownership firmly within their grasp."

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) had discussed home ownership options with more than 60 individuals, assisted 46 prospective borrowers to successfully complete the money management education program, and approved 14 loans totalling around \$2.4 million, they said.

Mantiypwi traditional land owners have set up a company to invest an advance lease payment of \$5 million, received for the first 15 years of their 99-year township lease.

But while the Governments were upbeat about SIHIP last week, the Federal and Territory Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesmen were far less so.

In a joint statement of their own, Senator Nigel Scullion and Alice Springs MP Adam Giles said Prime Minister Kevin Rudd should address concerns about the mismanagement of SIHIP by revealing all expenditure under the program to date.

"It's not good enough to keep telling us everything is on track and on budget. If the Prime Minister's apology had any sincerity at all, he would be alarmed by the program's problems and launch an inquiry immediately," Senator Scullion said.

"We want a complete disclosure of spending and the works completed."

Senator Scullion said renovations on the Tiwi Islands were costing an estimated \$200,000 – more than double what they should cost – and, even then, did not bring houses up to scratch.

Mr Giles asked where a quality assurance squad announced by Ms Macklin last month was, as well as promised monthly reports detailing construction progress and expenditure.



**NIGEL SCULLION**



Pictured at the University of Qld are, back row from left, John Newfong's sister Judy Watego, CAIE Chairman Wayne Coolwell, journalist Jeff McMullen, Mr Newfong's sister Becky Thomson, and Nicole Watego-Gilsenan. In front are Judy's husband Richard Watego and Wendy Watego Ittensohn. Nicole and Wendy are Mr Newfong's nieces.

# McMullen tells of John Newfong's deep commitment

By KIRSTIE PARKER



HIS death a little over a decade ago prompted tributes to his eloquence and wit, and Aboriginal journalist John Newfong would probably have liked what he heard if he could have been in the audience at a recent lecture given in his name.

Long-time journalist, commentator and now CEO of Ian Thorpe's Foundation for Youth Jeff McMullen drew from personal experience in the Inaugural John Newfong Oration to recall Mr Newfong's influence on a generation of activists.

For members of Mr Newfong's family in the audience at the University of Queensland function on 7 April, it provided some wonderful memories.

John Newfong was the first Aboriginal journalist to write for *The Australian* and a range of other newspapers, and founded the iconic *Identity* magazine.

Campaign Secretary and later General Secretary for the pivotal Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI), he was a major campaigner for the 1967 Referendum. He was also a spokesman for the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in the early 1970s.

Dr McMullen, who began his career as a journalist in the 1960s, said that confronting and pursuing the truth as both an Aboriginal activist and journalist was no dilemma for Mr Newfong.

"It was hugely challenging but he understood that it was his fundamental responsibility to seek the truth and bring it to

others in a way that they could see it for themselves," Dr McMullen said. "I believe this guided his life's work."

Dr McMullen said the truth, today, was that Indigenous injustice still stared Australians in the face – the 'pointless' imprisonment of very young Aboriginal children for trivial offences, continuing deaths in custody and the abuse of other fundamental Aboriginal human rights.

The self-described 'old, greying storyteller' has been an outspoken critic of the NT Intervention, and described Federal Government 'fiddling' with the Intervention to argue its key planks as special measures that benefited Aboriginal people as 'exactly the kind of deceit and double talk that John Newfong so vigorously opposed'.

## Lamented

Dr McMullen lamented that there had been little thoughtful media analysis or follow-up of United Nations Special Rapporteur Professor James Anaya's assessment of the Intervention as still blatantly discriminatory.

The media hadn't learned to listen to Aboriginal people, he said.

Nevertheless, Dr McMullen said he saw energy, talent and commitment amongst many young Aboriginal journalists and called on editors to back them.

"Together it is still possible to create an entirely new generation of digital age storytellers who can help close this space between us," he said.

"To the media I say, open the doors and take down the barbed wire."

The Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise (CAIE) hosted the Inaugural John Newfong Oration.

# Inquiry reveals huge jail rates

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE West Australian hearings of a Federal inquiry into the over-representation of Indigenous young people in the criminal justice system has yielded revelations of spiralling Indigenous imprisonment rates beyond compare with other states.

WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin said the disproportionate representation in the state's prison population was up to 43 times higher for Indigenous youth than others.

Earlier this month, information released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicated a 14 per cent rise in WA's Indigenous incarceration in 2009, and the doubling of refusals for parole in that year has been blamed for 60 per cent of that figure.

Chief Justice Martin said the disproportionate representation was similarly reflected in adult male imprisonment figures and 'that one out of every 121-122 adult Aboriginal men in WA will spend tonight in prison'.

"High recidivism rates for Aboriginal juveniles tell us that a punitive response is simply not working," he said.

Rehabilitation and causes of offending of young offenders needed addressing within the family context, the judge said, and 'once people enter the criminal justice system, there is a very real limit on what we can do to address the problems that have caused them to be there'.

And he said many children were entering the justice system as a result of the lack of services to diagnose foetal alcohol syndrome, which causes an 'inability to appreciate the consequences of actions'.

Chief Justice Martin and WA Children's Court President Denis Reynolds said remote communities needed a local driving licence system to allow Indigenous people to adhere to traditional cultural obligations without traffic laws being broken and subsequent incarceration.

Chief Justice Martin said the languages that driving tests were available in and tasks required, were often completely inappropriate for remote communities. Three years ago, a parliamentary report noted shortfalls in licensing services and trainers in remote areas.

"What we ought to be doing is spending money on sending driver training teams to these remote areas and increasing the rate of licensing. Instead we are spending money on the criminal justice system," he said.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs is investigating how Commonwealth and state jurisdictions can better co-ordinate diversionary measures as well as the provision of services for

Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Bob Debus.



Indigenous juveniles and young adults.

Inquiry chairperson Bob Debus said the committee had heard that a high number of young people, particularly from regional and remote areas, were being imprisoned for minor offences such as traffic breaches.

"There are problems with people in remote areas getting multiple driving offences because they haven't got a licence and it ends up sending them to jail," he said.

## Controversy

Mr Debus said the controversy surrounding refusals for bail applications had been examined in some submissions and there was a continuing question hanging over alternatives to sentencing in remote places.

"Several people mentioned to me there being significant problems with over-crowding in a number of prisons," said Mr Debus. "What you cannot get away from is that the rate of Indigenous imprisonment in WA is far greater than anywhere else in the country and indeed it compares with the worst rates of imprisonment, of African Americans in the United States."

Mr Debus defended the inquiry's parameters, criticised by the Catholic

Bishops of Australia in the local media and in their submission for being too broad to be helpful. The bishops' submission also said that too many regional programs were designed in the city and failed to effectively target remote and regional needs.

Mr Debus said: "The bishop I met in Fitzroy Crossing stayed with us all day and was thoroughly engaged. I think I'm not especially concerned by that kind of criticism at the present time.

"As far as possible, the aim is to draw attention to the worst problems that exist and they're worse in WA than anywhere."

This month, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) CEO Dennis Eggington will be part of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegation that will present the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in New York with a report focusing upon the over-representation of Indigenous Australian juveniles held in detention.

Mr Eggington said Indigenous youth deserved the same outcomes as other Australian children.

"It's heart-breaking and embarrassing that we must seek solutions in forums beyond these shores," he said.

## \$5.7m for additional mental illness services



THE Federal Government has announced details of \$5.7 million in funding for additional and new support services for Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people living with mental illness, grief and trauma.

Indigenous-focused sites under expanded Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) services will use a new service-delivery model, with more focus on community development and cultural identity.

"This model recognises and promotes spiritual, cultural, mental, and physical healing for Indigenous Australians living with mental illness, trauma, or grief," said Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, detailing the expanded sites across nine metropolitan and regional areas with large Indigenous communities.

An extra 10 full-time equivalent personal helpers and mentors will be shared among seven existing PHaMs sites in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia to help Indigenous Australians.

## Funding

A total of \$2,944,980 in additional funding over the 2009-12 period will go to: \$438,930 for New Horizons Enterprises Ltd, Tweed/Byron, NSW; \$438,930 for New Horizons Enterprises Ltd (Central Coast, NSW); \$396,420 for Mission Australia (Newcastle, NSW); \$438,930 for Karingal Inc (Greater Geelong, Vic); \$438,930 for Open Minds Australia (Ipswich, Qld); \$396,420 for Ruah Community Services (Armadale, WA); and \$396,420 for Anglicare (Elizabeth, SA).

Five new personal helpers and mentors will assist Indigenous people with a mental illness in each of the two new sites in Newcastle, NSW, and Toowoomba, Qld. New Horizons Enterprises Ltd at Newcastle will receive \$1,321,400 and Darling Downs Shared Care Inc at Toowoomba will get \$1,463,100.

Ms Macklin said mental illness could have devastating effects on people's lives, leaving them feeling isolated, vulnerable, and at risk of drug and alcohol abuse. Indigenous Australians experienced higher rates of mental illness and other problems that affect their well-being than other Australians.

"By building confidence and increasing connections within the community, personal helpers and mentors can help people with mental illness to overcome social isolation," the Minister said.

"The personal helpers and mentors will work one-on-one with participants, helping them achieve their personal goals such as finding suitable housing, using public transport or improving relationships with family and friends."

The new helpers will also help to support families and carers of people with a mental illness. 'Cultural brokers' from local communities could also be employed to work with PHaMs teams.

"The providers are required to identify, understand, and respect the cultural beliefs and values of participants, and take them into account when designing services for them," Ms Macklin said.

## Pressure leads to WA probe



COMMUNITY pressure following the 2008 death in custody of Goldfields Aboriginal

Elder Mr Ward has prompted a West Australian parliamentary inquiry into the transport of prisoners.

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs began the inquiry at

the start of the month, and is accepting written submissions until 4pm on Friday 14 May.

The committee will examine the extent to which the systemic problems identified by the Coroner in Mr Ward's case have been addressed and inquire into other measures by the Government to prevent further deaths in custody, including the possibility of air transport or video

conferencing instead of long-haul vehicle transport.

WA Coroner Alistair Hope last year found Mr Ward's death from heatstroke, after travelling in the back of a prison van in searing heat, was 'wholly avoidable'.

The Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) in Sydney said the inquiry was long overdue but lamented the NSW Government's failure to instigate a similar process into the death of

prison inmates in that state.

ISJA's Ray Jackson urged people to make a submission to the WA inquiry, 'even it is only to inform them of your anger at the events that are happening in your name'.

"We are continually being told that jail and police officers come from our society and merely reflect it," Mr Jackson said.

"Not the society that I frequent, they don't."

# Deadly Denise's fine win

Story and photos by  
TODD CONDIE



A SINGLE mum from Victoria is officially the funniest Indigenous person in the country,

following her win in the national finals of a stand-up competition in Melbourne.

The dead-pan delivery of Denise McGuinness' performance 'Eh Dawn' found favour with the panel of judges which included artist Kylie Belling, Melbourne International Comedy Festival Director Susan Provan, Jude Gun from Black Arm Band, and long-time actor Jack Charles.

That delivery continued with Denise's acceptance speech in which she said the \$2000 Deadly Funny national grand final winner's cheque would help out with paying her brother's outstanding fines.

Second-place getter Sam Conway, from Ipswich in Queensland, said he had a fantastic time at the comedy festival.

"The competition was hot, and must have been tough for the judges, but overall it was a great showcase of Aboriginal comedy," he said.

Third-place getter Sean Dow, originally from Queensland but now living in Perth, said the calibre of performance was 'mad, exciting and brilliant'.

"I am just happy that I was selected to go into the national finals," he said.

Last year's Deadly Funny national winner Shiralee Hood, who performed as a special guest, said she enjoyed her time on stage, 'having fun with the audience, sharing stories'.

"To see the standard of the Deadly Funny competition



The grand finalists on stage with Deadly Funny producer Jason Tamiru (far left) and event MC Sean Choolburra (far right).

building up is massive!" she said.

"It is important that the Melbourne International Comedy Festival has Aboriginal comedians as we have resident comedians in just about every family, so it's time to stand up (no pun intended)."

## Huge success

Deadly Funny Producer Jason Tamiru said the national finals were a huge success, with a packed house at the Melbourne Town Hall.

"I've been doing the Deadly Funnys for four years now, and I am so proud of the performers as it gets stronger and stronger each year," he said.

"Aboriginal or blackfella comedy has definitely arrived in a big way, and it's here to stay for sure. What we're bringing to the table in the comedy world is something unique, something

special, something really different."

Mr Tamiru, who works and has numerous connections in the comedy industry, said he expected producers to contact him for gigs for the finalists.

Comic veteran Sean Choolburra displayed his unique style with his MCing duties, and international comedian Arj Barker showed his support for the national finals by performing a 15-minute routine.

The grand finalists were Andrew Yarran (WA), Daniel Kearney (NSW), Sean Dow (WA), Sam Conway (Qld), Marlene Cummins (NSW), Josie Atkinson (Vic), Natasha Walsh (SA), Phil Saunders (SA), Denise McGuinness (Vic) and Josh Warrior (SA).

To be part of Deadly Funny in future, check out [www.deadlyfunny.com.au](http://www.deadlyfunny.com.au)



Deadly Funny grand final winner Denise McGuinness (right) with her daughter Dawn McGuinness.

## Yu appointed to museum council



WEST AUSTRALIAN Indigenous leader Peter Yu (pictured) is one of three new appointments to the Council of the National Museum of Australia.

Mr Yu is Chairman of Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd and works as a consultant in Indigenous public policy. He is also on the WA Museum Board.

The other appointees are Professor Raelene Frances, Dean of Arts at Monash University, and business leader David Jones. Federal Minister for the Arts Peter Garrett announced the appointments on 13 April.

"Mr Yu's experience as a trustee on the WA Museum Board and his extensive governance work and capacity development in Indigenous communities will be a great asset to the council," he said.

Each appointment is for three years.

The council is responsible for the business of the museum, which is to develop and look after Australia's national historical collection, which explores the land, nation and people of Australia.



# Rights info on new website



A NEW website is expected to provide a 'one-stop shop' for information on international human rights treaties relating to Indigenous Australians.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the Indigenous Human Rights Network Australia (IHRNA) would bring human rights advocates together in an online network, enabling them to share information and best-practice approaches to protecting human rights.

Mr Gooda said the IHRNA was a much-needed resource and, with the first anniversary of the Federal Government's formal support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People just gone, he couldn't think of a better way to help give it real application.

"IHRNA fills a void for those people in the community who are working away

persistently, and often on their own, to ensure that the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are given the prominence they deserve in the development of laws, programs and policies in Australia," he said.

"Now, with the touch of a keyboard, network members will be able to contact experts for advice or make connections with mentors and other human rights advocates to share information and best practice approaches to protecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' human rights."

## Research

Hosted by the Australian Human Rights Commission, funded by Oxfam Australia and supported by the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) at the University of NSW, IHRNA developed out of research undertaken in 2007 which revealed support for the establishment of a network that would

allow human rights advocates access to information to strengthen Indigenous people's participation and engagement in human rights processes.

Oxfam Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program Manager Karina Menkhorst said she hoped IHRNA would be a key tool that Indigenous advocates could use to stay connected with each other to better advocate on issues in their communities.

Executive Director of the Diplomacy Training Program Patrick Earle said the new network was a practical step to help and encourage people 'to work together to hold governments across Australia accountable to their promises and to promote shared values of human dignity'.

Information on IHRNA and the Steering Committee members can be found on the IHRNA website at [www.ihrna.info](http://www.ihrna.info) or to find out more watch [www.youtube.com/user/ihrna](http://www.youtube.com/user/ihrna)

# Hocking to have seat with world leaders

By KIRSTIE PARKER

DEB HOCKING is a survivor. And while she's humble about her triumph over childhood abuse, a brutal illness, and deep personal loss, her endurance and optimism will this week see her in Rome for an unprecedented international gathering. The 50-year-old Stolen Generations member and campaigner is the only Australian to have been invited to join a new universal 'Council for Dignity, Forgiveness and Reconciliation'.

The council is being established under the 'Ara Pacis Initiative' overseen by Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It will offer moral, cultural and educational input to conflicting parties throughout the world in the pursuit of peace.

A descendent of the Mouheneenner people of south-east Tasmania, Ms Hocking – still a little shell-shocked but deeply honoured at her inclusion – was due to fly out at the weekend. She said she was originally approached while Aboriginal co-chair of the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA), a role she has relinquished, since becoming Deputy Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation.

"I'm no expert on world peace, but I am going because of the work I have done in reconciliation in Australia over the years," she told *The Koori Mail*. "I am really chuffed to be a part of this council and having a dialogue with these world leaders.

"I look forward to bringing back some of the results to Australia. It makes sense to go global and learn and to better understand our local stuff.

"We have a lot of work to do. What Rome is trying to do is to look at agendas around the world where there's war and poverty."

Other members of the council include Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Eva Mozes Kor, the founder of an organisation for Auschwitz survivors; former Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio; Pakistani peace activist Zarina Salamat; reconciled enemies from the Lebanon Civil War Assaad Chaftari and Mohieddine Chehab; and Anne Gallagher, founder of Seeds of Hope in Northern Ireland. The council is scheduled tomorrow to consider how it might assist in the current Middle East conflict, and will meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres.

"One of my friends said 'Deb, this council might be pissing in the wind'," Ms Hocking said. "And I said 'You either do nothing or you try something different and that's what the city of Rome is trying to do with this initiative.'"

The Rome trip comes at the end of a traumatic year for Ms Hocking. She found out she had a rare form of leukaemia and underwent a punishing regime of chemotherapy. Then, not long after getting the good news that she was in remission, her husband died suddenly.

The council will be apolitical and non-religious – something which appealed to Ms Hocking.

"I'm not a religious person, probably because I didn't get off on a good foot with it," she said. "I was placed with a religious family as a child and suffered enormous abuse. I didn't understand how they could go to church on Sunday and rape you on Monday."

Ms Hocking concedes such stories are confronting but is determined to speak out.

"As hard as it is to hear some of this stuff, how hard is it to tell?" she said. "But I still have enormous respect for the religious leaders around the world and I think religion could help us achieve world peace."

Ms Hocking said she believed Australia was on the road to reconciliation but 'there has to be some more home truths told'.



DEB HOCKING

# IBA manager steps down – and lets fly



ONE of the few Aboriginal people to lead a national body charged with improving the prosperity and circumstances of Indigenous Australians has

retired.

Ron Morony was General Manager of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) for almost 13 years but, after reportedly growing the statutory authority's capital base from \$40 million to include an investment portfolio worth \$320 million, he left the organisation on Friday.

And, after nearly 35 years in Indigenous affairs, he fired a salvo at governments over what he said was a lack of real engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"I am appalled," Mr Morony said. "The feedback from large numbers of our people is one of frustration and despair with the ongoing rhetoric which doesn't match the real situation on the ground."

Nevertheless, the Arrernte man from Alice Springs said that despite some 'worrying' aspects of the future of Indigenous development, he still felt positive.

Mr Morony said he had been heartened to meet younger Indigenous men and women 'taking a leadership role and learning to engage with governments and the private sector in a business like manner'.

"My time at IBA has been a way of developing practical and real solutions for those Indigenous Australians who



Newly-retired IBA chief Ron Morony.

choose to be a part of the mainstream economy," Mr Morony said.

"I have enjoyed considerable support from the private sector and I think a lot of ground work has been laid now for our people to think beyond government handouts and begin the journey to economic self-sufficiency."

Mr Morony said that when he first joined IBA, its financial affairs were not healthy and the Government was ready

to close it down. "The board and I sought agreement to refocus the corporation by applying stronger commercial discipline and a renewed focus on creating wealth with the support of the private sector," he said.

As well as growing its capital base considerably, IBA had assisted a number of Aboriginal corporations to secure investments and assets, he said.

Mr Morony nominated involvement in the development of the Aboriginal Employment Development Policy (AEDP) in the late 1980s – 'an all-encompassing economic policy' that was 'perhaps ahead of its time' – as amongst his most memorable career highlights.

"I can recall a lot of resistance by many government agencies at the Federal and State levels as the tendency by governments and support agencies was to offer welfare solutions as opposed to developing and encouraging our people to look to the mainstream economy as a way of improving their lives," he said. However, fortunately, the policy received significant support from the government of the day and a strong input from the then Federal Department of Employment, Education and Training and the former head of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the late Charles Perkins.

Mr Morony thanked the people who supported him over the years and told *The Koori Mail* that he would continue to contribute to the development of Indigenous Australians.

– By KIRSTIE PARKER



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# Barunga gearing up for festival



THE community of Barunga, an hour's drive south-west of Katherine, is gearing up to host its 25th Festival this Queen's Birthday long weekend.

With a theme of 'Celebrating 25 years – Proud Culture, Bright Future' the Indigenous sporting and cultural festival will be run from 11-14 June.

Cultural activities include storytelling, spear throwing, didgeridoo making, a didgeridoo competition, basket weaving, bush tucker and bush medicine tours and traditional dancers including The Djilpin Dancers, from Beswick.

There will also be the Barunga

Battle of the Bands and Road Safety Song Comp, children's activities, arts stalls, film gallery and the popular Saturday night concert.

Organisers say the Barunga Festival's musical program will include some old favourites and some of the best emerging bands the Territory has to offer, with the line-up to be announced soon.

## Main concert

The main concert will be on Saturday night 12 June from 5pm.

The festival is also host to the NT's biggest sporting weekend, with teams coming from across the Territory to participate in AFL, softball and basketball.

Jawoyn Association CEO Wes Miller said the Barunga Festival was 'a fantastic way for non-Indigenous families to learn about Indigenous culture and for local clans to showcase and be proud of their culture'.

Entries are now open for the Barunga Battle of the Bands and Road Safety Song Competition, Barunga Art Prize as well as for all sporting competitions including football, softball and basketball.

For more information, contact Frieda Munz at the Jawoyn Association on 0438 831 810 or (08) 8971 1100 or email [frieda@jawoyn.org](mailto:frieda@jawoyn.org) or visit the website at [www.barungafestival.com.au](http://www.barungafestival.com.au)



Sport including basketball will again feature heavily at the Barunga Festival.

# Eye surgery the focus for major Alice campaign



A WEEK-LONG eye surgery blitz is under way at Alice Springs Hospital this week to help improve Aboriginal people's vision. The campaign follows the signing of a statement on 8 April to establish a new collaborative

framework and strategy to improve eye care in Central Australia.

As part of that strategy, the Fred Hollows Foundation has pledged to raise \$3 million to build a new eye unit at the Alice Springs Hospital. The foundation, the Federal and NT Governments, the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and the Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation, signed the statement.

FHF Manager Joy McLaughlin said the collaboration would lead to improved eye health care for all people in the region.

"It's a great example of what can be achieved by everyone working together," she said.

"Too many Aboriginal people are needlessly blind or suffering vision loss. We have the chance to turn this around in Central Australia and the Barkly."

The Central Australian Integrated Eye Health Strategy aims to achieve a co-ordinated eye health system across the regions, where eye care is delivered through a multi-disciplinary team of eye-health and vision-care professionals, services and providers offering co-ordinated services.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon said it was an 'absolute tragedy' that in the past Indigenous people had become vision-impaired or blind due to a lack of access to surgery.

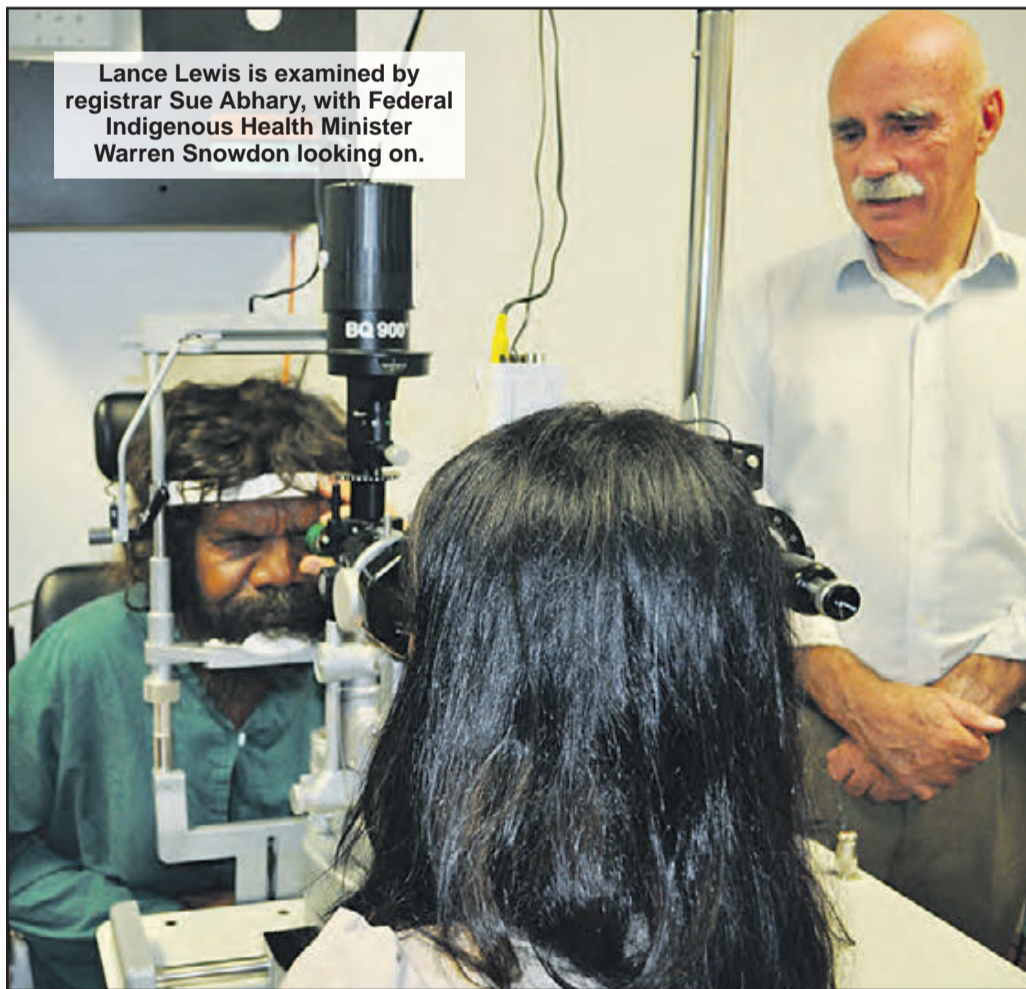
He used the signing to announce the week-long eye surgery blitz.

"Indigenous adults are 6.2 times more likely to go blind and 2.8 times more likely to be vision-impaired than the non-Indigenous population," he said.

About 50 patients will benefit from the blitz, which began on 19 April.

It will be the ninth intensive eye surgery week in Central Australia since 2007, resulting in 416 procedures to date.

The strategy was one of two announced by Mr Snowdon as part of the Federal Government's \$58.3 million commitment to



Lance Lewis is examined by registrar Sue Abhary, with Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon looking on.

Improving Eye and Ear Health Services for Indigenous Australians for Better Education and Employment, unveiled in 2009.

Mr Snowdon said an agreement with states and territories to tackle trachoma, a bacterial eye infection that is contagious and can cause blindness, in Indigenous communities would also be rolled out.

Under this agreement, more than 85 communities in Western Australia will be screened for trachoma, including 20 communities not previously visited.

The program will include increased numbers of visits to communities to facilitate

greater participation and follow-up treatment.

Mr Snowdon said the Federal Government was also close to finalising a new funding agreement with the NT Department of Health and Families for trachoma activities.

This will establish two regional teams, in Central Australia and the Top End, to deliver a comprehensive and systematic trachoma and trichiasis screening, treatment and health promotion program to communities in the Northern Territory where trachoma is endemic.

Other eye conditions in Indigenous communities include refractive error, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy.

## Two more grog bans in WA's Kimberley



THE West Australian Government has announced alcohol bans for the Kimberley communities of Yakanarra and Bayulu.

Racing and Gaming Minister Terry Waldron announced on 10 April that the communities in the Fitzroy Valley would be declared restricted areas under section 175 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988*.

Visiting the communities, Mr Waldron said that, under the new regulations, it would be an offence to sell/supply, possess or bring liquor into the community.

"Recently, members of the Yakanarra community wrote to me asking for the introduction of regulations under section 175 of the Act to prohibit alcohol in Yakanarra," he said.

"In their letter, the community representatives said they considered these restrictions the most effective way of reducing the amount of alcohol-related harm and ill-health in the community."

The Minister said a section 175 restriction would also be introduced at Bayulu.

Liquor licensees breaching the restrictions would be liable for a \$5000 fine, while all other people in breach of the restrictions would face a \$2000 fine.

The restrictions give police the power to seize and dispose of opened or unopened liquor containers throughout the community.

The proposal to make the two communities restricted areas was supported by WA Police and the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley.

The larger towns of Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek are also subject to alcohol bans.

# Mixed findings



EXTRA police in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities were reducing alcohol-related problems, but were having less impact on 'invisible' crimes like marijuana use, sexual assault and stealing.

That's according to a new report by the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), together with Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Services (CAALAS).

The report, *Aboriginal Communities and the Police's Taskforce Themis: Case Studies in Remote Community Policing in the NT*, examined the work of police officers stationed in 18 communities as part of the intervention.

The research involved 331 surveys of Aboriginal people in 14 of the 18 communities, and around 70 interviews with Elders, community representatives, police and other service providers in those communities.

Report author James Pilkington said the data was supplemented with statistical data from the courts and from the police.

Mr Pilkington said the research found that problems that occurred in public spaces had improved the most; these were alcohol (46 per cent of people reported improvements) and community violence (45 per cent); 'invisible' crimes like marijuana use, sexual assault and stealing recorded less improvement.

## Overall support

Overall, the report confirmed that people in remote communities supported an ongoing police presence.

He said 75 per cent of respondents wanted a permanent police presence and 53 per cent believed the police were doing a good job.

But there were vast differences between communities.

"For example, the proportion of people who believed that police were doing a good job ranged from 11 per cent to 85 per cent," Mr Pilkington said.



Prof Barney Glover with 2010 Charles Darwin University Arts Award winner Dion Beasley at the NT Young Achiever Awards.

## Dion a 'deserving' art award-winner

AYOUNG Tennant Creek artist who suffers from muscular dystrophy and is profoundly hearing impaired has won the Charles Darwin University Arts Award at the NT Young Achiever Awards 2010.

Dion Beasley was presented with a trophy and a \$2000 cheque from TIO by CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover at the awards dinner in Darwin earlier this month.

Dion's love of drawing has evolved from paper to T-shirts, leading him to create the clothing label Cheeky Dog, which has received national recognition. He has also exhibited his work in galleries throughout Australia.

Professor Glover said Dion was an inspiration. "Rarely do you meet people who have achieved so much through adversity as Dion," he said. "He is truly a deserving recipient of this year's Charles Darwin University Arts Award."

The annual Young Achiever Awards encourages the positive achievements of young Territorians, while the Arts Award celebrates the creative practices of young people.

"While most people supported an ongoing police presence, they also spoke about how police in remote communities can better engage with the community and work in an appropriate manner with community members.

"Many respondents identified police officers who were inactive, including failing to respond to reports of crimes, including domestic violence.

Others spoke about the heavy-handed use of police powers under the Liquor Act post-Intervention, including random

searches of houses, confiscation of alcohol not intended to be consumed in restricted areas, and police searches of bags in an intrusive and public manner.

Mr Pilkington said the report called for a redefinition of what was culturally appropriate. He advocated for the term 'appropriate policing', which involves police developing an understanding of all aspects of life in the Aboriginal domain, not just culture, but also politics and social realities, including day-to-day realities such as the lack of transport options.

He said the report also had implications beyond the policing realm.

"Because it is not just police who urgently need to develop an understanding of all aspects of life in the Aboriginal domain," he said.

"The Government and the justice system as a whole must expand their understanding of Aboriginal people and work harder to build relationships of trust with the people they serve if they truly want to improve the safety of Aboriginal people in remote communities."

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By making a few small changes – like playing a game of footy with the kids after school or walking to the shops instead of driving – you are making a big difference to you and your family's health.

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In front of the Vibe and Medina Hotels at Darwin's new Waterfront Precinct are, from left, Larrakia Development Corporation's Barbara Tapsell, Toga Group CEO Allan Vidor, LDC Chairperson Koolpinyah Barnes, former NT Intervention chief Dave Chalmers, LDC's John Anictomatis and Kelvin Costello, IBA Acting General Manager Kaely Woods, IBA Deputy Chair Bob Blair and LDC's Nigel Browne.

# Venture in business

## Larrakia Corp, IBA hold stake in hotels



INDIGENOUS business development in Darwin has taken a major step forward thanks to a joint hotel venture at the city's new Waterfront Precinct.

The formation of the Vibe and Medina Hotels venture between Darwin's Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC), Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Toga Group of companies was celebrated last week.

NT Ministers and MPs, civic and business leaders and local Larrakia people were on hand for what all hoped would be a



From left, Darwin Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer, Toga's Peer Ahamed and Scott Williams, AIG's John Hofmeyer and Toga's David Cvirn.

venture with long-term benefits for Aboriginal people and the broader community.

Under the joint venture, LDC and IBA have taken a 50 per cent share in the hotels' development, with Toga Group subsidiary Medina Property

Services to manage hotel operations.

Jobs are a major focus, with potential for Aboriginal people to be employed not just at the hotel but through the ongoing Waterfront Precinct development. There will also be scope

for Indigenous businesses to provide goods and services.

LDC's recently announced trade school, specifically designed to meet the needs of Larrakia and other Darwin people, will have a role in providing essential work

experience opportunities for students.

LDC Chief Executive Officer Greg Constantine welcomed the venture.

"It will give us significant credibility in our efforts to secure a range of future business opportunities for Larrakia and other Aboriginal people," he said.

IBA Acting General Manager Kaely Woods said IBA was pleased to be involved in what was a major project.

"Our goal is to see Indigenous business development, and down the track we'd like to see LDC take over our stake and reap the benefits," she said.

IBA Deputy Chair Bob Blair said the investment would provide an avenue for Indigenous Australians to bridge the gap through access to income and capital growth, employment and training and business development opportunities.

"This joint venture encapsulates what IBA is all about – helping Indigenous Australians participate in the wealth and prosperity of this nation," he said.



From left, Kym Nolan, of NT Regional Development, with IBA's Kerry Flanagan and Coby Martin-Jard.



NT Solomon MP Damian Hale, left, and NT Business Minister Rob Knight.



Larrakia Development Corporation's Nigel Browne and his wife Tineale, with LDC's Barbara Tapsell (right).

# Band to lend a hand

By DARREN COYNE



LIKE any teenager, Lizzie Laughton is in love with her favourite band and stakes a claim as their 'number-one fan'.

But unlike most, Lizzie will actually get to meet her idols – the members of Australian group Powderfinger – as they make their way around Australia on their final tour, beginning in September.

The Year 9 PLC Armidale student has an edge, you see. She's one of 180 children from around Australia to have received a boarding scholarship from the Indigenous non-profit organisation Yalari.

Yalari, founded by Waverley Stanley and his partner Llew Mullins in 2005, gives Indigenous students the opportunity for a first-class education at some of the top-achieving secondary schools in the country.

And it was this program that Powderfinger, a band with a history of promoting Indigenous causes, has chosen to partner for its final 'Sunsets' tour.

The partnership was announced at a media conference in Sydney last week as the band released details of their 'most extensive final tour'.

It will include promotion of Yalari's work, fundraising, and the opportunity for Yalari students like Lizzie to meet the band.

The tour will take in 21 cities across every state and territory, and run from early September through to late October.

When it finishes, the band will disband for good.



Powderfinger pictured with Waverley Stanley. AAP Image Inset: Lizzie Laughton

Lizzie, 14, who is originally from Broken Hill and has been involved with the Yalari program since Year 7, is hoping to meet her heroes at the Tamworth concert on 7 September.

"I felt sad when I heard they were breaking up, but I'm excited about meeting them because I love them," Lizzie told *The Koori Mail*.

"I just want to meet them and ask them

about their lives and stuff."

Yalari founder Waverley Stanley told *The Koori Mail* the partnership with Powderfinger came from a chance conversation.

Mr Stanley said a cousin of band lead singer Bernard Fanning was a volunteer with Yalari, and had been telling Fanning about the group's work.

He said the collaboration with the band

would give Yalari a much-needed publicity boost, adding that the band members had been very easy to deal with.

"The thing that strikes me is that they (Powderfinger) are so down to earth, just good old Queensland boys," he said.

"But they have a passion, just like we do, for education and helping our people. This is a great chance for us and we're very glad to have been given the opportunity."

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APY community members celebrating the declaration of the Kalka-Pipalyatjara Indigenous Protected Area last week.

# IPA pleases APY people

By **DARREN COYNE**



**ABORIGINAL** people in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands were celebrating last

week with the declaration of more than half a million hectares as an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA). The Kalka-Pipalyatjara IPA covers 580,000 hectares from the Tomkinson and Mann ranges in the north-west to sand dune country in the south.

Within its borders live some of the state's most endangered species, such as the waru or black footed wallaby, nganamara or mallee fowl and tjakura or great desert skink.

As an IPA, the area will be managed by its traditional owners, something the people of the region have been pushing to achieve for more than 20 years.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said the IPA was a significant addition to the National Reserves System.

"The ranges in the north provide a safe haven for one of

the few remaining colonies of black-footed rock wallaby, with experts estimating only about 100 of the mammals are left," Mr Garrett said.

"Rangers are working with the APY Land Management Unit in a Waru recovery team to secure the future of this culturally significant mammal."

Ranger Kenneth Ken said the declaration would have a positive affect on the community's young people, particularly their health, education, training and job opportunities.

## Caring for country

"Young people do school in Adelaide but they need something when back in country. With Kalka-Pipalyatjara we teach young people about bush, about what looking after country is," Mr Ken said.

"We want to get school kids out there working on it too – teach younger people step by step, because that is the way they learn, to look after it."

APY Lands Council Director Rex Tjami told *The Koori Mail* that two years of work had gone into preparation of the IPA.

He praised the work of Sam

Matthews, from the APY Land Management Unit, who put together much of the plan of management for the IPA.

Mr Tjami said caring for country was important to the people of the APY lands.

"This is the fourth one and I think it's good for the Kalka area because they have been talking about this for 20 years. They then put it on their ten-year plan and now it's here," he said.

"What this means is that Aboriginal people are taking their responsibility to look after country seriously."

Mr Tjami said more IPA declarations were expected to follow.

"Most people on the Lands are looking forward to having their own areas of country protected in this way," he said.

The Kalka-Pipalyatjara IPA is now part of a 12 million hectare conservation corridor, which crosses state borders and connects with Ngaanyatjarra in Western Australia and the Watarru IPA in South Australia.

It joins 37 other IPAs around Australia, 13 of which, covering more than three million hectares, have been announced in the past year.



APY residents dance to celebrate the new Indigenous Protected Area declaration.

# Two Aboriginal candidates in the one WA seat

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Australian Greens political party has announced Nyoongar social justice worker Glenice Smith as their candidate for the Federal seat of Hasluck at the upcoming Federal election.

Greens Leader Senator Bob Brown made the announcement in the electorate's heartland of Midland in Perth's north-eastern suburbs on 8 April, saying he was thrilled with the quality of Lower House contenders for the party at the next election, expected in the second half of this year.

The Hasluck electorate, with about 86,000 voters, is currently held by Labor by a margin of one per cent, but the Greens polled strongly with 15 per cent of the primary vote at the last state election, and 12 per cent at the 2006 Federal election.

Ms Smith, 42, who has worked in the social justice area for most of her career, is a Stolen Generations member – ironically something that could work in her favour with the voters of Hasluck.

"I was raised in a white family," she said. "I was taken when I was very young and I was adopted to a white family, so my networks are not only Indigenous.

"I've already got a good background in the wider community. I'm also a JP so my networks are more far-reaching than just the Indigenous community."

Ms Smith's candidacy means that two Indigenous contenders will be trying to win voters in Hasluck, after the Liberal Party last month announced Nyoongar man Ken Wyatt as their candidate.

"I think it's great that we've got two Indigenous people irrespective of who

# Greens endorse Nyoongar woman

Greens candidate for Hasluck Glenice Smith with Greens Leader Bob Brown pictured in Perth on the day Ms Smith's candidacy was announced.



we're both representing, because ultimately we're representing the best that we can get for our Indigenous people," Ms Smith said.

"Aged care is a big issue in this electorate.

"There's not a lot of services out there

and they're stretched in the resources that they do have, so they deserve better."

Environmental issues and the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) are also likely to be an issue in the Federal election campaign, so the Greens are well placed to attract voters away from the major parties.

Ms Smith said she was having discussions within the party to discuss environmental issues before the official launch of the Hasluck campaign once the election is called.

Senator Brown said the Greens would also be pushing for a resources tax on the mining and energy sector to implement a type of future fund for Australian taxpayers to take full advantage of the coming resources boom.

"We shouldn't be simply having a great resources boom rip-off by multi-national corporations," he said.

"They should be putting it back into the community, and the only way to do that is by having a Federal resources fund which in the boom times transfers money across to the public purse, because it's the people who own those resources."



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## Bring the mob home safely



# DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



# A Yarn With...



# SCOTT ANDERSON

**Cultural Consultant  
Brisbane, Qld**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Bunya nuts.

**Favourite other food?**  
Apricot Chicken.

**Favourite drink?**  
Coffee.

**Favourite music?**  
I like all types, but right now I'm really enjoying *Sweet Disposition*, by Temper Trap.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
I like watching rugby league (go the Cowboys!) and I enjoy walking, especially up Castle Hill in Townsville.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
I've never been there, but I'd love to see Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa.

**What are you reading?**  
Right now, text books. I'm going to Bible College so I'm busy studying.

**What are you watching?**  
On TV, *How I Met Your Mother*.

**What has been the greatest highlight in your life.**  
I'm 39, so just making it this far is a highlight.

**What do you like in life?**  
Going to church and spending quiet time with God.

**What don't you like?**  
Intolerant and ignorant people.

**Who would you most like to meet, and why?**  
Nelson Mandela and US President Barack Obama. They're great men.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Sean Choolburra, Boori Pryor and Mary G. What a night that would be.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous people?**  
I'd empower our people to be the best they can be for the betterment of our community.

## Quote



**'The last decade at least has seen Aboriginal heritage doomed by a lack of attention, lack of funds, lack of training, lack of interest'**

**– Tasmanian Aboriginal  
Centre Chief Executive  
Officer Heather Sculthorpe**

● See report page 32

# Is anybody out there listening?

**H**ow much more can an already traumatised community bear? The tragic death of Lyji Vaggs in Townsville last week after he was restrained by mental hospital staff and police officers tops off a harrowing period for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, not just in Queensland but right across the country.

And to think that some people wonder why Indigenous people are disillusioned with, if not terrified of, the criminal justice system and those who serve within it.

Lyji's family are to be commended for their dignity in the period immediately after his bewildering death. Their questions of how such a thing could happen – after Lyji had literally begged for help – are entirely understandable. As are renewed calls for a Royal Commission or some other broad inquiry into deaths in custody.

But who amongst us has any real confidence that something might come out of such an inquiry? Let's not forget that no charges were laid against anyone as a consequence of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody more than two decades ago. The very first Australian police officer to be charged over a black death in custody was Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley, later acquitted of the manslaughter of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Of course, Mulrunji's family and the people of Palm are currently waiting – six years on – for the outcome of the third inquest into the father-of-three's death.

Then there's the stalled Crime and Misconduct Commission report into the



## OUR SAY

police service's investigation of Mulrunji's death. The CMC's report has supposedly been 'imminent' for more than a year.

There are also many unanswered questions surrounding the deaths of several NSW prison inmates, and police reluctance to lay charges against people implicated in the death of an Aboriginal man in Toowoomba in January.

What is anyone to make of ongoing failure to fully implement the coroner's findings related to the death of Aboriginal Elder Mr Ward, virtually cooked in a prison van en route to Kalgoorlie two years ago?

And news that incarceration of Indigenous people, especially young people and women, is steadily increasing in almost every state and territory can't help but alarm.

Every such statistic, every death and every anniversary without justice drives another nail into the coffin of relations between our communities and police and prison authorities.

Surely, there are politicians with clout out there who appreciate not just the gravity of ongoing deaths, but also the psychological warfare that news alone of them inflicts on our people. Is anybody out there listening?

# Unquote

## Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

WHEN you think of Aboriginal activists, the kind of images that come immediately to mind are those of outspoken, fiery leaders – such as the likes of the late Charlie Perkins.

But as the Reverend Alexandra ‘Aunty Alex’ Gater sits in the tranquillity of her garden at her home in Brisbane’s southern suburbs, it is hard to imagine a gentler warrior. And yet that’s exactly what she is.

This moment of peace is a far cry from the barbed wire fences and locked cells of the local prisons that occupy much of her time these days, ministering to the incarcerated and comforting the dispirited.

Rev Gater may be quietly spoken but she’s a force to be reckoned with. She is not afraid to stand up to giants of society and challenge the laws they’ve created. And, still, she doesn’t consider herself a hero.

Her garden is one of her favourite spots amidst the chaos and turbulence of her life, and the morning *The Koori Mail* caught up with her was a rare occasion when she was not ministering to a grief-stricken mother, standing alongside Aboriginal protestors, giving the last rites to a dying patient, or sitting beside one of the hundreds of Aboriginal prisoners to whom she has become Aunty and friend.

In 2003, Rev Gater became the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church in Queensland, amidst much opposition. It was a calling that had long lain dormant within her.

A child born into poverty and raised by a devout Christian grandmother, her early years in Cherbourg mission taught her the cruelty of white oppression.

“I was born in 1944 during the war and my family was very politically active,” she said. “I grew up under the white superintendent and so knew early on that there were deep inequalities. But my family also protected us from a lot of it. We had a strict upbringing, but there was also a lot of sharing and caring.”

“My grandfather was a member of the Stolen Generation but he was taken as a little boy and put into a circus. He was put into a cage for people to laugh at and, when the circus finished with him, they dumped him in Victoria. He was taken in by a family and later met a married my grandmother in Yarrabah.”

Rev Gater’s grandparents both became fierce agitators for change, and also carers to a host of other displaced young people, running soup kitchens and taking in the lost and destitute.

One of ten siblings, Rev Gater’s childhood memories of Cherbourg mission are tinged with anger and sadness. “I first felt it when we’d go shopping into town, you were always the first in the shop but the last to be served,” she said.

“When they handed you change they were always careful they didn’t touch you, sometimes they even followed you around.”

It was in school that the young Alex would become further disenfranchised. Made to stand up in front of the class one day and told she was a ‘dunce who would never achieve anything’, she began switching off. Like many other mission children, she dropped out early, and would only return decades later, triumphantly graduating as a mature-age student with a social welfare certificate.

It is a quiet rage that burns within this Elder, and a strong faith

# The Gentle Warrior



REVEREND ALEX GATER

that has kept her going through some of the most trying times. Her faith was tested early on.

She was only 21 when she became a widow – with her family’s permission she got married young and had three children before her husband died.

The final blow came when her ‘rock, and best friend’, her grandmother, passed away not long after. Having no anchor and with wavering faith, the young mother

moved to Brisbane and began to question everything she believed in.

“I just felt so alone. I had hit my lowest point, I’d lost my best friend,

I was a sole parent, I felt discrimination in trying to get a house for myself and the children, I had a lot of anger inside and I turned to alcohol,” she said.

It was at this time that she met her second husband, Jeff, a strapper with the Brisbane Natives football team and an Englishman. The ‘Pomoriginal’, as the team affectionately knew him, became friends with the struggling young mother, and eventually joined the

cause for a life by her side, helping to fight against injustice and discrimination. Rev Gater returned to the church with her faith stronger than ever.

Although she continued to challenge the system, the moment that sealed her fate came in 1987 when her daughter’s 21st birthday celebrations were raided by police. In the aftermath of the raid, Rev Gater decided she would fight harder than ever the injustice and

fought in the struggle.”

But sometimes speaking out comes at a cost.

“I live in the same street as the police, but because I’ve challenged them on various matters, they had their own way of getting to me. They used to drive past my house and turn the siren on just before the house, and when they passed the house they would turn it off again,” she said.

The minister has an open-door policy and, while she has nine children, 29 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren of her own, she has cared for countless

others over the years, sharing Christmas lunches with those less fortunate and making cuppas for worried parents of inmates. It is here that she hears first-hand the most harrowing accounts of deaths in custody and the tales of grief and loss.

“I had (convicted Palm Island rioter) Lex Wotton and his family here, he spoke openly about what really went on over there,” she said, looking about her garden.

“Aboriginal people know the lies police tell. I sat in court during his case. I admire his strength, he is a good man, he’s a family man. He’s also a political prisoner.”

It is with the accused and their families that some of Rev Gater’s best work is done. She has been visiting prisons as a chaplain for 19 years, and this remains one of her most passionate causes.

“I see how our people are being treated in prison, some of these are very young babies, they are in there for petty crimes and they shouldn’t be in the system,” she said.

“I’ve become a mum, aunty, nana and friend. I love these boys and I see the other side of them.

“I sit with them and let them cry on my shoulder. I don’t see a criminal but a little boy or girl who’s been hurt and not had the chance to heal. Often they’ve turned to substance abuse to dull the pain. Society has let them down and rejected them.”

It was during one of her regular chaplain visits to Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre that she became involved in the Sheldon Currie case – that of an 18-year-old inmate who died last month a few days after he was found unconscious in his cell.

“His mum is still grieving. This has been very traumatic for the family and the boys at the centre,” Rev Gater said.

“(Sheldon) shouldn’t have even been in jail. He wasn’t a terrorist, he wasn’t a rapist or a murderer, he was only 18 years of age.”

It is little wonder that some just give up the fight; that those who have rallied against injustice with little change become jaded and burnt out by the system, or are consumed by their anger.

“I am still angry, but I have hope that change is coming,” Rev Gater said.

“My message is not to ever give up, to stay strong. I have seen a great deal of pain and suffering but I have also seen some positive changes.”

The minister has devoted her life to the Aboriginal cause, and shows no signs of slowing down. After winning a court case against the Anglican Church two years ago – she sued them over a significant wage discrepancy between her pay rate compared to other priests at her level – she went on to form Aboriginal Walkabout Ministry.

She takes the ministry on the road and into prisons and communities. She baptises newborns as they come into the world and performs last rites for those in their final moments of life. It is a deeply personal and challenging position to be in.

She also sits as an Elder on the Murri Magistrate Court and is starting a group of ‘Aboriginal Women for Change’ that will meet regularly to discuss and act on matters that affect them most. It is, she says, Aboriginal women who are the backbone of communities.

“Some people are afraid to speak out, but you have to make a stand, stand up for your rights,” she said.

“Don’t tolerate anything and take action whenever you possibly can. We all know that racism is alive and well. We need to challenge the Government and the churches and make them accountable.

“This fight isn’t about me trying to be a martyr. I am carrying on the work of those Elders who went before me, and there are still so many stories out there that need to be told.

“I’m just an ordinary person doing extraordinary things.”

Plenty of people would disagree with the first part of that last comment, but few with the last.



## BYRON BAY BUNDJALUNG NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

**Date:** Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 May 2010  
**Time:** 9:30am, arrival and morning tea  
10.00am start – 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Byron Shire Council Training Rooms  
Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay

NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd), provides legal assistance to the Byron Bay Bundjalung Native Title Claims #1 (NTS 005; NSD 6010/98; NC95/1) and #3 (NTS 005; NSD 6020/01; NC01/08) and is convening a meeting of all members of the Byron Bay Bundjalung native title claim group, being:

- (a) Those persons descended (including adopted descendants) from:
- Bobby of Bumberbin (born between 1817 and 1837, and died 23 March 1907) and Alice (unknown);
  - Harry Bray (born 1850 and died 17 October 1922) and Clara (Bray) (born 1864 and died 7 May 1922); and
  - Linda Jane Bray (born between 1903 and 1905, and died 14 January 1953) and Jim Kay (born 1879 or 1901, and died 1977 at Ballina).
- (b) they are personally known to the acknowledged elders of the native title claim group or (in the case of children) are personally known to senior members of subsidiary families who are themselves members of the native title claim group; and
- (c) either:
- They are resident with the claimant community in the traditional country of the native title claim group; or
  - They have maintained their primary identification with the native title claim group by regularly visiting the native title claim group in the claimed traditional country; and
- (d) They are accepted by the acknowledged elders of the native title claim group as recognising and observing the laws and customs of the native title claim group

**Purpose:** The agenda for the meeting is:

- Update on the status of the two native title claims;
- Confirmation of the Decision Making Process for the Byron Bay Bundjalung native title applications;
- Considering and authorising decisions regarding the discontinuance of Byron Bay Bundjalung #1 (NTS 005; NSD 6010/98; NC95/1) following transfer of the Schedule H lands and Broken Head Caravan Park, in accordance with the terms of ILUA 2;
- Considering and authorising decisions regarding the amendment or withdrawal of Byron Bay Bundjalung #3 (NTS 005; NSD 6020/01; NC01/08) in accordance with the terms of ILUA 2.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

**If you wish to attend please contact**  
Natalie Rotumah of NTSCORP on **1800 111 844**

## NOTICE

### GITHABUL PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Githabul People #2 native title claim (QUD 66 of 2008) covers parts of Mt Lindsey in Queensland. The Githabul people are described in the claim as the biological descendants of:

- a) **Yagoi, Billy Williams, Doctor or Billy Williams, Julia Charles, Hughie Williams, Mary Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Lily Williams, Elsa/Eileen Williams, Euston Williams, Dan Sambo, Emily Sambo, Margaret Sambo, Jean Sambo, Timegar Sambo, Jerry Wagner, Alec Bond, Rene Bond, Anne Hippine, Lily Harrison, Dillon Harrison, Elizabeth Sutherland, Arthur Bundock, Fred Yarrrie, Margaret Yarrrie, Sam Yarrrie, Bob Yarrrie, Syd Yarrrie, Kitty, Billy McBride, Elizabeth McBride, Gergan Williams, Minnie Williams, Clara Williams, Girlille, Lena Weekly, Emily Weekly, John Devan, Dolly Devan, Tom Close, Nellie Devine, Roy Close, Violet Cliff, Sarah Kenny, Lizzy Andrew, Digger Marine or Mareen, Bill Williams, Nellie Williams, Alice Williams, Arthur Williams, Faraway Hart, Tommy Boyd, Roger Boyd, Bill Hill Snr, King Edward Derry, Billy King Snr, Bill Brown and Tommy Kenny; and**
- b) **Persons adopted into the families of those persons (and the biological descendants of any such adopted persons)**

All persons who are members of the Githabul People native title claim group as described above are invited to attend a meeting at the time and location below:

**Date of Meeting:** Saturday 8 May 2010  
**Venue of Meeting:** Cherrabah Resort, Keoughs Rd,  
Elbow Valley via Warwick.  
**Time of Meeting:** 9:30AM – 5:00 PM

**The purpose of the meeting is to:**

1. Provide a full briefing on the progress of the matter and steps necessary to bring the claim to resolution;
2. Confirm QSNTS' instructions to seek a determination of native title in favour of the Githabul people;
3. Confirm the authority of the Applicant for the Githabul #2 claim, Mr Trevor Close, his role and the scope of his authority;
4. Consider taking certain actions consistent with expert evidence, including amendment of the claim group description, if appropriate; and
5. Obtain instructions in relation to resolving the claim by consent.

**All Githabul people are encouraged to contact Nelson Stacey on (07) 3224 1200 or (toll free) 1800 663 693 no later than close of business Tuesday, 27 April 2010 to register their intention to attend the meeting.**

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided but QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with travel and accommodation costs for attending the authorisation meeting.



# Report shows positive trend

**T**HE latest National Native Title Tribunal report on native title activity confirms a positive trend that has been developing over the past two years.

Most determinations that native title exists are being made by consent, with fewer being determined by litigation.

People involved in native title processes would rather work things out together, to find an outcome they can agree on, than argue before the Federal Court where a judge decides the outcome.


Statistics about native title outcomes, published in the Tribunal's *National Report: Native Title for July - December 2009*, demonstrate this trend.

The report shows that 83 per cent of the determinations that native title exists since the *Native Title Act* started in 1994 were made with the consent of the parties.

Overall, 129 determinations of native title, relating to 12.1 per cent of Australia's land mass and large areas of sea, have been registered in the past 16 years. In 92 cases, native title was determined to exist.

A willingness to find a mutually beneficial outcome for all native title parties is also shown in the number of Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) made over the past 16 years – the 400th ILUA was registered with the Tribunal in November 2009 and by 13 April this year 421 had been registered.

A diverse range of matters is covered by ILUAs, reflecting the many ways land and waters are used and managed



## NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

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Tribunal President  
**GRAEME NEATE**

across Australia. ILUAs may be made before or after determinations of native title, with these agreements reflecting the parties' aspirations for a positive future as co-users of areas of land or waters.

National, state and territory statistics and graphs showing the current status of native title claims and future act applications; trends in native title activity since 1994; and an analysis of this

information, are also provided in the Tribunal's report.

Between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 2009, 1841 native title applications were filed; and 1359 of them were determined, dismissed or otherwise disposed of.

This means that 75 per cent of all native title applications in the past 16 years are no longer in the native title system.

In the period from July to December 2009 there was a slight increase in the rate of native title claim dispositions and the number of claims lodged – 31 applications were finalised and eight new claimant applications were made.

Although this steady progress is encouraging, there are significant challenges for all parties in the quest to speed up the resolution of current applications.

At 13 April there were 426 claimant applications active in the system. The average time to reach a consent determination from the time the claim was made is just over six years.

The challenge for all parties is to continue working together at a national and regional level to achieve timely and effective native title outcomes.

\* *The National Report: Native Title* is the fourth in a continuing series of six-monthly status reports on Australia's native title system published by the National Native Title Tribunal. Visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au) to read the Tribunal's *March 2010 National Report: Native Title*.

# How to find love and other buried treasure

**H**OW we go about finding love is something I'm always talking about with people. Regardless of what dramas are happening in my life or the other person's life, the conversation eventually turns to talking about finding love.

Once I accidentally spilled my soy skim chai latte with honey on this poor fulla at the café and by the time it dried up I knew he was into internet dating, South American cocktail waitresses and X Box 360.

But back to my yarn.

The other day I was yarning up to this one about finding love and marriage. I was standing out front of the community centre just waiting for a friend.

No good, this one came up to me and we started to yarn up as you do. She was telling me how she ran a group at the community centre with women around feelings and finding solutions; all over a cuppa



## Ms KOORI LOVE

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and snacks of course.

Don't you just love events where they have a cuppa and a feed?!

Once upon a time she was looking for a new partner. She wrote out everything she wanted in a man and buried it in her backyard.

Within the week she met a guy who met her specifications. Talk about the

land giving you everything you need. The land literally gave her what she wanted.

I can't tell you if she was jokin' around or not, but she was quite genuine while telling me this yarn! Gives a person hope though, doesn't it?

If you have tried internet dating, pub crawling and even asking your parents to set you up in an arranged marriage (sometimes I think an arranged marriage would solve all my problems!) then maybe your next step is to allow the land to swallow a list of your desires and see what happens.

She told me another yarn, too. I don't know if this was the same fulla, but she married a guy once. Not a church marriage or anything remotely related. She and her intended hubby literally tied a knot in a piece of fabric.

When they decided to get a divorce they broke a stick. In my family there was a

joke about my Dad and Mum getting married by jumping over a broomstick. Talk about your low-cost wedding! No reception to fork out for, no worries about including every one of the 17 nieces of yours in the bridal party, and no worries about choosing to wear white when you really should be wearing something a little darker.

So this weekend I'm off to bury my list of what I'm looking for – an Aboriginal man who is aged 30 - 40, single and breathing – and hopefully I, too, can be tying a knot in a bit of fabric and jumping over broom sticks.

I wonder if you can be married if you jump over a vacuum hose?

Finding love and then marrying your loved one in a ceremony just for you two must be among the world's greatest things to do.

● **Share your stories at [www.mskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mskoorilove.com.au) and make Ms Koori Love completely jealous!**



Michael Anderson (pictured) remembers times gone by in his letter tribute to the late Charles 'Chicka' Dixon on page 25

## NITV deserves more support

I WOULD like to offer my support and encouragement for the future long-term funding of National Indigenous TV (NITV), which I think is a great vehicle for varied Indigenous programming and current affairs specific to our culture, and relevant issues.

Re-funding of NITV would prove the Federal Government is open and transparent in ensuring access and services of broadband and digital broadcasting to the general public of Australia.

This, in turn, allows for greater scope of educational, news, cultural and media interest stories to receive equitable coverage. And it allows for greater and specific employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in the tele-communications field involved with NITV, as well as opportunities that are currently available for independent Indigenous documentary film-makers, producers and other industry professionals.

NITV provides the greatest opportunity for Australia to showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander talents and professional abilities to the rest of Australia, as well as to any possible overseas markets into the future, which one could reasonably expect to be recouped financially within the Australian economy.

The Federal Government needs to be honest and sincere in providing not only an apology, which it has to Aboriginal people and the nation, but to be observed as leaders in ensuring Aboriginal people truly do have a positive opportunity and say in our own rights and needs, which can be addressed through participation in an Indigenous telecommunications service.

I call on the Australian

Government to allocate the necessary funds to continue the NITV service for a minimum of ten years. This will address other issues that governments talk about in 'Closing the Gap', meeting annual Council of Australian Governments targets, and addressing social inclusion indicators.

This is a perfect vehicle for the Federal Government to show the Australian public how they are directly addressing issues of employment for Aboriginal people by providing them with the opportunity to engage in specific, highly skilled and technical professional employment opportunities.

The benefits of doing so would be widespread and work directly into the building blocks of Closing The Gap, namely economic participation, health, healthy homes, safe communities and schooling by providing clear career goals and aspirations for generations of Indigenous children.

NITV's continued operation also directly meets two of the three principles in the executive summary of the Prime Minister's 2010 Closing The Gap Report – practical commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through specific targets and working in partnership, as well as a commitment to transparency in measuring outcomes. Clearly, this would be achieved by ensuring Indigenous broadband and digital telecommunications programs are being produced and televised.

Long live NITV, and I call for a ten-year cycle of funding.

**PAUL DUTTON**  
Grafton, NSW



Ray Jackson addresses supporters at Redfern Community Centre on 10 April. Photo by Adam Hill

## Protest over black deaths

AN assembly of about 30 supporters, both local and visitors, gathered at the Redfern Community Centre on Saturday 10 April to protest against black deaths in custody.

It was a relatively low attendance considering the event was publicised widely by both email and flyers, and an oddly vacant feeling considering what has occurred upon this very same land of protest in the past.

Nevertheless, the numbers gathered comprised of volunteers of the Social Alliance Group, members of the Gamarada Healing Program and locally based reporters and photographers.

Ever-dedicated social justice advocate Ray Jackson spearheaded the protest,

co-organised by fellow human rights campaigner Raul Bassi. Typically informative, Ray reflected on several deaths of individuals where Corrective Services and/or police have been involved – the most local, of course, being that of TJ Hickey.

Jackson painfully enlightened the gatherers with graphic information relating to the most recent victims, both male and female.

Local community activist and representative of the Hickey family Bowie Hickey spoke of incessant police victimisation and harassment, and made a tearful and emotional plea for it to stop.

Bowie's self-styled dissent artistically was emblazoned on the rear of her t-shirt (shown in

the accompanying photo). A police presence was felt by the occasional 'routine drive-by'.

Ray Jackson spoke of the supposedly impartial attitudes of governments since the Hawke/Labor years on addressing Indigenous deaths in custody sufficiently.

These harrowing statistics have arrived at a ghastly total in excess of 400 Indigenous individuals who have been dealt the wrath of the 'justice system' to date.

As the bold print upon the flyers fixed to the neighbourhood telegraph poles read... 'Who will be next?'

Perhaps more to the point, 'who will care?'

**ADAM HILL**  
Sydney, NSW

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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

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

– EDITOR

## My pet gecko

My pet gecko upon the wall  
Grinds his teeth at night  
And he starts about two minutes  
After I turn out the light  
But the thing that really bugs me  
And I'm sure that you'll agree  
Now he's brought his mates along  
And now there are three  
Three grinding miniature dinosaurs  
Whatever will I do?  
I guess that I'll move out of here  
And try to start anew  
But I know that I will miss him  
And his two noisy mates  
And their high-pitched grinding  
The king that irritates  
Me to the bone as I roll my swag  
And wave them goodbye  
It's me or them in the end  
And I'm so tired I cry.

**ARRON RICHARDSON**  
Palm Island, QLD



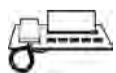
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The Interim Community Consultation Requirements have now been reviewed following extensive consultation with stakeholders and replaced by the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.

A series of information sessions will be held across NSW. To find details of the nearest information session to you please go to [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences), email [ACHRegulation@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ACHRegulation@environment.nsw.gov.au) or call 131555.

For a copy of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* call 131 555, or download it from the web at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/)

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# Differing views on gay marriage

I AM writing to you after reading the story 'Marriage on the agenda' (TKM, 24 March).

The story was about Aboriginal members of the so-called 'marriage delegation', which is lobbying politicians and campaigning against same-sex marriage, specifically proposed changes to the *Marriage Act*.

I'm a young gay Aboriginal man and am saddened that other Aboriginal people, who would know very well the pain of discrimination on the basis of race, could take such a blatantly discriminatory position.

With all due respect to Pastor Walker, I believe marriage should be about love and respect, and has nothing to do with sexual orientation. I am not saying that, when I find the right person, I will want to marry him. But I do maintain that I should have the choice. I pray to my Creator that this will be the case one day.

I know that not everyone in our community feels the same way as the 'marriage delegation'. I have taken part in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade over the past few years and have been deeply moved by the strong support from 'straight' Aboriginal men and women who've said they'll stand shoulder to shoulder with their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters until they enjoy true equality – including the right to marry the person they love.

This has included support from the deadly aunts and uncles, some of them quite elderly, who lead the parade each year.

I say to those people 'Thank you, your support means so much'.

NAME WITHHELD UPON REQUEST  
Alice Springs, NT



Pastor Peter Walker with Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott in Canberra.

AS a young conservative Aboriginal male, I would like to say that reading the article 'Marriage on the agenda' (TKM, 24 March) was uplifting. I am proud to see that there are fellow Aboriginal people out there such as Pastor Peter Walker who uphold values such as pro-opposite-sex marriage and oppose same-sex marriage.

Thanks Pastor Walker for

giving me hope that people of my culture won't submit to left-wing ideas and bullying intent at dismantling universal traditional family values and principles and have successfully created the mentality that Aboriginal people are victims.

NAME WITHHELD  
UPON REQUEST  
Sydney, NSW

# Please explain, Generation One

## THIS is an open Letter to Generation One.

I am just wondering if you were able to further explain the statistic below that is displayed on your website ([www.generationone.org.au/about](http://www.generationone.org.au/about)): "80 per cent of unemployed Indigenous people are unable to find work, because of alcohol, drugs or psychological problems."

Are we to assume that the remaining 20 per cent are the only unemployed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have to deal with issues such as lack of access to the infrastructure that is able to provide meaningful and sustainable employment?

Or that issues such as entrenched and institutional racism are secondary to the alcohol, drugs or psychological problems?

Furthermore, the lack of quality education that has been provided to our people by all levels of governments in the past has dramatically impacted on our people's capacity to create or obtain meaningful and sustainable employment.

Yet the quoted statistic would have us believe that it is the alcohol, drugs or mental health problems that are the only issues impacting upon this.

It reads as if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people simply didn't drink, take drugs and weren't crazy they would have jobs; and we (big business/government) are going to help them?

Yet, 'after adjusting for age-differences, the proportion of Indigenous adults who reported drinking at risky/high risk levels was similar to that for non-Indigenous adults' (ABS 2006d)\*, and they still get the jobs. This is a simplistic argument, I know, and the issues that we face are complex and at times challenging, but should we not focus more on providing the opportunities for our people to empower themselves?

This being said, I do not want to discount the obvious alcohol, drugs or mental health problems within our community, as they severely affect all of our lives as Aboriginal people.

But, surely, these are not the only reasons our people can't find work.

Further to this, I know that the abovementioned statistics should be addressed, but are you able to give further background as to the intention of displaying these statistics on a website that should look at positive and sustainable capacity building within our community?

ROBERT WATERS  
Aboriginal Community  
Development Officer  
Coffs Harbour City Council  
Coffs Harbour, NSW

\* Quoted from Alcohol Consumption in Australia: A Snapshot, 2004-05 and Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006d, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey, 2004-05, cat. no. 4715.0, ABS, Canberra.

● EDITOR'S NOTE: *Generation One* is a campaign launched in March by businessman Andrew Forrest and aimed at addressing Indigenous disadvantage, especially through education, jobs and job-ready training.

# In honour of 'Chicka'

IN 1973, the new Department of Aboriginal Affairs asked Kumantjayi Perkins to assemble a group of people to conduct a series of community and regional consultations to ascertain the hopes and aspirations of the Aboriginal population. The consultations concentrated on community development and infrastructure, along with housing, education, and social justice issues. Amongst these items were the political concerns in terms of our status as a people.

The team that was assembled by Kumantjayi Perkins consisted of Ted Egan, Bob Beadman, John Moriarty, Nguthee Chicka Dixon, and myself, just to name a few. Attached to this group was a small contingent of recording staff.

The methodology was to hold meetings throughout Australia in key regional parts so as to get to the bulk of the Aboriginal population in as short time as possible. The staff engaged for this was given different areas they would be involved in, and they had the responsibilities of bringing people into the meetings.

Over a period of two months, we gathered the largest wish list of the

Aboriginal population as anyone could get. It was this wish list that complimented the wish list that had already been gathered by the late Nugget Coombes.

Nugget Coombes' wish list came from years of listening to the Aboriginal representatives who had come year after year to the annual Easter conference of the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Here, the people called on governments – through resolutions and petitions – to deal with issues including plumbing, education, housing and land.

The information gathered from the national consultations was used to formulate a 25-year strategic plan for the new and fledgling Federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA).

In hindsight, Nguthee Chicka Dixon reminded me of a major oversight and failing on our part at the time. He said that our big mistake was not retaining ownership of the information that we gathered during the consultations. Instead, this information was taken from our little section by the department

heads that consisted of Barrie Dexter, the Department Secretary; Jeremy Long, First Assistant Secretary; Frank Moy (the last Protector of Aborigines in the Northern Territory); and the late Nugget Coombes. It was these men who took ownership and who were responsible for setting and prioritising Aboriginal programs throughout Australia.

## Objectives

It was the late Nugget Coombes who designed and programmed the different objectives for Aboriginal people based on the amount of Aboriginal blood the people were considered to have in their veins. And it was Nugget Coombes who agreed with Mr McLeod, an old white man from northern Western Australia who fought for Aboriginal rights. Mr McLeod argued that the 'half-breeds' and the lesser class of Aborigines was a white man's problem and the Government only had to focus the needs of the 'full bloods'. This policy is still rife in Aboriginal programming, the fiscal statistics prove it.

It should be noted for the history

books that DAA was not just a generous ploy by the Whitlam Labor Government. It was more to do with having somewhere to employ and place Papua New Guinea's Australian Colony staff who had been running PNG for the Australian Government. Not enough people understand that PNG was, in fact, an Australian colony. It was the white Australian colonists who came back to Australia and were placed in DAA. If my memory serves me correctly, there were about 3000 staff, and the vast majority were placed all over Australia in Aboriginal Affairs.

ATSIC did re-visit the departmental goals and objectives and began the process of setting new ones, but this is all gone now.

It is not correct for any young Murri, Goorie, Koorie or Anangu to think that by getting inside we can make a change. In reality, the only way to do that is to become a Member of Parliament. Public servants are just that, public servants. Politicians are politicians who are chained to their party's policies and to think outside of the box is to be branded a rogue or

political loose cannon.

The lesson learned from my brief experience as a public servant is that, unless you're up there where policies are made and altered, you just roll out what is pre-destined by party politics.

Conflict arises when party policies are at odds with departmental goals and objectives. And it is this confrontation that witnesses the demotion, re-location or causes dismissal or resignation from the position.

But there are not many brave individuals in the public service that can walk away and tell it as it is in terms of the overarching dictatorship that resides within the public service. The western credit cards, housing loans, and car payments dominate the individual ability to make decisions and most conscious objectors are forgiven for not being able to walk away, particularly if they have a young family.

Then the question that arises from this, is where to from here?

**MICHAEL ANDERSON**  
Goodooga, NSW



## Move towards political party

THANK you for the high quality of your newspaper, for the truth, the facts, the achievements, the voice of Indigenous Australians. I need to know about the important and the excellent things happening in the Indigenous community.

So, clearly, we are heading towards an Indigenous political party in the very near future, within this new, modern and true, fair and just country Australia.

I look forward to seeing the name and news of this party on the front page of *The Koori Mail*, but I hope I don't have to wait too long. I'd love to see this fantastic breakthrough before my last breath on this planet Earth.

All of us who are of voting age must vote accordingly, or else the inevitable will happen – a damaging party will win.

For all the criticism of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the

current Labor Government, one thing is real, and that is that it was this Government, in all the past 200 years, who had the courage, guts and decency to express a formal apology – 'Sorry' – to Indigenous Australia and the Stolen Generations.

It can't be ignored or denied. It's a mighty foundation upon which to build the best our country can be, with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on an equal footing and with the Aboriginal Australian flag flying high.

By the way, here are two thoughts on possible names for the new Indigenous political party – the First People Party or the Indigenous Australia Party.

From now on, here's to the best country, always.

**A BLANCHE**  
Marsden, Qld

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## Tribute



Cr Mick Thaiday (front, left) on Palm Island last July with four visiting Australia A cricketers, Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley and youths and children who attended a sports clinic. This photo has been published with permission from Mick Thaiday's family.

# Big man, big heart

**P**ALM Island Aboriginal Shire Council member Mick Thaiday passed away last month, and his funeral at Townsville on 31 March was attended by people from all over the country.

Mick was elected as a Palm Island councillor in March 2008 and helped and touched the lives of many people.

He was a pioneer of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA), which runs Radio 4K1G FM, one of Australia's largest Indigenous regional radio networks.

"His contribution to the development of Aboriginal and Islander radio around country was significant," Townsville community leader Florence Onus told *The Koori Mail*.

Michael Edward Thaiday was born at his beloved Palm Island on 23 November 1952, the ninth child of Willie and Madge Thaiday.

His dad Willie was a Darnley (Erub) man from the Torres Strait and his mum Madge was a Girramay woman from Tully. His grandparents were Jimmy Thaiday (Lifou Island) and Bai Mamai (Mer), and Barney King and Doola Murray.

When Mick was a child, the Thaidays lived in the upper area of Palm Valley where his dad Willie grew bananas, sweet potato, taro, yam, cassava, peanuts and chickens to help supplement the government rations given to families at that time.

In 1957, in response to his dad and six other men standing up for human rights and values

on Palm Island, Mick's family was extradited from Palm Island to Woorabinda.

Known as The Strike of '57, the event symbolises the struggles that Indigenous people on Palm Island faced, and there are monuments to the seven men standing today along the island's Esplanade.

Arriving in Woorabinda on a cold winter's morning, Mick and his siblings were amazed at seeing frost for the first time. Mucking around in the frost he ended up with frostbite, and the term 'bark foot' started from this episode.

### Excelled in sports

Mick started school at Woorabinda in 1958, excelling in sports. In 1961, the family moved to Hughenden where Mick and his siblings Tat, Wakada and nephew Patrick attended St Francis's Convent school.

In 1963, his sister Theresa was born and, soon after, the family again moved, with Mick, Tat, Patrick and Wakada then attending the Prairie State School. In 1965, Micky and his family moved to Tully where his mum Madge's younger sister, Marnie (Mrs Dickman), lived.

Mick left school and his first job was at the railway station serving customers off the Sunlander and other passenger trains. Many other jobs around Tully gained him a good reputation and he was never without having a job.

About 1966/67, Mick contracted a tropical bone disease and was hospitalised for a long time. This was to

plague him throughout his life.

Then came the 1970s and, while working on one of the farms, Mick had a relationship which produced a daughter, Glenda Marie. The relationship didn't last and Mick was to go wandering. He went practically all over Australia.

In the late 1970s, Mick met and married Irene Anderson on Palm Island. From this marriage, Milton James was born. The 1980s saw Mick join with big brother Bill in Aboriginal radio and, criss-crossing the country, they taught and trained many Indigenous people what they had learned.

Mick was a big man with a big heart, big smile and laugh and a beautiful singing voice for which he became widely known. In the 1980s, he won an award for Best Indigenous Male Singer at the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival. Mick also sang at many weddings and other functions, where crowds often egged him on to sing impromptu.

Boojarn, as he was also known, loved his family – his brothers and his sisters, cousins, nephews and nieces and grandchildren. With his loving wife Irene and children Glenda, Melis, Mike, David, John, Chris, Milton and Derek, his life was complete.

In her eulogy, Irene said that she and Mick would have been married for 31 years this year and concluded with the funeral poem 'If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again'.

– By ALF WILSON

# In search of his mob, relations

I'M looking for my mob and anyone related to my great grandfather Sam Anderson, who was born in Cherbourg (Qld) in 1880 and died in Wales in 1959.

I'm also looking for descendants of Norman H Pyne, born in 1895, and Doris or Dorathia Kemben, born 1907. They were both born in NSW.

They are my great grandparents on my father's side, Anderson is only my mother's side.

I'm also looking for the descendants of William Pyne and his wife Mary. William was my great grandfather's older brother. My father's mother was Gwen Chippendale, born 1927 and died in 2002. She married Francis Pyne, son of Norman H Pyne.

I was told that there was Aboriginal, English and German on Gwen's side. The German name is Hanzlow or Hanz low (I'm not sure of the spelling). My mother's father was David John

Ford, son of Sam Anderson.

My pop was kept under his stepfather's name Ford, but was an Anderson by blood. Pop's mother was Bertha Chevalley, born 1888 at Whiteman Creek in NSW. Bertha's mother came to Australia from Switzerland in 1979.

In 1887 or 1888, she had a daughter to an Aboriginal bloke, his name is still unknown. The daughter was my great grandmother Bertha Chevalley,

whose stepfather's last name was Chevalley.

I would like anyone from the Bundjalung tribe to write to me. My aunty is Ruby Langford (birth name Anderson).

Ruby and my mother are granddaughters of Sam Anderson, although they don't have the same grandmother.

The grandmother of Ruby was Mabel Yuke, daughter of a tribal Elder from NSW called Billy Yuke.

My grandfather gave me all the

information about his father. In 1985, Pop told my father that his father was an Aboriginal bloke named Sam Anderson. Sam's father came from Scotland and he married an Aboriginal woman called Mary-Jane, last name unknown.

If anyone can help me to find people please contact me.

**NORMAN JAMES PYNE**  
Locked Mail Bag 1950,  
Maryborough Qld 4650

# Labor's actions 'mean, tricky'

**THIS is an open Letter to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.**

I have an extensive background and qualifications in social policy and planning, welfare administration and community work, stretching back to the 1960s. I have written several papers opposing the NT Intervention during John Howard's tenure and subsequent to Labor coming to power. Should you wish to read them, go to On Line Opinion.

My basic problem with the intervention and particularly income management is that it is racist and paternalistic and denigrates Indigenous people. All the social policies underpinning the Intervention were tried from the 1940s to the early 1970s. They did not improve Aboriginal people's situation then and they won't improve the situation now.

I was a member of the Labor Party for 20 years and a strong supporter for many years prior to that. I left the party when Paul Keating signed a secret pact with Indonesia. Since then I have voted Green first but made sure that my preferences flowed to Labor.

I was excited when you won office because I thought we would see the end of Howard's mean spiritedness. I was wrong. I cannot vote Labor whilst the Intervention exists nor can I vote for a party that intends to expand the Intervention to other parts of Australia just to enable it to reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act*. The course you have mapped is equally as racist as the Intervention and also denigrates some poor whites. It is mean, tricky and unworthy of honourable politicians.

(Indigenous Affairs Minister) Jenny Macklin is the worst of any minister who has had responsibility for social security policy since 1908. At least since 1960, it has been possible for people to voluntarily agree to have their social security managed by a friend, relative or welfare agency when they are incapable of managing their own affairs or are being stood over for money by relatives. If Ms Macklin is too lazy or incompetent to implement a voluntary scheme to assist people in the NT who feel humbugged, then she does not deserve to be minister.

Whilst your Government perseveres with such plans I would rather vote informal than let my vote help get Labor back into office.

I am about to leave for six months in the Northern Territory. I will be encouraging everyone I meet to vote Labor from office. I maintain a large email network and will start a campaign to put Labor last until you stop being racist and attacking welfare recipients.

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# Parents ask 'why' over school testing

(An open letter to Professor Barry McGaw, Chairperson of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority)\*

AS parents of an Aboriginal girl in Year 9 (and a boy in Year 12), we would like to express our support of the Queensland Teachers Union in raising the debate and push for the ceasing of the mandatory national testing in our school.

We support this notion as parents who feel that we receive from our school appropriate feedback, communication and understanding of what our children are doing, where they are struggling and where they need assistance.

This feedback shows us a full picture of our children. It is not limited to a 'small' point in time based on numeracy and literacy skills in a particular area. We do not see the need, like many parents that we have talked to, in publishing our school's results in such a way that might undermine this local good work that teachers do.

What parents are the Deputy Prime Minister talking about when she says this is what parents want? When were we ever asked? We want to know who represented Indigenous parents in this? Are they even parents of children undergoing the testing?

In considering our own circumstances and from our work in many Aboriginal

communities and schools, we have some further questions.

Why is it that Indigenous people are highlighted in the 'facts' section for each school on the site?

What is the point and to whose benefit is it to publish the percentage of one minority group and not others?

As Aboriginal parents we are sure these percentages have no relevance. We believe that we could see one major negative to publishing these ... in the case of other families some may use this as a factor to enrol their kids in schools with fewer Indigenous kids.

Could you please point us to the section which has the percentage of European, African, Asian or Polynesian? We may be able to use these to help decide which school to send our kids to.

Does it really assist teachers in comparing their school results with others with the exception that it may sway their decision on where they choose to take up employment. Aren't rural and remote schools hard enough to staff now?

In asking some questions about this we became aware that the Indigenous status or percentage of the school is one of the areas which helps to distinguish 'like schools' etc within the data.

Could this not occur anyway?

And why is this information presented to

the whole of the world?

Like schools can be found without publishing the criteria based on race to group schools.

The My Schools website has now made schools with higher proportions of Indigenous students a target for researchers and critics.

From this site, without having any relationship to a local area across the nation, a person can 'find' and locate schools where high proportions of Indigenous students reside.

Can you see why this might be an issue for Indigenous people?

We are the most over-researched peoples within this country, and this institutionalised process has now put 'us' on the map.

Everyone who has worked within Indigenous schools and communities, remote to urban, knows that English as a second or third language is one of the most significant factors affecting our children in schools.

Coupled with the fact that Indigenous children without recognition of English as a second language (ESL) backgrounds are then compared so publicly to other schools and children through standardised tests which privilege English speakers, this is ludicrous. This ESL issue is important.

Quantifying Aboriginal peoples on behalf

of race at a national level, and not other students, is an issue. Should teachers' cultural background be published by percentage to help us decide what schools to send our children to, and how this affects our children's performance in the national tests?

This seems to be an archaic view of equitable practice and against principles of cultural safety, which we would like to think 'our' Government's educational revolution would pride itself on following. We should be able to exercise our right on behalf of our child not to participate.

Our daughter's results in a national test will not be a factor in judging our school on the My School website. And if our daughter's participation in this test is tied to funding – either at a state or national level or to some other agenda – we would like to assure you that this is our decision and our school should not be held responsible.

This is not an issue just for our school. It is an issue for all schools and for all Indigenous parents.

**JASON AND MAYRAH DREISE**  
Gamilaraay / Yeeralaraay nations  
The Gap, Qld

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an edited (shortened) version of the letter sent to Professor McGaw.*

## Qld councils get funding



THE Queensland Government will shell out \$18.3 million for six financially struggling local councils included in the controversial 2008 amalgamation

process. The Government-imposed amalgamations cut the number of local councils in Queensland from 157 to 73.

The decision to compensate some councils follows an independent audit by Queensland Treasury Corporation into the councils' financial stability, Local Government Minister Desley Boyle says.

The report found three councils – Whitsunday, Southern Downs and Toowoomba – had suffered from the amalgamation process.

But only Southern Downs will get a slice of the \$18.3 million after the other two had already received significant payments for local projects.

A further two Queensland councils – North Burnett and South Burnett – had financial sustainability issues at the time of amalgamation which had continued, and they



**DESLEY BOYLE**

will receive some of the cash.

The Scenic Rim, Isaac and Torres Strait Island regional councils will also receive the money.

Ms Boyle said councils denied top-up funding should consider the decision that they did not need the cash to be good news.

"Of course, for these councils there have been and still are some costs of amalgamation but the benefits are beginning to flow," she said. – AAP

## NAIDOC 2010 nomination deadline near



NOMINATIONS for the 2010 National NAIDOC Awards close in just over a week, on Friday 30 April. The annual awards recognise the outstanding contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Australians make to improve the lives of Indigenous people in their communities and beyond, or to promote Indigenous issues in the wider Australian community, or the excellence they've shown in their chosen field.

There are awards in ten different categories,

covering a diverse range of fields and talents and including a new Caring for Country Award.

Last year, Queenslanders were big winners, with Chelsea Bond, of Brisbane, taking out Scholar of the Year, Thursday Islander Danny Sebasio being named Apprentice of the Year, and Reginald Knox, of Brisbane, co-winning the award for Male Elder of the Year.

For more information about the awards, including how to nominate someone you think deserves recognition, go to the website [www.naidoc.org.au/index.aspx](http://www.naidoc.org.au/index.aspx)

### Boomalli report apology

IN the March 10 edition, our report 'Closure threat easing' said that arts institution Boomalli was stripped of funding from the Department of Education, Training and

Workplace Relations. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is the correct name. Further, it was the Department of Families,

Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) that withdrew the funding from Boomalli and not DEEWR. *The Koori Mail* apologises for this error.

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# Kimberley region to be part of national program



THE Kimberley region of Western Australia will be included in Tourism Australia's National Landscapes Program. As such, the region will feature

prominently within Australia's future international tourism marketing.

The Kimberley is WA's first region in the program, which highlights iconic destinations across Australia.

Federal Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson and Environment Minister Peter Garrett made the announcement on 12 April.

They said the National Landscapes Program aimed to promote Australian landscapes as major drawcards for international visitors because of their natural and cultural values.

It also aimed to help regional tourism operators develop quality tourism products and services that capitalize on these values, celebrating the environmental significance and importance of the unique landscapes that are part of the program.

Minister Ferguson said the Kimberley's rich Indigenous history and culture, pearling and mining history, ancient gorges, spectacular waterfalls, rugged wilderness and remote beaches made it an obvious choice for the program.

"It is a vast wilderness area more than twice the size of my home state, Victoria," he said.

## Opportunities

"The National Landscapes Program offers great opportunities for Indigenous training, employment and business development in both tourism and conservation. Tourism is a major source of employment across the Kimberley with more than 1500 tourism organisations providing jobs for rangers, pilots, cruise ship crews, chefs and many other trades and professions."

Minister Garrett said the Kimberley was a stunning part of Australia, internationally renowned for its vibrant Indigenous culture and unique environment and the world famous Cable Beach.

"The inclusion of the Kimberley in the National Landscapes Program recognises the extraordinary environmental importance of the Kimberley, from the beauty and incredible diversity of the marine environment to the ecological diversity of this huge north-western landscape," he said.

"The Kimberley region now joins destinations such as Australia's Red Centre, Kakadu and the Australian Alps as part of a program which sees tourism and conservation working in partnership to promote some of the extraordinary natural landscapes that make our country both so unique and such an international tourism drawcard."

The Ministers made the announcement on a visit to Broome before travelling to Kununurra for the first Kimberley Land Council Ranger Forum, celebrating the role Indigenous rangers play in the management and environmental protection of the region.



# Camel skills on track in centre



From left, Ricky Doolan, Moses Mulda and Gavin and Shane Campbell feed camels at Walkabout Bore.



Gavin Campbell busy counting camels in the yard.



CENTRAL Australian camel identity Dennis Orr provided camel handling training for 15 locals from Walkabout Bore homelands and Tjitjikala community, south of Alice Spring, during a five-day workshop earlier this month.

The students learned occupational health and safety, animal welfare and stress management techniques for working in a yard, handling, loading and unloading the camels.

Local man Gavin Campbell said he enjoyed the week.

"When we got here it was scary, but after a few days we had them worked out," he said.

The training initiative was delivered by Charles Darwin University (CDU) in conjunction with rural skills advisory body Rural Skills Australia and the care and welfare of both animals and handlers was central to the course.

## Empower

CDU Rural Lecturer Peter Dempster said the pilot workshop focussed on the needs of communities. He said consultation with bush community leaders and industry experts helped CDU to develop the course to empower community members in their understanding and handling of the animals.

"Some communities have a camel problem and these skills address that," he said.

Trainer Dennis Orr said the group responded well to the course.

"They showed a real flair and developed confidence quickly when working with the animals and I would be happy to have these sort of guys to work with me in the future," he said.

The project was funded under the Australian Government's Industry Training Strategies Program.

# Jeffries to join Reconciliation Australia Board



MURRAWARRI man and long-standing reconciliation advocate Sam Jeffries is to join the Reconciliation Australia Board of Directors.

The youngest of seven children, Mr Jeffries was born and raised in Brewarrina, western NSW, and has been involved in Aboriginal affairs since leaving school, holding a range of senior positions.

He spent 20 years in Lightning Ridge in far north-western NSW

establishing the CDEP project, and bought businesses to give the community an economic platform.

As a former Walgett Shire councillor (1999-2003) and ATSIC councillor (1990-2005), Mr Jeffries has an interest in governance, leadership and empowerment and he was awarded the 2001 Centenary Medal for services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Reconciliation Australia Co-Chairs Professor Mick Dodson and Mark Leibler said Mr Jeffries'

depth of experience in Indigenous affairs and his track record in community engagement made him an excellent appointment to this position.

## Ambassador

"Sam has always been an ambassador for reconciliation and has dedicated his life to Aboriginal issues and affairs," Prof Dodson said.

"We look forward to working with (Sam) to achieve our vision – to promote reconciliation in this

country and help bring Australians closer together."

Mr Jeffries manages his own consultancy and also chairs the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy. He's the co-chair of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, deputy chairperson of the Indigenous Land Corporation, a board member of the Western Catchment Authority NSW, and a panel member of the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme.



SAM JEFFRIES

# MoneyMob on job

## Project to help with managing finances



NT

A NEW \$1.5 million pilot project that aims to help people in remote Indigenous communities positively manage their money was officially launched last week in the Northern Territory

centre of Katherine.

The MoneyMob *talkabout* project will see community educators in two custom designed vehicles visiting more than 70 remote NT communities between now and next July with presentations, games, activities and workshops that can be tailored to suit community needs.

The teams will spend time listening and learning how money is viewed and used in the communities, helping build knowledge which will be used to improve the program and influence government policy and programs.

At the same time, the teams will also share knowledge and information through a series of fun, engaging and culturally appropriate 'learning experiences'.

The 'experiences' will cover how to be an informed consumer and avoid getting ripped off, making wise money decisions, getting the most out of banks and financial systems and connecting to people and resources that can help.

MoneyMob *talkabout* is being run by financial literacy and management specialists Matrix on Board. The pilot project is funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin launched the project at Kalano Community Association in Katherine last Tuesday. She said MoneyMob would also make learning about money fun, with barbecues, movie nights and games days for children and teenagers.

"MoneyMob *talkabout* is all about getting everyone in the community together to talk about money," Ms Macklin said.

"This is the first service of its kind in the NT and provides one-on-one advice as well as community workshops covering issues like setting and achieving short-term financial goals such as saving for holidays and longer-term goals, including securing



loans, organising investments and superannuation.

"It's so important that everyone, from children to seniors, develop ways of managing money so they can deal with unexpected financial costs and budget for the future."

Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon welcomed the new mobile service and said it would complement the existing money management services being offered by 11 community sector organisations in more than 40 locations across the Northern Territory.

He said the services were receiving more than \$10 million in Federal Government funding over two years to provide free and confidential financial services until 2011.

The services are Tiwi Islands Training and Education Board, East Arnhem Shire Council, Mission Australia, CatholicCare NT, Kalano Community Association Inc, HK Training and Consultancy, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, Smith Family/CatholicCare NT, Lutheran Community Care, Laynhapuy Homelands Association Inc, and the Australian Red Cross Society.

The Federal Government is also providing Matrix on Board with a further \$2.1 million to provide training, support, and mentoring to money management services across the NT.

● Pictured above and below: Local kids joined Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and others involved with the MoneyMob *talkabout* project at Kalano Community Association in Katherine last week. Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



# Memorial on show for Anzac Day



A BRONZE memorial commemorating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans will be displayed in Redfern Park on Anzac Day, next Sunday 25 April. The memorial was designed by Antony Symons in conjunction with Aboriginal artists and other community members.

They want the memorial to be permanently displayed at Circular Quay West, and have been lobbying the NSW and Federal

Governments for the past two years.

Meanwhile, the Coloured Diggers march will be held once again in Redfern, beginning at The Block at 1pm, before moving along Redfern Street to Redfern Park.

A commemorative service will be held in the park at 1.45pm, and will feature traditional and contemporary cultural performances.

Ex-service personnel will tell their stories, there'll be a display of photographs and other

memorabilia, and activities for young people to learn more about Anzac Day and its origins.

Coloured Digger Project Co-ordinator Pastor Ray Minniecon said the Redfern Anzac Day activities provided the opportunity to properly recognise the service of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"In the past Aboriginal Diggers were not permitted to march with their comrades in Anzac Day parades or join them in the traditional after-march gatherings," Pastor Minniecon said.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans did not access veteran's benefits. All too often, the names of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Diggers were omitted from war memorials in cities and towns across the length and breadth of Australia.

"Some Diggers even returned home to find that while they had been overseas fighting for their country, their children had been taken and placed in institutions or their wives had been denied access to their pay.

"Some of those Stolen

Generations children live in Redfern today. In short, many of our heroes were denied the honour, recognition and respect accorded to other servicemen and servicewomen.

"But their families and communities didn't forget and now, two, three and more generations later, Aboriginal servicemen and servicewomen and their family members are publicly and appropriately acknowledging the service, sacrifice and courage of their servicewomen and servicemen."

# Tas call for inquiry into destruction



ABORIGINES in Tasmania are maintaining their calls for an urgent inquiry into the

destruction of Aboriginal heritage over the past decade.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) youth worker Jay McDonald said much Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage had been destroyed or buried under dams and roads but should be given the same level of protection as Tasmania's 'built heritage'.

"The long series of disastrous decisions made about Aboriginal heritage in this state is disgraceful," Mr McDonald said last Tuesday.

"Lack of transparency and conflict of interest are commonplace. As a result, much of the Aboriginal history of Tasmania has been destroyed or buried under dams and roads. Sadly, I can only see the situation getting worse – not better."

Mr McDonald's comment echoed others earlier this month by the TAC Chief Executive Officer Heather Sculthorpe, who spoke of 'a sad litany' of disastrous decisions involving conflicts of interest and lack of transparency.

Aboriginal people have said that the considerably weakened Bartlett Labor Government's performance at last month's knife-edge state election reflected its poor leadership, including in the area of Aboriginal reconciliation.

Ms Sculthorpe said it was clear from the Brighton Bypass road project near Hobart – which was still threatening ancient Aboriginal sites – that neither the Labor nor Liberal parties in Tasmania were paying proper regard for Aboriginal heritage in their quest for short-term gains of Federal infrastructure funds.



Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Chief Executive Officer Heather Sculthorpe. Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

"The last decade at least has seen Aboriginal heritage doomed by a lack of attention, lack of funds, lack of training, lack of interest," she said.

"With the Jordan River levee discoveries set to put Tasmania back on the world stage in the same way as the Franklin River did, it is time for Tasmania to

show its willingness to give Aboriginal heritage the same level of protection it gives to its built heritage.

"An open and independent enquiry into past practices is urgently overdue. It is our only hope for proper Aboriginal heritage protection for the future."

# Study looks at cancer death rates



WITH NSW Aboriginal people three times more likely to die from some cancers than other people in the state, Cancer Council NSW is embarking on a research project to find out why.

Death rates are three times higher amongst Aboriginal people for oesophageal cancer for men and cancer of the kidney and cervix for women.

Across all cancer types combined, Aboriginal people are 60 per cent more likely to die than other people.

Lung cancer is the most common cancer death in Aboriginal men. They are 50 per cent more likely to die from the disease than other men. Meanwhile, for women the figure is double.

Cancer Council NSW CEO Dr Andrew Penman said research from other states had shown that Aboriginal people in remote communities often had their

cancer diagnosed later and received less treatment than non-Aboriginal people with the same types of disease.

The study will focus on the cancer death rate gap for Aboriginal people in NSW, and in particular those living in urban communities where there is good access to hospitals and cancer care facilities.

"Lack of transport to treatment centres, limited child-care facilities and feelings of isolation while undergoing treatments are some of the barriers that we believe may prevent Aboriginal people from accessing health care," he said.

"We now need Aboriginal people to join our study so that we

can understand why this cancer death rate is so high. Participation (in the study) could help us to remove any barriers to treatment and improve the unacceptable survival rate from cancer."

Dr Penman said each cancer had its own 'personality' and the reasons behind elevated death rates in the Aboriginal community would vary. He said dying from cancer of the cervix was quite rare these days in the non-Aboriginal community, with pap smears able to identify pre-cancer, meaning the cancer never developed.

"Clearly there are a number of major issues there," he said. "But it's a disease that no one should be dying of these days if we had good screening and early diagnosis."

"Each cancer will present a different set of access issues that will really make a difference. For example, what's effective in lung cancer is early diagnosis and prompt access to treatment."

The study is open to Aboriginal cancer survivors, carers of Aboriginal people affected by cancer and Aboriginal health workers. For more information, call 1800 247 029 (calls are free) to speak with an Aboriginal liaison officer. Participation involves a face-to-face interview at a convenient location.

● **Cancer Council NSW is conducting the research in collaboration with the Universities of Sydney and NSW, and several of the researchers are Aboriginal. It is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council. Cancer information is available at [www.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au)**



ANDREW PENMAN



Rumbalara aged care and disability staff at the land handover ceremony.

# Rumbalara to operate \$40m centre



A \$40 MILLION Aboriginal multi-aged-care complex will be built at

Shepparton, Victoria, following a sod-turning ceremony on 9 April.

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) formally signed over 20 hectares of land on the corner of Ford and Verney roads to Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative for the complex.

Rumbalara plans to build the centre in stages. It will include a 30-bed aged-care facility, 36 assisted living and housing units, a community centre, student respite housing, student housing, a training facility for aged carers and case management, a men's shed and a women's centre.

High-care accommodation will also be provided for adults aged 18-45 who would otherwise be in an inappropriate nursing home setting, as well as respite accommodation for disabled children.

Elder Uncle Colin Walker performed a traditional smoking ceremony, and representatives from Shepparton churches blessed the site.

Elder Doris Atkinson performed the ceremonial turning of the earth with Rumbalara Aged Care and Disability Services executive manager Lena Morris.

Ms Morris was recognised on the day for her 23 years of service to Rumbalara.

Rumbalara Chairman Neville Atkinson said the sod-turning ceremony was a significant step towards a facility that would be culturally appropriate for the community, and would also hold deep personal meaning.

He told the gathering that many years ago he made a vow while visiting his relative and Aboriginal rights campaigner Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls in a nursing home.

"Uncle Doug in the end, I think, didn't receive the dignity and respect he should have got



Rumbalara chairman Neville Atkinson and ILC Central Division manager Reg Foster with the certificate of grant.



Elder Doris Atkinson with Rumbalara Aged Care and Disability Services executive manager Lena Morris.

at the end of his life," Mr Atkinson said, and promised that he would do something about appropriate aged care for the Aboriginal community.

"For me, this is a great concept, a great project and one that enables me to fulfil that promise," he said. "We now have a facility that will embellish our own values and give some dignity back to our Elders."

ILC representative Reg Foster said the development would provide a lot more than its

facilities. "The ILC strongly believes that Indigenous-held land should deliver direct benefits to Aboriginal people," Mr Foster said.

He said that through training programs, employment and health services, the project would help close the gap for the Aboriginal community.

"The grant of this land will play an important part in closing the gap in key areas such as health, education, employment and training," he said.

## Cadetships put pair on fast track



TWO Indigenous law students are on the way to fast-tracking their careers and opening up a new world of career possibilities.

Michael Brown, 25, and Nadine Frewen, 22 have taken advantage of the Indigenous cadetship program offered through the Australian Treasury in Canberra.

The Treasury, along with other Australian Public Service (APS) departments and agencies, offers cadetships specifically tailored to Indigenous university students, and are keen to recruit more.

Michael Brown and Nadine Frewen have continued to work on their degrees while getting real-life experience during the holidays.

Mr Brown will graduate with a law degree from the Australian National University in Canberra at the end of 2011, and said his experience with the program so far had been invaluable.

"I'm hoping to work in the public service when I graduate, that's why this experience has been so good," he said. "My first placement was in health policy and, even though I had little knowledge at first, it was a blessing in disguise. You get the opportunity to work on issues you might not otherwise have contemplated."

Originally introduced to the program through an aunt, Mr Brown said the program was flexible and supportive.

"Being a Treasury cadet is a lot of fun and a great introduction to the APS," he said. "I would highly recommend the cadet program to other university students."

Nadine Frewen, originally from Kalgoorlie and now studying Law at the University of Western Australia, is set to stay on with the program until she graduates in 2011.

So far, Ms Frewen has had the opportunity to engage with key policy issues such as the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement between Australia and China. "I appreciate the fact that as cadets we are given exposure to a number of interesting tasks and topics," she said.

"We are kept busy and are able to develop skills that are valuable to both university and future employment. You're not just a paper-pusher."

The cadetships support students by offering financial assistance with things like textbooks. Cadets also receive a salary during their work placements at Treasury and are provided with accommodation along with travel costs to and from their home town.

Rebecca Norton, who runs the Treasury's cadet program, said it provided an opportunity for Indigenous students to build their skills and apply the knowledge they gained in the classroom



Indigenous law student Nadine Frewen.



Michael Brown will graduate with a law degree in 2011.

into a real work environment.

"Indigenous cadets are offered mentors and buddies within the department, and are put in touch with other cadets within the public sector more broadly," she said.

The program is supported by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations as part of its Indigenous Cadetship Support initiative.

The deadline for applications for next year's intake across the whole of the APS is 25 June. For more information on this or Treasury's Indigenous graduate program, contact Rebecca Norton at [graduate.recruitment@treasury.gov.au](mailto:graduate.recruitment@treasury.gov.au) or call (02) 6263 3298.

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DoHA encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and/or local organisations that wish to apply for one or more region. DoHA also encourages consortium arrangements.

Organisations interested in applying must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the RFT documentation, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at [www.health.gov.au/tenders](http://www.health.gov.au/tenders)

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# Ili warns of email hoax

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island man Ili Dabea wants to warn others about Internet scammers after he was the

victim of an attempted email hoax.

Mr Dabea, who is the President of the Palm Island Rugby League Association, said scammers somehow managed to hack into his computer and on 24 March sent out hoax emails, purporting to be from him, to at least 100 people in his email contacts, many of them other Palm Island residents.

The email read 'PLEASE I NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY!!!' in the subject line.

It went on to say that Mr Dabea had travelled to England for a seminar and needed a favour from the email recipient.

"I misplaced my wallet on my way to the hotel where my money is and other valuable things were kept, I will like you to assist me with a loan urgently. I will be needing the sum of \$2500 to sort-out my hotel bills and get myself back home," it read.

The email, with Mr Dabea's name and league association title at the end, promised to pay back any such loans upon his return to Australia.

Mr Dabea said the hoax proved that whilst many Indigenous communities may be geographically remote, residents could still fall victim to cyberspace scams.

When *The Koori Mail* caught up with Mr Dabea, he was at work at the local retail store, having never left Australia.



Ili Dabea, seen here at the Palm Island Retail Store where he works, was the victim of an attempted email scam.

He said he started getting calls from people asking if he was okay the day after the email was distributed.

"I never left Palm Island," he said.

"It was very distressing and I had to make phone calls to people in my address book to tell them. Some phoned me before I could contact them."

Mr Dabea reported the matter to Palm Island police, who advised him to report it to a police fraud website.

One man who received

the email said he thought Mr Dabea was in genuine need of help.

"I phoned him the next morning and found he was on Palm Island and that the email was just a hoax," the man said.

But long-time resident Alex Morgan said he received the email and was not fooled.

"I saw Ili on Palm that day and knew straight away it was not right," he said.

*The Koori Mail* is aware of other people who have been subjected to the same hoax.

# Dodgy art on magnets attracts watchdog ire



MAGNETS featuring Aboriginal rock art have been withdrawn from sale after

concerns were raised about their authenticity.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission raised concerns about the product with household goods wholesaler Mayvic Pty Ltd.

The ACCC was concerned that promoting the product as 'Authentic Aboriginal Art' was likely to create the false or misleading impression that the product was an authentic Aboriginal artwork, when this

was not the case. Mayvic acknowledged that its conduct was likely to have breached the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

ACCC Chairman Graeme Samuel said promoting imitation Aboriginal artworks as authentic undermined the Indigenous art industry and affected the income of many Aboriginal artists.

"Authenticity is a key concern for buyers of all forms of Aboriginal art," Mr Samuel said.

"Whether businesses are selling expensive fine artworks, small souvenirs or magnets, they must ensure that claims of authenticity are accurate, honest and truthful. It is crucial for Aboriginal artists to be able to

differentiate their works from imitations and imported products that are not authentic.

"Consumers also need to be confident that they are getting genuine Aboriginal art when they are purchasing products promoted as being authentic."

Mr Samuel said the ACCC would continue to take action against businesses at every level of the industry that made false or misleading claims about the authenticity of Aboriginal art.

The ACCC would also continue to raise consumer and community awareness about the importance of this issue and to educate businesses about their obligations under the Act.

# Weilmoringle action urged



THE Federal Government has been asked to immediately

declare the flood-evacuated northern NSW Aboriginal village of Weilmoringle a natural disaster area.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council North West Region representative Cr Steve Gordon says many of the 50 residents forced out by flood damage were facing hardship, but a declaration of a natural disaster area at Weilmoringle would allow them to access emergency financial assistance from Centrelink.

Cr Gordon wrote last week to Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin.

Weilmoringle residents have been relocated to Brewarrina, Dubbo, Bourke and Forbes and have been advised they won't be able

to return to their homes for at last another three to four weeks following the declaration of Weilmoringle as an emergency zone by the NSW Government.

"I have advised Minister Macklin that I have received dozens of calls from former residents seeking emergency assistance while they are living away from home and to also ultimately help them get back home," Cr Gordon said on Friday.

"I understand Minister Macklin has the power to declare Weilmoringle a natural disaster area which would allow those affected to access emergency financial assistance from Centrelink.

"I have asked (the Minister) to urgently consider doing so.

"I can only hope she will act to help alleviate the plight of those who now find themselves in hardship."

# Resistance on the program



RICHARD DOWNS



YOUTH, activists and campaigners from around Australia are expected to gather in Sydney this weekend to discuss anti-racism, refugee rights and support for Aboriginal people's resistance to attacks on their rights, lands and sovereignty.

The 'Resistance 2010: the world can't wait!' meeting will be held at Thirroul Community Centre from 24-26 April.

Richard Downs, from the NT community of Ampilatwatja, will address the conference on life under the Intervention, and poor housing and services in his home community.

Earlier this month, the Intervention Rollback Action Group (IRAG) accused the Barkly Shire of dumping 3000

litres of raw sewage at the Ampilatwatja tip, causing a contractor who carried out the job with no training, gloves, masks or other safety equipment to become sick.

Some residents walked off Ampilatwatja nine months ago after sewage overflowed into the streets of the NT Intervention 'prescribed' community.

The *Koori Mail's* calls to Barkly Shire Council last week went unanswered.

Along with writer and commentator John Pilger and Professor Larissa Behrendt, Mr Downs will also speak at a public forum at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) this Friday.

For more information, call Jean from Stop the Intervention Collective in Sydney (STICS) on 0449 646 593.

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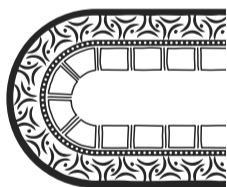
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# Notice of proposed deregistration

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations listed below have not lodged required annual reports with the Registrar. The Registrar has no reason to believe these corporations are carrying on business.

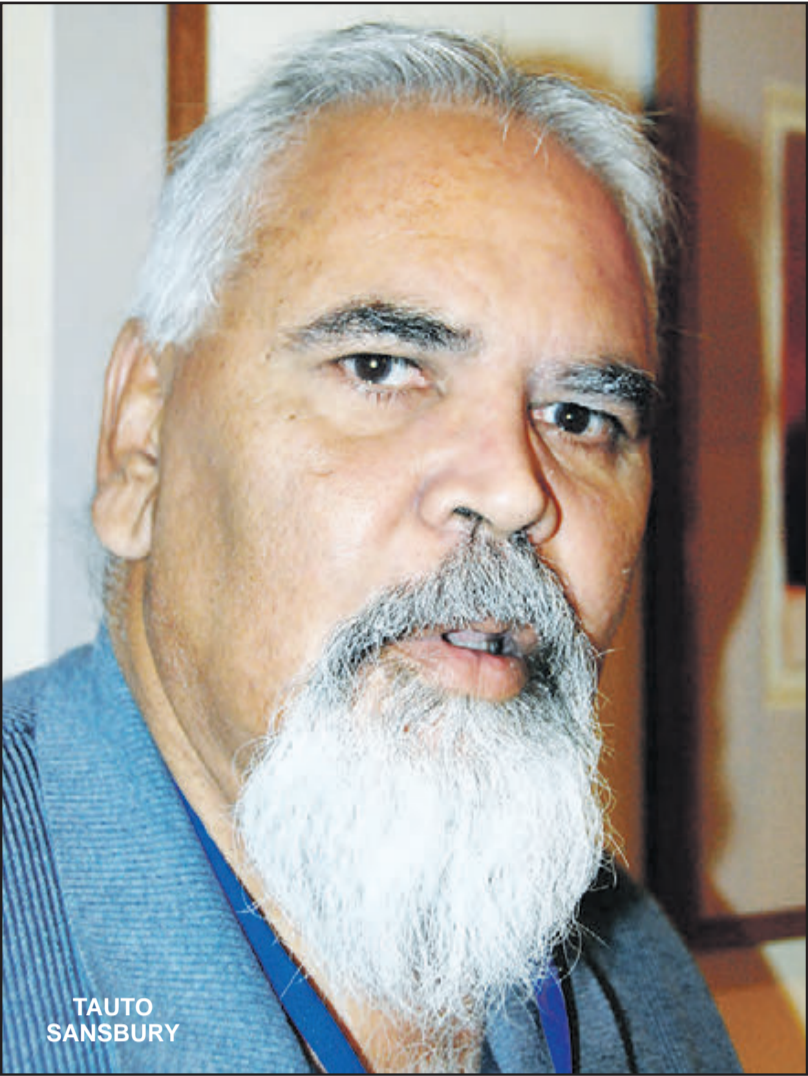
The Registrar gives notice to the corporations listed below and their directors that he has decided to deregister these corporations. If this is done, the corporations will no longer be registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and will cease to exist.

For further information on the proposed deregistrations or information on how to lodge a corporation's outstanding reports please call 1800 622 431 or email [info@oric.gov.au](mailto:info@oric.gov.au).

**Anthony Beven**  
**Registrar of Indigenous Corporations**

ICN	Corporation Name	ICN	Corporation Name	ICN	Corporation Name
4466	Aboriginal & Islander Child Care Agency Mount Isa & District Aboriginal Corporation	3841	Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation	2519	Nguna Morrt Aboriginal Corporation
3909	Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Committee Aboriginal Corporation	3809	Gurra Gnardi Aboriginal Corporation	2395	Noongar Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
2878	Aboriginal Talents Association of Australia Aboriginal Corporation	1052	Gurrbalgun Aboriginal Corporation	4136	Nuburrunmanja No.5 Aboriginal Corporation
7006	Advanced Indigenous Business Indigenous Corporation	3869	Gurrbalgun Urrmarr Aboriginal Corporation	2496	Nungalii Aboriginal Corporation
1626	Almirra Outstation Aboriginal Corporation	2459	Gurunadij Aboriginal Corporation	4098	Nyikina and Mangala Pastoral Aboriginal Corporation
3868	Amarungkurra Aboriginal Corporation	1500	Inwemanthwererre Aboriginal Corporation	2902	Nyooljar Aboriginal Corporation
888	Amundurrngu Outstations Council Aboriginal Corporation	478	Irintata Homelands Council (Aboriginal Corporation)	4482	Owirapoon Ya'Gno Wakai Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
4177	Angabunumanja Aboriginal Corporation	4499	Irrarnte Aboriginal Corporation	4738	Palm Island Community Store Aboriginal Corporation
4675	Angumathimaree Thanaquith Aboriginal Corporation	4383	Jadel Aboriginal Corporation	4474	Palms Land Aboriginal Corporation
4575	Antulye Aboriginal Corporation	2908	Jakunburaja Aboriginal Corporation	2206	Palmtree Wutaru Aboriginal Corporation for Land and Culture
3835	Appun Aboriginal Corporation	1542	Jawi Aboriginal Corporation	1769	Pantyinterne Aboriginal Corporation
7141	Areyonga Aboriginal Corporation	1497	Jibulwanagu Outstation Resources Association Aboriginal Corporation	4259	Pioneer Aboriginal Corporation
4637	Aniriki Aboriginal Corporation	3858	Julbunj - Ngarrmun Aboriginal Corporation	7042	Poruma Zagethau Lag Aboriginal Corporation
3694	Armidale Housing Round Table Aboriginal Corporation	1726	Jungalina Aboriginal Corporation	123	Q.E.B. Sporting Aboriginal Corporation
4565	Art FX Media Aboriginal Corporation	2916	Jurrugk Aboriginal Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	2421	Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Workers Association Aboriginal Corporation
3938	Baddagun Aboriginal Corporation	3077	Juvenile Advancement Aboriginal Corporation	4622	Rerrana Muthinja Aboriginal Corporation
4069	Bannick Burn Stingers Aboriginal Corporation	3953	Kaimel Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Community Development	4434	Robinvale Crows Football Club Aboriginal Corporation
2460	Barclays Rural Aboriginal Corporation	4186	Kaja Waira (a child's desire) Aboriginal Corporation	4362	Roundhouse Aboriginal Corporation
4487	Barladong Aboriginal Corporation	4747	Kalkadoon Gurdingunja Aboriginal Corporation	3290	Saylor Clan Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
1022	Barranyi Aboriginal Corporation	2664	Kalumbulani Aboriginal Corporation	2379	Southside Housing Aboriginal Corporation
1179	Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation	4439	Kardah Aboriginal Corporation	4504	Stewart Mob Aboriginal Corporation
800	Beemar Yumba Hostel Aboriginal Corporation	508	Kartang Rija Aboriginal Corporation	2426	Tappers Inlet Community Aboriginal Corporation
3738	Belang Aboriginal Corporation	4661	Keriba Buai Innisfail Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	4447	TBM Aboriginal Corporation
2203	Bells Point Aboriginal Corporation	4349	Kikar Indigenous Aboriginal Corporation	3324	Thalngarr Ngarriny Aboriginal Corporation
3432	Bigambul Traditional Elders Aboriginal Corporation	3560	Koorbardi Aboriginal Corporation	3618	Toowoomba Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP
1909	Biggah Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation	1919	Kou-Jee Aboriginal Corporation	4505	"Turilawa" - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
4048	Binjareb Aboriginal Corporation	643	Kulumbiringin Aboriginal Corporation	658	Turkey Bore and Tjutjunpiri Community (Aboriginal Corporation)
2090	Birriguba Wadja Bimbi Aboriginal Corporation	2897	Kun nanj Aboriginal Corporation	4366	Umbarra Elders Aboriginal Corporation
2385	Blacktracks Media Aboriginal Corporation	2894	Kunbohwinjgu (Fresh Water) Aboriginal Corporation	2886	United Githabul Tribal nation Aboriginal Corporation
1349	Bunuba Aboriginal Corporation	4049	Kunjunyaparna Aboriginal Corporation	4501	Upper Hunter Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
2668	Camfield Mudbura Aboriginal Corporation	4481	Kuruma Marthuduniha Aboriginal Corporation	3742	Uwiymnil Aboriginal Corporation
4676	Cape York Bama Languages Aboriginal Corporation	4507	Kutini Aboriginal Corporation	2490	W Lagoon Aboriginal Corporation
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4782	Clarence Valley Media Aboriginal Corporation	4228	La Perouse Rugby League & Youth Aboriginal Corporation	1795	Wairuk Aboriginal Corporation
4514	Coonawarra Media and Broadcasting Palm Island Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	1592	Ma'aathan Women's Shelter (Helping Hands) Aboriginal Corporation	2271	Wakka Wakka Legal Aboriginal Corporation
4030	Darling River C.D.E.P. Aboriginal Corporation	4378	Maat - Changk Aboriginal Corporation	2955	Wamanki Aboriginal Corporation
4142	Didla Ninga Aboriginal Corporation	4235	Ma'ddaimba-Balas Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	2712	Wangumara Aboriginal Corporation for Land, Culture and Heritage
811	Djoodood Aboriginal Corporation	159	Marddu Council Aboriginal Corporation	4099	Warningakalina Aboriginal Corporation
4066	Djuwin Women s Lore Council Aboriginal Corporation	4380	Matha Nglpn Buway Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	2972	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation
336	Eastern Goldfields Aboriginal Corporation Resource Agency	2188	Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation	3954	Warragudja Aboriginal Corporation
3907	Gamilaraay Bagandi Aboriginal Corporation	3654	Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation	342	Warrayu Community Aboriginal Corporation
4440	Gamilaroi Nation - Dhinawan Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	4545	Miss Indigenous Aboriginal Corporation	4254	Warwick and Southern Region CDEP Aboriginal Corporation
3998	Ghibba Gunya Housing Aboriginal Corporation	4494	Moonda Gudda Aboriginal Corporation	3693	Westan Aboriginal Corporation
3764	Gnarjl Aboriginal Corporation	4769	Moorooobool Young Guns Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	4226	Western Aranda Rel-aka Aboriginal Corporation
4000	Goanna Tracks Consultants Aboriginal Corporation	4118	Mount Isa Aboriginal Corporation For Men	2860	Western Districts Foundation Aboriginal Corporation
4403	Goldfields Independent Body Aboriginal Corporation	3295	Mount Willoughby Aboriginal Corporation	4416	WHG Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation
1408	Goodagah Relief Aboriginal Corporation Endeavour	3323	Mulgha Aboriginal Corporation	4363	Willandra World Heritage Area Three Traditional Tribal Groups Elders Aboriginal Corporation
3883	Goomeroi Elders Aboriginal Corporation Toomelah	2536	Mullewa Community Aboriginal Corporation	4508	Yaama Media Aboriginal Corporation
2979	Gooreng Gooreng (Aboriginal Corporation)	4773	Muluuri Aboriginal Corporation	4473	Yihmn Aboriginal Corporation
936	Gudga-Ga Nura Preschool Aboriginal Corporation	4478	Munamunara Aboriginal Corporation	3078	Yuriny Aboriginal Culture Centre (Aboriginal Corporation)
3992	Gumbilbara Aboriginal Corporation	4425	Murrabudii Aboriginal Corporation	4089	Yuritj (Berta Warta) Aboriginal Corporation
7111	Gundoi Aboriginal Corporation	2132	Murun Murula Aboriginal Corporation		
		2761	Nalta Ruwe Aboriginal Corporation		
		2896	Namarrkon Aboriginal Corporation		
		7029	New Age Aboriginal Corporation		
		3388	Ngalangak Aboriginal Corporation		
		4604	Ngarri Mudlunha Aboriginal Corporation		
		4201	Ngooderi Hi-Flyers Softball Aboriginal Corporation		

This list was last updated on 14 April 2010.



TAUTO  
SANSBURY

# Sansbury looks to Canberra

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENEOUS Labor candidate Tauto Sansbury is considering a crack at Federal politics after a stand-out performance in the recent South

Australian election.

Mr Sansbury came second in the vote in what is the traditionally conservative seat of Flinders on the Eyre Peninsula. He increased Labor's primary vote in the seat by 2.5 per cent, pushing the Nationals into third place.

Labor narrowly held on to power across the State.

Mr Sansbury told *The Koori Mail* that he would consider running as a Federal candidate if approached by the Federal Labor Party.

"My partner Grace said 'don't stand for a Federal seat', but it all depends. If the opportunity was given to me I'd have to seriously convince my partner to say go for it Tauto," he said.

"To be preselected by Country Labor was an honour, and if the possibility of a safe seat in the Federal election came up I would consider it."

Mr Sansbury's performance would come as no surprise for those aware of his background.

His career has spanned more than 25 years and has seen him at the forefront of Aboriginal Affairs, working in the areas of law and justice and health. He has recently

taken up the position of Executive Director of Aboriginal Elders and Community Care Services.

Mr Sansbury has strong family ties and close personal links with the Eyre Peninsula, which were further strengthened during his work as CEO of Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service during 2008 and 2009.

He has chaired many national and statewide bodies throughout his career and developed a high profile as a strong and committed leader.

Mr Sansbury said the second placing had never been achieved by Labor in the seat of Flinders.

## Swings

"There were swings against Labor everywhere except my seat," he said. "I am convinced that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are looking for colour, charm and charisma – although Grace said I shouldn't say that on radio."

Other Aboriginal candidates in the race for the Upper House did not fare so well.

Candidates Lynette Crocker and Dylan Coleman Mastrosavas, running for the Independent SA Change Party, failed to get enough votes to be elected.

Meanwhile, there were no Aboriginal candidates in the recent Tasmanian election.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre spokesperson Nala Mansell-McKenna said Tasmanian Aboriginal people were more interested in forming their own government.

# 'Shame' left at door



A MURRI Women's Group in Mt Isa, north-west Queensland, has developed a new way to help local Indigenous women deal with the issues that are troubling

them. The 'shame mat' concept was created by the group, and encourages women to leave their shame at the door so they can talk freely about issues such as domestic violence, alcohol and drugs, depression and suicide, family and relationships and parenting.

Professionals from services such as the North West Qld Indigenous Catholic Services, North West Qld Primary Health, the Domestic Violence Resource Group, Department of Child Safety and Centacare provide on-the-spot advice to the women.

Indigenous Liaison Officer Louise De Busch said the group had been inspired to tackle issues, and also to develop ways to deal with problems within their community.

She said one idea raised by the group was to hold a non-alcoholic 'Battle of the Murri Bands' event, which would promote and encourage a safer Indigenous community.

● Two group participants, far left, with Qld Health Cultural Manager Kerry Major, Murri Women's Group Co-ordinator Aunty Dolly Hankin, Aunty Lizzy Dempsey and Centacare Indigenous Liaison Officer and local Indigenous artist Louise De Busch.



SCREEN  
AUSTRALIA

## Indigenous Crossover 4th-9th July 2010

The Indigenous Department  
of Screen Australia  
in association with  
Crossover  
is calling for applications for  
Indigenous Crossover 2.

Indigenous Crossover 2 will take five compelling proposals for developing digital and interactive media ideas into rapid development at a five-day residential lab.

The lab will focus on giving selected participants the tools to explore their concepts more thoroughly, test the proposal's usability and ready their pitch for financing.

Indigenous creators from all sectors of the audiovisual industries including film, TV, new media, web, mobile and games are welcome to apply.

Applicants may be individuals or teams, and may come from any Australian state or territory.

**Deadline for applications is COB:  
Friday 21st May, 2010**

The guidelines and application form can be downloaded from our website:

**[www.screenaustralia.gov.au](http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au)**

### Registration of Interest

Aboriginal Heritage Project,  
Bungendore NSW

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders to be consulted for an Aboriginal heritage project near Bungendore, within the Palarang LGA, NSW. The consultation process for this project will be conducted in accordance with the DECCW's Draft Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Statement & Community Consultation (July 2005). Parties are invited to register their interest with Austral Archaeology. Registration of interest does not guarantee employment.

**Contact:** Leigh Bate  
Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd,  
Shop 1 92 Percival Road  
Stanmore NSW 2048  
**Tel:** 02 9568 6701, **Fax:** 02 9568 6702,  
**Email:** [leigh@australarchaeology.com.au](mailto:leigh@australarchaeology.com.au)

**The closing date for registration is:  
Tuesday 4th of May 2010.**



Communities  
arts nsw

### 2011 Arts Funding Program

Arts NSW administers a range of arts funding opportunities including program and project funding, fellowships, scholarships and awards aimed at encouraging creativity in the arts and fostering a spirited cultural environment for New South Wales.

Details of the **2011 Arts Funding Program** including Guidelines and Application Forms are available for download at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au)

Alternatively you can contact Arts NSW at  
**Email:** [arts.funding@communities.nsw.gov.au](mailto:arts.funding@communities.nsw.gov.au) or  
**Freecall:** 1800 358 594 (NSW) or  
**Phone:** (02) 9228 5533.

The closing date for applications for 2011 Program Funding and Performing Arts Touring is **5:00pm Monday 31 May 2010**

The closing date for applications for Project Funding - Creation and Presentation, Strategic Industry Development and Capital funding is **5:00pm Monday 28 June 2010**

Applicants should ensure they have read the 2011 Arts Funding Program Guidelines before submitting an application.



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Key responsibilities include:

- + reception duties
- + general administrative duties including mail
- + office administration including asset, vehicle and supplies management
- + organise catering for meetings and functions
- + records management support

Requirements of this position include:

- + basic Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook) capabilities
- + personable, proactive, enthusiastic attitude, driven to improve processes and provide a high level of support
- + a high degree of individual initiative, self reliance, resourcefulness and motivation

If you are keen to hear more and feel you have the skills necessary, please visit IBA's website [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au) where you can access a detailed position statement or find out more about working at IBA. Part time hours would be considered.

**Applications should be addressed to the contact officer for this position by close of business, Friday 30 April 2010.**

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Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is a progressive, commercially focused organisation that promotes and encourages self-management, self-sufficiency and economic independence for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



# Entries wanted for David Unaipon Award



INDIGENOUS writers are being urged to enter the David Unaipon Award, which is part of the Queensland Premier's Literary Award.

The David Unaipon Award, for unpublished Indigenous writers, offers \$15,000 prize money.

Award judge Nikola Lusk, from the University of Queensland Press, said she

was looking for good quality manuscripts with a good story to tell.

"The story must address some part of the Aboriginal experience but is not limited in any way," she said.

"Nicole Watson's manuscript, which won last year, was a crime thriller set in Brisbane."

Ms Lusk said the winner would also receive a publishing deal with UQP.

Even the runners-up had the potential

to get a book deal, she said.

"The last couple of years we've only had 15 to 20 entries so there is room for a lot more, and anyone in Australia can enter," she said.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, who invited writers across the country to enter the Premier's Literary Awards, announced the awards last week.

With 14 categories on offer, there is a total of \$225,000 in prize money.

Nominations are sought across 14 categories including, the Unaipon Award, the Fiction Book Award (\$25,000), the Emerging Queensland Author – Manuscript Award \$20,000, the History Book – Faculty of Arts, University of Queensland Award \$15,000, and the Young Adult Book Award \$15,000. For more information, go to [www.literaryawards.qld.gov.au](http://www.literaryawards.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3405 5215. Entries close Friday 10 May.

# Tackling violence

## Far northern NSW clubs get involved



THE Northern United and Lower Clarence Magpies football teams in New South Wales have each signed up to the Let's Tackle Domestic Violence campaign.

The teams were joined by NSW Minister for Community Services Linda Burney and local MP Janelle Saffin at Oakes Oval in Lismore to mark the occasion last week.

Ms Burney said the successful program had grown from six to 15 rugby league clubs this year.

"The Magpies were one of the inaugural clubs who asked to join the program in 2009 because they recognised that domestic violence was a major problem in their community and they want to be involved in the education and prevention campaign," she said.

"I am delighted that Northern United has decided to join them."

"Tackling Violence is about rugby league players taking the lead and being role models, especially to boys and young men, by standing up and saying domestic violence is unacceptable."



Players and club officials flank Magpies coach Ricky Binge, NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney, Member for Page Janelle Saffin, Dirawong Coach Chris Binge and Mayor of Lismore Jenny Dowell with the \$5000 cheques from the NSW Government. Photo by THERESA DALTON

Ms Burney said that along with the anti-domestic violence message, the program would also be raising awareness about how alcohol can fuel violence, including domestic violence, in many communities.

Ms Saffin said nearly one in three Australian women experienced physical violence.

"To prevent domestic violence, we need to change attitudes and behaviour. Working with regional rugby league clubs is a great way to start this change and encourage men to have respectful

relationships," she said.

"Tackling Violence will make a real difference to the communities of Lismore and the Lower Clarence."

### Awareness

Northern United and the Magpies will each receive \$5000 sponsorships to run local campaigns aimed at reducing domestic violence and alcohol-related violence and raising awareness on these issues.

As part of the sponsorship agreement, the clubs will agree to a code of conduct

with penalties should a player commit a domestic violence-related offence. They'll also participate in domestic violence education delivered by Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation and Tackling Violence ambassadors.

Ms Burney said the Department of Education and Training and Mudgin-Gal would this year be developing a school-based training program about safety and safe relationships for young people in participating communities.

The Community Services Domestic Violence Line number is 1800 656 463.

# Peachey impressed by attitude



David Peachey with Wilcannia local players and community members supporting the Let's Tackle Domestic Violence campaign.

FORMER football star David Peachey travelled to the far west of NSW to sign the Broken Hill Geebung and Saints, Menindee Yabbies and the Wilcannia Boomerangs to the Let's Tackle Domestic Violence campaign.

As a Tackling Violence Ambassador, Peachey will star this year in the far west campaign, providing domestic violence education, leadership and mentoring to players and communities.

"I was impressed by the attitudes of the clubs out west and their support for the program and the code of conduct," he said.

"The code penalises players for any domestic violence offences and the clubs and the players were asking us to make the code tougher, not softer. They were all really committed to the anti-violence message."

Other players taking part in the campaign as ambassadors are current North Sydney Bears

halfback Joe Williams, former Rabbitohs back Germaine Paulson and Dragons star Nathan Blacklock.

"As ex-players and now ambassadors, we're committed to giving back to our communities and supporting good programs when we can," Peachey said. "We all have good experience from our playing days and we want to use that experience in this new role."

The ambassadors will undergo domestic violence education with Tackling Violence educator Dixie Link-Gordon and will work with players, club officials and communities to increase knowledge and awareness of the effects of domestic violence on women, children and families.

"The ambassadors will be a key to the success of the program this year," Ms Link-Gordon said.

"These men are great role models, and well respected by players and fans in all our communities."

# Report links grog to Indigenous violence



A NEW study says Indigenous Australians are up to 20 times more likely to commit offences of violence, due overwhelmingly to alcohol abuse. The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) paper released last week found the rate of violent offending by Indigenous people was consistently higher than non-Indigenous people, with Indigenous males strongly over-represented.

Levels of recidivism were also disproportionately high, while time taken to commit further offences was disproportionately low.

The study's author, criminologist Joy Wundersitz, said it was widely recognised there was no single cause of violence in Indigenous communities, but there were a number of theories, including that initial European colonisation and dispossession played a crucial role. Repeated studies have pointed to the role of alcohol.

Institute Director Adam Tomison said available data indicated Indigenous people were 15-20 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to commit violent offences.

Risk factors included alcohol misuse, illicit drug use, sex, age, childhood experience of violence and abuse, exposure to pornography, education, income,

employment, housing, physical and mental health, geographic location and access to services.

"However, alcohol, based on existing evidence, stands out as a problem over and above structural factors, such as socio-economic disadvantage," Mr Tomison said.

Ms Wundersitz said the need to break the link between access to welfare money and alcohol abuse was a fundamental driver of the Northern Territory intervention, launched by the Howard Government.

Most Indigenous people were not violent, even though many lived in communities where violence was endemic and were subjected to violence and systemic social disadvantage without becoming offenders themselves, she said.

Despite the large number of studies, there were gaps in the data and that was limiting development of policies designed to curtail violence. The only truly national data on Indigenous offending is the institute's homicide monitoring program.

"Without a more detailed understanding of what proportion of the Indigenous population actually commits acts of violence, the nature and frequency of that violence, and the circumstances within which it occurs, successful intervention strategies will be difficult to develop," Ms Wundersitz said. — AAP

# Housing stance blasted



A NSW Aboriginal Land Council regional councillor has accused the Dubbo City Council and some local residents of hypocrisy over opposition to the extension of a local home for an Aboriginal family.

The family currently lives in Cronin Place in a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home, which the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is extending to six bedrooms and three bathrooms, to properly accommodate the family.

According to local news reports, Dubbo council raised concerns about the renovations, specifically 'about urban design, streetscape, parking and the location of the premises in a cul-de-sac with potential for issues with surrounding neighbours'. And local MP Dawn Fardell questioned the legality of the development in a report by the *Daily Liberal* newspaper.



**NSWALC Councillor Stephen Ryan: "This is about race, pure and simple."**

But changes to state planning laws last year mean such decisions rest with the State Government, not local government.

Cr Stephen Ryan said the council's stance — and that of some local residents — was indefensible and hypocritical.

He said neither complained when the State Government closed down a

largely Aboriginal housing estate in West Dubbo several years ago, blocked the purchase of a different house for the same family last year, or rejected Aboriginal land claims.

"They either sit quietly and say nothing, or applaud loudly, when the State Government uses its powers to frustrate the hopes of Aboriginal people," Cr Ryan said.

"But they scream blue murder when the same State Government uses its powers for the benefit of a single Aboriginal family."

Cr Ryan said opposition to the house extensions were 'about race, pure and simple'.

"It's about the colour of the skin of the tenants in Cronin Place, nothing else," he said, adding that he hoped the family would not succumb to the racism and pressure being directed against them by 'a minority of Dubbo residents and officials'.

The *Koori Mail* was awaiting comment from the AHO at the time of printing.



Pilgrims placed a handprint on a banner as they arrived, to show they made the pilgrimage in peace and with open hands (no weapons).

# 250 youth in pilgrimage to nation's heart



MORE than 250 young people from around Australia made a pilgrimage to Uluru on Easter Sunday, where the local Aboriginal people greeted them.

The annual Pilgrimage to Uluru started in 2001 as a cultural exchange for Australian secondary students from government and non-government schools under the banner of Schools in Harmony. This year was the 10th anniversary. Since it began, more than 3000 young people have taken the journey to the nation's heart.

Eight busloads of students joined at the Yulara resort where they engaged with the culture and people of the Mutitjulu and

Ernabella communities.

Members of the Mutitjulu community prepared a banner for the pilgrim's arrival.

Co-ordinator of the Uluru Pilgrimage Base camp Heather Bradbury said the banner told a story of hope, and the pilgrims each placed a handprint on it when they arrived.

Other activities included cultural walks, bush tucker feasts where pilgrims snacked on honey ants, and a celebration concert featuring Anangu women and children. The pilgrims also took part in an all-night prayer vigil, and a dawn service looking out over Uluru.

The Schools in Harmony Pilgrimage to Uluru is a Fusion International project.



The pilgrimage base camp team, preparing for the big weekend with the banner the Indigenous women painted especially for the concert shown in the foreground. Photos courtesy of Heather Bradbury

**W**elcome to *The Koori Mail's* National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com), faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

## National

**Until 19 May:** GenerationOne launch. GenerationOne is a partnership for all Australians to participate in and a place for all to release their passion in three main areas: Education, jobs and job-ready training. Meeting with grassroots supporters and leaders. Stage performances. Details: Shaun Edwards on (02) 9660 9400 or email [shaun@generationone.org.au](mailto:shaun@generationone.org.au) or visit [www.generationone.org.au](http://www.generationone.org.au)

**Until 19 May:** Calling for Application in the 2010 Governor General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship. The program supports one indigenous student in every State and Territory to obtain a teaching degree. Details: 1300 363 079 or email [GovGenScholarships@deewr.gov.au](mailto:GovGenScholarships@deewr.gov.au) or visit [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au)

Dates and locations below:

22 April at Alice Springs, NT  
23 April at Coober Pedy, SA  
26 April at Kalgoorlie, WA  
29 April at Perth, WA  
30 April at Geraldton, WA  
3 May at Broome, WA  
6 May at Kununarra, WA  
7 May at Darwin, NT  
10 May at Mt Isa, Qld  
11 May at Charters Towers, Qld  
14 May at Townsville, Qld  
17 May at Mackay, Qld  
18 May at Rockhampton, Qld  
19 May at Brisbane, Qld

**Until 29 June:** Strategic Planning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations. 'Accessing Mainstream Funding' masterclass. The masterclass will let you take away tools and strategies to access mainstream funding and how to reach requirements in reporting and corporate governance. Guest speakers. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Details: 1300 316 882 or email [registration@criterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@criterionconferences.com) or visit [www.atsistrategicplanning.com](http://www.atsistrategicplanning.com)

Dates and locations

21-22 June: Held in Perth.  
24-25 June: Held in Darwin.  
28-29 June: Held in Brisbane.

**Until 10 October:** Menagerie National Tour. This exhibition explores a contemporary Indigenous perspective on animals and their relationship to people, place and country, revealing individual stories of both maker and object. All welcome. Details: (02) 9320 6000 or visit [www.aboriginalartnews.com.au](http://www.aboriginalartnews.com.au)

Dates and locations:

15 May-27 June at Launceston, Tas  
23 July-10 October at Adelaide, SA.

## NSW

**Until 11 April:** Colour Country 'Art from Roper River' Art Exhibition. This exhibition is based on south-east of Arnhem Land, representing the traditional culture of the country. Featuring works by Ginger Riley Muduwalawala, Djambu Bara Bara, Amy Jirwulurr Johnston and Willie Gudabi. Free and all welcome. Held at the Australian National University, Drill Hall Gallery, Kingsley St, Acton from noon-5pm. Details: ph (02) 6125 5832 or visit [www.anu.edu.au/mac/content/dhgf/exhibitions](http://www.anu.edu.au/mac/content/dhgf/exhibitions)

**Until 1 May:** Blood River Art Exhibition by Joanne Currie Nalingu. Her painting speaks of a river as a living entity and subtle reflections of different events in her life. Free and all welcome. Held at Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach. Details Mirri Leven on (02) 9300 9233 or email [info@cooeearth.com.au](mailto:info@cooeearth.com.au) or visit [www.cooeearth.com.au](http://www.cooeearth.com.au)

**Until 20 May:** *Thinking Outside the Square: A Retrospective (1972-2010)* photo exhibition. The exhibition showcases more than 200 black and white and colour photographs and typifies those in the images who often find themselves



## Indigenous artworks on show at NSW exhibitions

**S**EASONS Greetings showcases 36 artworks by practising Indigenous artists and community members and tells the story of Blue Mountain seasons from an Aboriginal perspective.

The *Seasons Greetings* project was inspired by Darug and Gundungurra Elder Aunty Carol Cooper, who questioned the notion of there only being four seasons. Perhaps there are as many as six?

Pictured (above right) is a lino print of a hooded grace plant by Sebria Lawrance. *Seasons Greetings* is on at

the Blue Mountains Heritage Centre in Blackheath until 26 April.

Meanwhile, the residents of the Balund-a facility at Tabulam, in northern NSW, who have been studying an Indigenous art and culture course, are showing their works publicly for the first time at the 3 Rivers Aboriginal Art Space in Lismore.

A major component of the course has been the importance of retaining a strong connection to cultural heritage.

Pictured (above left) is *Dunghutti Totem*, by Wayne Ridgeway. The exhibition runs until 28 April.

on the fringe of society. Alcohol and drug-free event. All welcome. Held at the Uniting Church, 56a Raglan Street, Waterloo. Details: Elaine Pelot-Syron on (0411) 725 981 after 2pm.

**Until 25 June:** Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize – calling for entries. The art prize is open to Aboriginal artists 18 years or older who are born in NSW and belonging to a NSW language group. Prize value of \$20,000. For condition of entry and more information, contact (02) 4645 4100 or visit [www.cofa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.cofa.unsw.edu.au)

**21-22 April:** Gumbaynggirr Nation meeting. The agenda is presently open to suggestions and inputs. Please advise if you wish to add to the agenda. Accommodation is provided if needed and includes all meals. All welcome. Held at the Nuralamee Conference and Accommodation Centre, 170 Red Rock Rd, Corinda Beach. Details: (02) 6640 7100 or (0488) 491 304.

**23 April:** STICS Public Forum 'The NT Intervention is a Fraud'. Guest speakers include John Pilger, Richard Downs, Prof Larissa Behrendt and Paul McAleer. All welcome. Held at the NSW Teachers Federation Auditorium, 37 Reservoir St, Surry Hills from 6pm onwards. Details: Jean (0449) 646 593 or email [stoptheintervention@gmail.com](mailto:stoptheintervention@gmail.com) or visit [www.stoptheintervention.org](http://www.stoptheintervention.org)

**25 April:** The Redfern Anzac Day commemoration. The event includes cultural performances, commemorative service, entertainment, Elders' yarn tent, informal gathering, displays and more. Transport provided. Free and all welcome. Held at The Block, Redfern, 12.30pm to proceed to Redfern Park. Details: Pastor Ray Minniecon on (0417) 929 701 or David Williams on (0450) 361 418 or Mark Spinks on (0411) 282 917.

**28 April:** Worimi Kids DVD launch. The DVD contains two music clips performed by the Worimi kids of Karuah and Raymond Terrace. The songs *Walang, Wagal, Gaalal Djina* and *How Do You Say* are to help teach the use of the local Koori language (Kattang) from the Port Stephens area in NSW. Some of these groups include Port Stephens Family Support Service, Worimi Aboriginal Lands Council and the University of Newcastle. Free and all welcome. Held at the Primary School Hall, Swan Street, Raymond Terrace, from 4-6pm. Details: Sue Pollock on (02) 4987 4674 or email [sue@psfss.org.au](mailto:sue@psfss.org.au) or visit [www.psfss.org.au](http://www.psfss.org.au)

**6-8 May:** Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival 2010. The festival will celebrate the

beginning of another decade of Indigenous storytelling with five world premieres showcasing the breadth and diversity of indigenous culture and artists. Australian directors and film producers will be attending, hosted by Ernie Dingo. All welcome. Held at Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 8369 6558 or visit [www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

**22-23 May:** *Black to Back3*. This is an art conference aimed at examining the key issues currently being faced by Aboriginal visual artists and arts professionals in NSW. Free and all welcome. Held at Campbelltown Arts Center, Campbelltown. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or email [atrscenter@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:atrscenter@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.campbelltownartcentre.nsw.gov.au](http://www.campbelltownartcentre.nsw.gov.au)

**25-26 May:** Governance and Accountability Models Conference. The conference will examine models of funding and accountability that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to continue providing effective service delivery. Guest speakers. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Citigate Centre, Sydney. Details: 1300 316 882 or email [registration@criterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@criterionconferences.com) or visit [www.indigogovernance.com](http://www.indigogovernance.com)

**26 May:** Sorry Day celebrations. The event will include a flag-raising ceremony, traditional dance and didgeridoo performances. Visit to Stolen Generations Garden followed by a barbecue lunch. Free and all welcome. Held at Liverpool Regional Museum at 10am. Details: (02) 9602 0315 or 1300 36 2170.

**18 June:** Safe and Healthy Families Expo. The expo will celebrate Brungle's fifth birthday and will bring together different agencies and community organisations that provide the services available in our community. This event includes, boomerang painting, hearing tests, stalls, free healthy lunch, show bags and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Brungle Health and Community Centre, Brungle from 10am-3pm. Details: Judy Reid on (0427) 185 075 or (02) 6944 9036 or email [brungle.admin@rivmed.org](mailto:brungle.admin@rivmed.org)

## Northern Territory

**8-11 April:** International Indigenous Solidarity Gathering. The gathering will take the form of workshops, forums, cultural events and art shows and will bring together Indigenous activists from all over Australia and the world to discuss their common struggles. It also provides an opportunity for non-indigenous activists to learn about these struggles and how best to respectfully support them. All welcome.

Held in Alice Springs. Details: Michael on (0438) 496 433 or visit [www.latinlasnet.org](http://www.latinlasnet.org)

**14 April:** Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations. This is a capacity-building workshop for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with or advocate on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities. All welcome. Held in Darwin. Details: Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email [StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au)

## Queensland

**Until 10 April:** *Girringun Yunggil One* Together Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition of recent paintings, unique layer cane weaving and Bagu ceramics from Cardwell, Qld. All welcome. Held at the Suzanne O'Connell Gallery, Australian Indigenous Art, 93 James St, New Farm. Details: (07) 33585811 or (0400) 920 022 or email [suzanne@suzanneoconnell.com](mailto:suzanne@suzanneoconnell.com) or visit [www.suzanneoconnell.com](http://www.suzanneoconnell.com)

**Until 17 April:** *Why You Paint Like That* art exhibition. This exhibition will showcase works by Marshall Bell to represent his ancestors' art styles. All welcome. Held at Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email [email@wag.com.au](mailto:email@wag.com.au) or visit [www.wag.com.au](http://www.wag.com.au)

**Until 30 May:** *Aiewal Come, Gather* art exhibition. This is an exhibition of work produced at creative skills development workshops in the Torres Strait during 2009. All welcome. Held at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Corner Blackall St and Victoria Parade, Thursday Island, Torres Strait. Details: (07) 4090 2130 or visit [www.gabtitui.com.au](http://www.gabtitui.com.au)

**Until 30 June:** Red Desert Gallery. This Indigenous art gallery showcases indigenous artists such as Bruce Rivett, an artist who paints his customary kin stories from the Torres Strait background. Free and all welcome. Held at Red Desert Gallery, 102 Memorial Dr, Emumundi. Details: (07) 5442 7172 or email [paulc@reddesertgallery.com.au](mailto:paulc@reddesertgallery.com.au) or visit [www.reddesertgallery.com.au](http://www.reddesertgallery.com.au)

**Until 6 October:** FOGs Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo. The expo is held to promote job opportunities for young Indigenous job-seekers. Opportunity to meet Queensland's State of Origin legends, Indigenous All Stars captain Preston Campbell and along with current Gold Coast Titans players. Free and all welcome. Details: (07)3331 5175 email [admin@fogs.com.au](mailto:admin@fogs.com.au) or visit [www.fogs.com.au](http://www.fogs.com.au)

Dates and locations:

28 April in Cairns.  
12 May in Rockhampton  
2 June in Mt Isa  
21 July in Mackay  
15 September in Brisbane  
6 October in Townsville

**19-21 April:** Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Conference 2010. Gain insights from BHP Billiton, Newcrest as well as Downer EDI Mining, who will all come together at this event to educate and inform participants on the best practices which they have developed. Guest speakers. Cost involved. Special rates for Indigenous organisations. All welcome. Held at Parks Regis Hotel, 293 North Quay, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email [conferences@TonkinCorporation.com](mailto:conferences@TonkinCorporation.com) or visit [www.TonkinCorporation.com](http://www.TonkinCorporation.com)

**3 May:** Stolen Wages Action Group Labour Day March. Bus provided for those who wish to participate. Gwen Taylor (QCU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Industrial Officer) will be on hand. All welcome. Held at Cnr Wharf and Astor Tce, Spring Hill from 9am onwards. Details: Gwen Taylor on (0408) 892 245.

**8 May:** Purga on Show. The event includes Ron Richards Memorial Plaque and Signage unveiling, information stalls, children's rides, food and entertainment. Free and all welcome. Transport provided. Held at 587 Ipswich, Boonah Rd, Purga. Details: (07) 3812 8833 or Derek Kinchela on (07) 3810 6696 or email

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## Expo aimed at stronger artist co-op

**A**RTS institution Boomalli Aboriginal Artist Co-operative is staging a gala event and artistic expo at their headquarters in a bid to secure and strengthen their future.

The fundraiser – *Black or White It Just Ain't Right* – is aimed at staving off potential closure of the oldest Aboriginal artist co-operative in the state.

Artworks donated by Boomalli founding member Bronwyn Bancroft, more recent members, and non-Indigenous artists and collectors will go towards the exhibition and the proceeds will help to keep the doors open. Boomalli is still seeking support in the form of gifting artwork or volunteering.

The collective and event organisers are also inviting art lovers to experience a



**Boomalli founding members and artists. Photographer unknown.**

two-day event of talks by leading Aboriginal artists and curators including James Wilson Miller from the Powerhouse Museum, Lynn Riley from Sydney University, Lola Forester and Boomalli founding members.

To be involved in the expo, call Amy Griffiths on (0414) 585238 or Bronwyn Bancroft on (02) 9810 5118. And for more information on the fight to save Boomalli, go to <http://saveboomalli.blogspot.com>.

● The *Black or White It Just Ain't Right* gala event and artist expo, gallery talks and art exhibition will be held at 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt in Sydney from 1pm to 3pm on 1-2 May.

musicians. Free and all welcome. Held at Umuwa, APY Lands. Details: Sue Mikkelsen on (08) 8272 3080 or (0412) 697 016 or visit [www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/events/roadshows](http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/events/roadshows)

## Victoria

**Until 9 April:** Willy Billabong Masterpieces art exhibition. Five years after Willy's death, this exhibition of 13 paintings from 2000-2004 is a fitting tribute to a great artist. All welcome. Held at the Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White St, Windsor. Details: (03) 9521 2324 or (0417) 184 260 or email [artplace@inet.net.au](mailto:artplace@inet.net.au) visit [www.artplace.com.au](http://www.artplace.com.au)

**Until 16 April:** Indigenous arts grants writing workshops. These free workshops are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. Learn to develop your application writing skills and find out how to write a budget, manage your arts projects and more. Dates and venues; 23 March at Robinvale TAFE campus, 24 March at Swan Hill TAFE Campus, 14 April at RMIT Bundoora West Campus and 16 April at Kangan Batman TAFE, Broadmeadows, from 10am-3pm. Free and all welcome. Details: Robyn Simpson on (03) 9658 8549 or email [Robyn.Simpson@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:Robyn.Simpson@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

**Until 17 April:** *Black Sheep – Glorious Baastards*. Tickets \$10-\$20 pp. All welcome. Held at the Powder Room, Melbourne Town Hall from 6pm onwards. Details: 1300 660 013 or (03) 9329 9097 or visit [www.ilbijerri.com.au](http://www.ilbijerri.com.au)

**10 April:** National Deadly Funny grand final. The winner of the grand final wins \$2000 and a Deadly Funny national champion trophy. Judged by comedy industry professionals and local community leaders. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Town Hall, Melbourne. Details: Tickets 1300 660 013 or call Jason Tamiru on (03) 9245 3700 or email on [jason@comedyfestival.com.au](mailto:jason@comedyfestival.com.au)

**21-22 April:** Willin Week Celebrating Indigenous Arts and Performance. This concert features music, dance, food, debate and will honour Indigenous students and artists on campus. Free and all welcome. Held at the VCA campus, South Bank, St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Details: Jessye on (03) 9685 9327 or email [jessyew@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jessyew@unimelb.edu.au)

**6 May-20 June:** The Pwerle Sisters Art Exhibition. Featuring works of the Pwerle sisters from Utopia. Free and all welcome. Held at the Dreaming Art Centre of Utopia, 41 Canterbury Road, Middle Park. Details (03) 9690 9187 or visit [www.dacoumelbourne.com.au](http://www.dacoumelbourne.com.au)

## Western Australia

**Until 10 April:** 100 Climbs in 100 Days. A number of rock climbers have been challenging 100 Climbs in 100 Days since 1 January 2010 to support the protection of rock art in Australia. Some have already completed up to 45 routes around Western Australia. To sponsor a climber, contact (0402) 664 503 or email [contact@100in100days.com.au](mailto:contact@100in100days.com.au) or visit [www.100in100days.com.au](http://www.100in100days.com.au)

**Until 25 April:** Graham Badari

first solo exhibition. This exhibition is from one of Western Arnhem Land's most innovative and exciting contemporary artist. All welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay Street, Subiaco. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email [art@mossensongalleries.com.au](mailto:art@mossensongalleries.com.au) or visit [www.mossenson galleries.com.au](http://www.mossenson galleries.com.au)

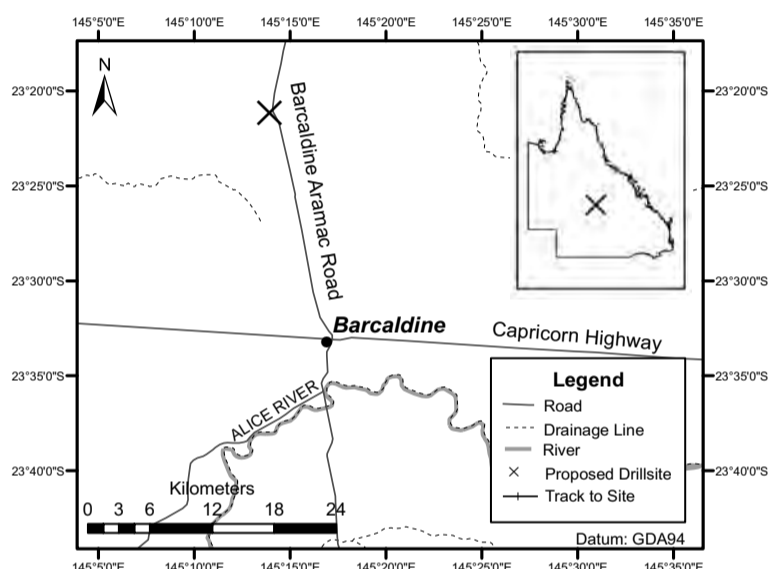
**8 April:** Warakurna Artists and Tjanpi Desert Weavers Art Exhibition. The exhibition incorporates stunning paintings from Warakurna and Wanarn communities in Ngaanyatjarra country of WA. Free entry and all welcome. Held at Short Street Gallery, Broome, from 6pm onwards. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or visit [www.shortstgallery.com.au](http://www.shortstgallery.com.au)

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**27 May:** Equity and Diversity Awards Interactive Panel Discussion. The awards recognise and reward the achievements of staff and students in furthering equity and diversity throughout UQ and the community. Panel discussion topic: Our Global Community – Reflections and Predictions. All welcome. Held at UQ Centre, Union Road, St Lucia. Details: (07) 3365 3374 or email [diversityweek@uq.edu.au](mailto:diversityweek@uq.edu.au) or visit [www.uq.edu.au/diversity-week](http://www.uq.edu.au/diversity-week)

**27 May:** Reconciliation Business Forum 2010 'Master Business'. The forum will consist of a series of workshops where you can learn to produce a winning business case in a challenging and competitive business team environment. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea provided. Free and all welcome. RSVP by 30 April. Held at the Mercure Hotel, North Quay, Brisbane, from 8.30am-4.30pm. Details: (07) 3225 2682 or email [Christy.Anderson@deedi.qld.gov.au](mailto:Christy.Anderson@deedi.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.indigenous.business.qld.gov.au](http://www.indigenous.business.qld.gov.au)

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## South Australia

**Until 2 May:** Putsch Art Exhibition. Works by Brisbane-based artist collective proppaNOW. All welcome. Held at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

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**12 April:** Workshops to focus on Stolen Generations. This is a capacity-building workshop for organisations whose primary purpose is to work with or advocate on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Focus on seeking and competing for funding opportunities. All welcome. Held in Adelaide. Details: Dushanka Matijevic on (02) 6212 9494 or Selena Reardon on (02) 6212 9722 or email [StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au)

**10 May-18 July:** *Lowanna*, an exhibition of photographs by 2009 NAIDOC Artist of the Year Wayne Quilliam. Quilliam analyses and deciphers images of the nude female form and landscapes as he camouflages his figures to deconstruct create and recreate a naked reality. Free and all welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from 10am-5pm. Details: Renee Johnson on (08) 8224 3218 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**12 May-18 July:** *Jukurrpa* – Our Story art exhibition from the Warlukurlangu Artists. Specialising in the production of acrylic paintings, traditional artifacts, sand paintings, large canvas commissions, etchings and screen prints. Free and all welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: Renee Johnson on (08) 8224 3218 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**24-28 May:** Out of the Glass Case Road Show. A series of workshops and participatory teaching sessions for school groups concluding with a community day involving local artists, crafts people and

# Central Australian men to gather against violence



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MORE than 100 Aboriginal men from across 39 Central Australian communities are expected to meet at Inteyerrkwe (Ross River) next month to talk about ways to stop violence in and around Alice Springs.

Summit convenor, and Male Health Manager at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, John Liddle said Central Australia was in the midst of a devastating violence crisis and it was time that Aboriginal men stood up against it.

"It is time that Aboriginal males stood up both morally and culturally, taking positive action and a zero-tolerance approach to stop the excessive violence in families, communities and towns, a crisis that is having a devastating effect on community members of all ages and genders, especially the children," Mr Liddle said.

"Like most Aboriginal males in Central Australia I am sick of going to funerals and seeing our courts, jails, health clinics and hospital filled with brothers and sisters who have been involved in family violence."

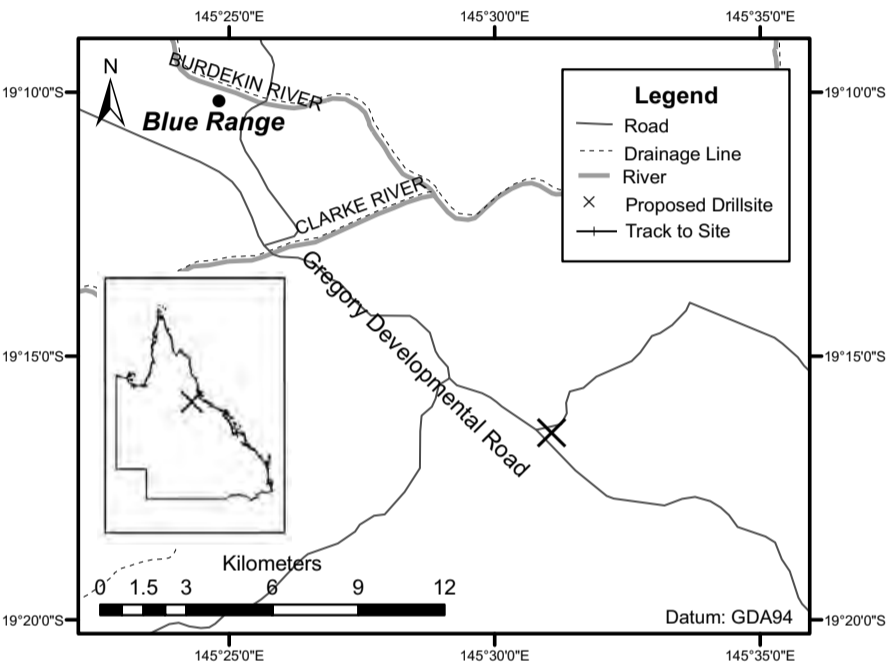
The summit, to be held from 10-14 May, will follow on from an earlier national men's summit in 2008, which issued a collective historic apology to Aboriginal women known as the Inteyerrkwe Statement.

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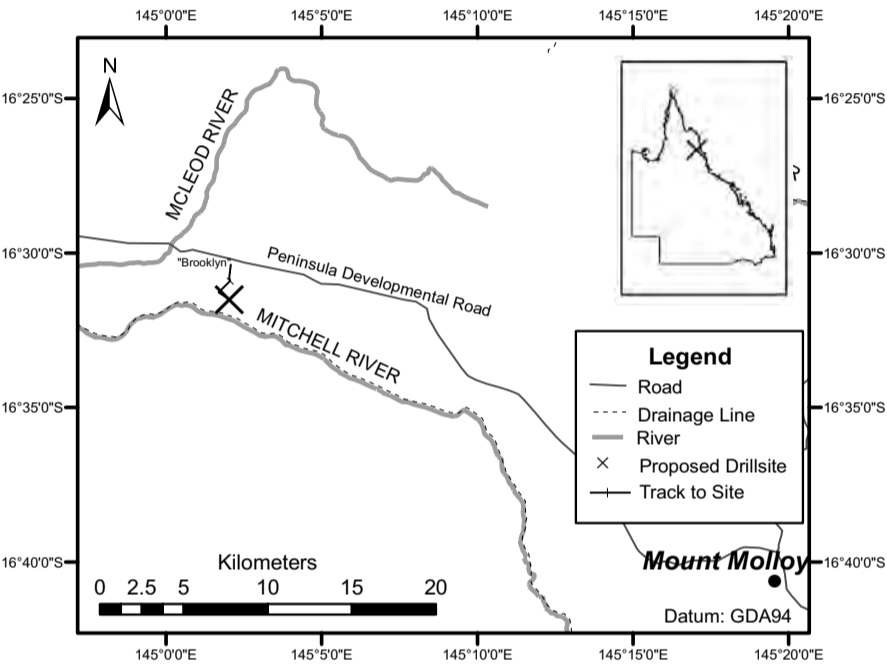


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# Freeman death drink-driver loses appeal



A DRINK-DRIVER who killed Cathy Freeman's brother when she crashed into his parked truck has lost an appeal against her seven-year sentence.

Crystalea Patricia Blackaby had a blood alcohol reading of 0.227 per cent when she swerved off the road and hit a parked truck in Mackay, on the north Queensland coast, in September 2008, killing Norman Freeman, 34, the younger brother of the

champion Olympic runner. Blackaby, who was 22 at the time, pleaded guilty in the Mackay District Court in October last year to dangerous operation of a vehicle causing death while adversely affected by an intoxicating substance.

She was sentenced to seven years' jail, with a non-parole period of 18 months. Last month, her lawyers took the case to the Court of Appeal in Brisbane, arguing the sentence was manifestly excessive, as it did not sufficiently take into account

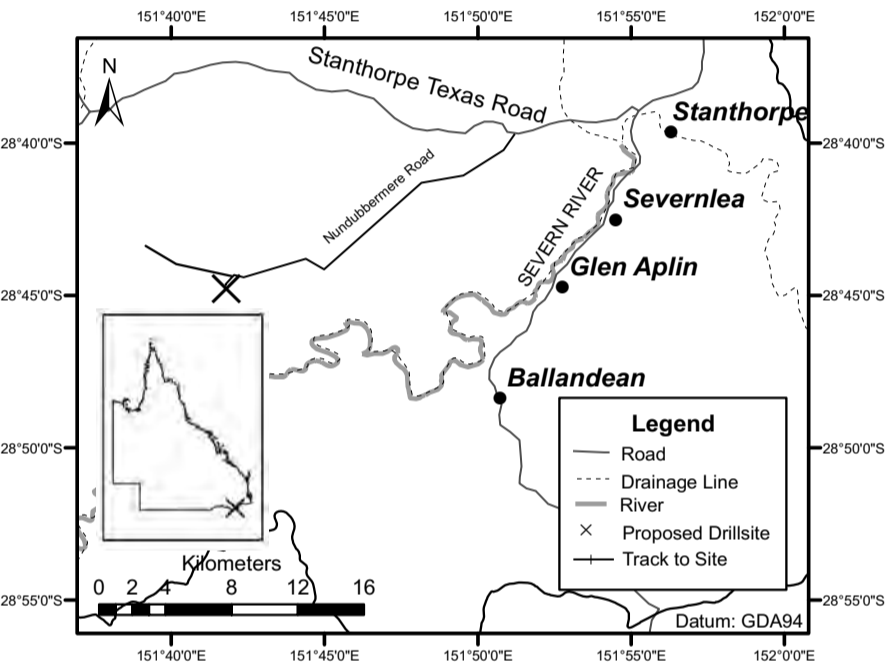
factors in her favour. However, the Court of Appeal ruled these mitigating factors were considered when setting an early parole eligibility date. Blackaby's application for leave to appeal her sentence was dismissed. – AAP

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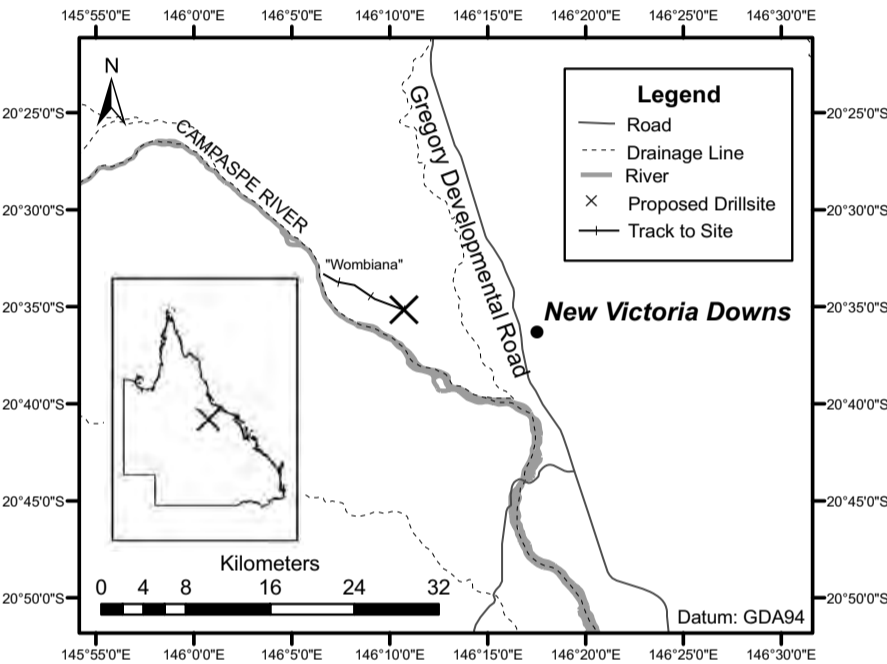


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**Focus On Indigenous**

# Education

**Your guide to courses, success stories and more in  
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# Big events for BIITE



Batchelor Institute award-winners at last year's graduation ceremony, from left, Victoria Dawson (Batchelor), Greg Hauser (Darwin) and Leah Leaman (Kalkaringi community).

**B**ATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) is set to hold its main student graduation ceremony on 3 June this year.

The graduation, held at the Batchelor campus about 100km south of Darwin, is always a colourful affair, with students and academics donning decorated robes for the outdoor ceremony.

Another graduation ceremony will be held during September at the institute's Alice Springs campus.

And another major highlight will be the fourth annual BIITE Awards, scheduled for Darwin later this year. They are designed to recognise the achievements of Batchelor's staff and students.

Indigenous students from across Australia attend a range of courses at Batchelor.

They benefit from the institute's 'both ways' philosophy which enables exploration of Indigenous Australian traditions of knowledge and Western academic disciplinary positions and cultural contexts.

Batchelor delivers courses to students in centres across remote areas of the Northern Territory.

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## Testing the anti microbial activity of traditional medicines.



**S**tudents from the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) last week were involved in testing the antimicrobial activity of some Indigenous traditional medicines.

Students collected leaves, bark and fruit from plants in the George Brown Botanical Gardens. The plant products they chose were based on their knowledge of traditional medicines.

To test the antimicrobial activity, a 'lawn' of a common bacterial species (one that causes infection in humans) was grown on agar plates. Plant material and plant extracts were placed on the bacterial lawn. The amount of clearing of the bacteria around the added plant material indicates the antimicrobial activity. The active chemicals diffuse out from the plant material, and inhibit growth of the bacteria, resulting in a zone of inhibition.

A number of the plant products displayed significant antimicrobial activity, as can be seen in the attached photo.

Environmental health is all about those environmental factors that affect people's health, which include water quality, food safety, wastewater treatment, housing and vector control. The three year degree program at Batchelor Institute qualifies students to practice as Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) in every state, authorized by their state legislation. This means students can undertake safety inspections of public areas that can affect human health, including food outlets and public swimming pools. EHOs are also responsible for areas as diverse as health promotion, developing policy and emergency management.

Students in the photo are doing the BEH206 Microbiology unit. This is a second year unit that covers aspects of environmental health microbiology.

Understanding microbiological processes is important because microorganisms cause such a wide range of diseases, including food borne illnesses such as Salmonella poisoning,

infections relating to body piercing and illnesses related to the built environment such as Legionnaires disease. Students learn how microorganisms multiply, how they cause illness and, most importantly, methods to reduce their impact on human health.

In addition to investigating antimicrobial activity of traditional medicines, in this unit students purchased meat products from a supermarket to look at the total number of microorganisms in different types of meat. They also took swabs from areas around public toilets and determined the types of bacteria that the door handles and taps had been contaminated with. These students will go on to become Environmental Health Officers involved in protecting the health of the public (that's you).

**Dr. Kirstin Ross**  
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NAISDA developing artists with, centre, Juanita Duncan who graduated with a Diploma in Careers in Dance. Photo: Amanda James

# Class act graduates

**N**AISDA Dance College has held a special graduation ceremony for its 2009 developing artists. A highlight of the event, held at the Gosford Regional Gallery in NSW, was

a performance by hip-hop artists The Street Warriors. Proceedings were overseen by NSW Aboriginal Land Council's Cr Roy Ah See, with other guests including

Darkinjung Land Council CEO Sean Gordon and NAISDA Chairman Rick Shapter. Developing artists performed dances from Elcho Island in Arnhem

Land and Saibai Island in the Torres Strait. Students received awards at Certificate II, III and IV levels, as well as the Diploma in Careers in Dance. ● See page 73 for more on NAISDA

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Applications close 30 June 2010



# Work starts on medical program site

**W**ORK has started on the site of the new building that will house the Northern Territory Medical Program. The program aims to improve the health of Northern Territorians, particularly Indigenous Territorians, through training local doctors who are more likely to stay in the Territory after they graduate.

Charles Darwin University Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover and Flinders Vice-Chancellor Professor Michael Barber joined Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon and NT Health Minister Kon Vatskalis in planting the first shovel for the Territory's first full medical education program.

In May 2009, the Federal Government announced that it

would provide \$27.8 million in infrastructure funding to support the establishment of a full medical program in the Northern Territory.

Prof Glover welcomed the support from the Australian Government and said the medical program was a great outcome, not only for CDU and Flinders University, but also for the Territory as a whole.

## Commitment

"We are grateful for the support from the Australian Government and the serious demonstration of their commitment to addressing Indigenous disadvantage," Prof Glover said.

"There is no doubt that health issues need tackling in the Territory, especially in remote areas.

"Through this collaborative

approach, we aim to recruit local students, particularly Indigenous students, into medical education pathways. The long-term result will be local doctors with local knowledge to tackle local problems."

Prof Glover pointed to the introduction of CDU's new medical science courses, including the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences and the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences, as important elements of the development of the NT medical program and growing the CDU/Flinders partnership as a whole.

The program will be run by Flinders University with extensive support from CDU. Buildings to house the Medical Program will be established at CDU's Casuarina campus and Royal Darwin Hospital.



Federal Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon, Flinders Vice-Chancellor Prof Michael Barber, CDU Vice-Chancellor Prof Barney Glover and NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson turn the first sod of the new building which will house the Northern Territory Medical Program.



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The Cadigal Program is a special admission and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to study at the University of Sydney. We are accepting applications now from school leavers and mature age applicants (over 21 years). Applicants must also submit a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) application showing their preferred course(s).

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In 2011 the Indigenous Australian Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree will be revamped. This major will consist of four principal streams: Indigenous History; Indigenous Rights and Politics; Indigenous Arts and Cultures; and Indigenous Health and Wellbeing. This will include a range of new units of study:

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### Commonwealth scholarships

To apply for a Commonwealth Indigenous Access Scholarship go to: [www.uac.edu.au/equity](http://www.uac.edu.au/equity). You must apply before 30 September 2010.

To apply for a Start-Up Scholarship and Relocation Scholarship, contact Centrelink.

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## There's plenty of help for students

**EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY** says it understands there are some barriers that come up for people embarking on a university degree.

"So though supportive staff, flexible entry pathways and scholarships we aim to assist students overcome whatever it is that may be holding them back so they can continue their journey and reach their goals," ECU says.

There are a number of scholarships available throughout the year to apply for at different stages of a university career.

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- Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship
- Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship
- Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship
- Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship
- ECU Vice Chancellor's Indigenous Australian Scholarship.

To find out more about the availability of these scholarships and eligibility, go to the website [www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships) or call the toll-free number 1800 648 994 for more information.

# Trevis is looking to bright future



**Trevis McInnerney ...** "Being a first-year student and living in the big city was a culture change, but I found my bearings when lectures commenced and have been studying with confidence ever since."

**T**REVIS McINNERNEY is currently studying at Perth's Edith Cowan University (ECU) completing the Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC). He relocated from a regional area of Western Australia to embark on university studies.

Gaining entry through the Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT), an alternative Indigenous entry pathway to university studies, Trevis was a successful Commonwealth Indigenous Access Scholarships recipient, which has assisted with his financial obligations. This has allowed Trevis to live at ECU's student accommodation located on the Mount Lawley (Perth) campus, ensuring easy access to vital study resources.

"Growing up in the regional town of Port Hedland, I understood the importance of receiving an education," he said.

"Throughout my primary and secondary schooling I was encouraged to reach my full potential, hoping to graduate and receive the Western Australian Certificate of Education. With family, community support and personal hard work, I graduated and received my certificate.

"The uncertainty that was my future weighed heavily on me, thinking seriously about my future aspirations. My career advisor, Elke Rhodes, recommended university and to take up tertiary level studies facilitated at Edith Cowan University, Perth.

"The transition from the country to the city was uneasy at first, but with the support team of Maxwell Jackson and Alisha Roberts from Kurongkurl Katitjin (the Centre for

Indigenous Australian Education and Research), I sensed a belonging and ease of comfortableness.

"The Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC) specialises in university enabling studies, using Indigenous perspectives. This allows Indigenous students who are commencing university for the first time or are returning from a period of absence, the ability to apply familiar knowledges.

"Being a first-year student and living in the big city was a culture change, but I found my bearings when lectures commenced and have been studying with confidence ever since."

### Professional

"Kurongkurl Katitjin is a fine institute operated by people with professional and personal appreciation of studying at university.

"I recommend anyone young or old to take on a new-found tradition to study at university knowing the support you receive can assist towards a successful outcome.

"When I have completed the IUOC, I hope to begin a degree in primary school teaching as I have always had a passion to help children.

"However, now that I am at university, it has opened my eyes to so many opportunities, so you never know what profession I may end up in."

ECU is now open for mid-year enrolments for the IUOC and many other degree courses that can be accessed through ISIT. Call 1800 648 994 to find out the next ISIT date and any other information regarding studying at ECU.



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# Team's focus is on better health care

**W**ITH Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living, on average, 17 years fewer than other Australians, it has never been more important to maximise the effectiveness of health care for Indigenous Australians.

The ability of health professionals to work effectively with Indigenous people is crucial, and a team led by Edith Cowan University's (ECU) Professor Cobie Rudd has been awarded an Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) Grant to help improve understanding and empathy between health-care professionals and Indigenous people.

This project aims to influence the underlying attitudes of health professionals through a story-based approach which will help students to 'walk in the shoes' of others.

Titled 'Creating cultural empathy and challenging attitudes through Indigenous narratives', the \$220,000 project

will help to address a Federal priority of 'closing the gap' between the health outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

The project will collect narratives about Indigenous people's experience of health services, and engage students in these stories to develop empathy through a genuine understanding

**'...we believe that immersing students in these real-life situations will help build confidence, competence and culturally-safe practices'**

of their issues and experiences.

The project team will work with a network of educators from across Australia to embed these stories and their lessons into the education of health-care professionals.

Project leader Professor Cobie Rudd, Associate Dean of Health at ECU, said that one of

the first steps in addressing the health inequalities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians was to address the attitudes of health professionals.

"This begins with empathy; feeling another's feelings, looking into their eyes and walking in their shoes," she said.

"The narratives will be used in simulated learning environments as we believe that immersing students in these real-life situations will help build confidence, competence and culturally-safe practices.

"We have found this method to be particularly successful at ECU's Health Simulation Centre and are keen to expand its potential uses."

The project team also includes representatives from the University of Western Australia, the Health Consumers' Council, University of Notre Dame, the Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health, and Curtin University.



Students at Edith Cowan University, where Professor Cobie Rudd is leading a team working on a special health empathy project.

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Applications are now open for mid-year 2010 entry and close on the 14th of July. Telephone our toll free number 1800 648 994 for further information.

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# Pathway to the future

**T**HE University of Southern Queensland (USQ) has big hopes for its Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP), and they're being realised on a number of fronts. A tertiary preparation program, IHEPP aims to give Indigenous students the opportunity to gain direct entry into university.

Student numbers have increased in recent years and successful transition into mainstream courses has improved, according to Maree Toombs, IHEPP Program Manager and lecturer at the university's Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK).

"The program now encompasses a more holistic approach to teaching and learning for participants and an emphasis is placed on developing the social and emotional well-being of the students through embedding cultural experiences and content delivery into the program," she said.

"Currently we have 35 students enrolled in IHEPP for this semester, with the completion rates for the program improving considerably over the past two years and it has a retention rate of over 95 per cent."

USQ recently celebrated a number of students graduating from IHEPP.

"In March, CAIK had their graduation ceremony for IHEPP graduates who completed the program in semester two, 2009," Ms Toombs said. "There are now



**USQ IHEPP graduates, from left, Kaylee McKellar, Karen McKellar, Meriam Underwood, James Stumer, Clinton Day (for Nathan Roggenkamp), Caroline Weatherall and Tina Loffel.**

nine graduates who are enrolled in undergraduate programs including psychology, education and business."

Next semester will also see the enrolments of Year 11 and 12 students into IHEPP, following a pilot program with local

high schools including Glennie, Oakey and Toowoomba state high schools.

"This initiative is designed to pathway Indigenous students into the university experience," Ms Toombs said. "The emphasis is to target students

who are the first in their family to attend university and had not considered it as an option. This is the result of an 18-month collaboration with Oakey High School."

The university is expecting about 70 students in IHEPP for semester two 2010.

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# Cape York progress welcomed

**A**N improvement in school attendance rates on Cape York has been welcomed.

Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the

improvement was shown in the eighth quarterly report on key indicators in Queensland's discrete Indigenous communities (October-December 2009) that was tabled in State Parliament.

On school attendance, Ms Boyle said it had been steady overall, much as in the previous report period, with attendance for term four showing some improvements in some communities on term four 2008.

"While there has been considerable improvement in attendance rates on years past, there is still a long way to go before all the kids in these communities are routinely and regularly attending school," Ms Boyle said.

"The Department of Education

is working with school communities to address this as a priority because families need to make sure their children are going to school." The Cape York Partnerships, which operates an

Attendance Case Management program working with students, parents and schools to establish 100 per cent school attendance, was delighted with the continued improvements.

"Cape York Partnerships would like to acknowledge the teachers of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge Schools as well as Education Queensland and FaHCSIA for their continued support," the organisation

said in a statement. Meanwhile, Ms Boyle said the report also recorded the good news that a number of communities showed a decrease in the level of hospital admissions for assault-related conditions.



**DESLEY BOYLE**

# New maths method adds up



A Queensland Indigenous teacher aide trains in a new maths teaching method under the supervision of staff from QUT's YuMi Deadly Centre.

**T**EACHERS from 29 Queensland state primary schools are being trained in a new maths teaching method developed by QUT to improve the performance of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

QUT's Professor Tom Cooper said 70 teachers from central and southern schools wanting to improve their maths performance were trained during March in TIME – Teaching Inclusive Mathematics Education – a \$1.56 million project funded by the Queensland Government.

Prof Cooper said the maths teaching program would be rolled out to interested schools over the next three years, with the focus on Prep to Year 3 this year, Years 4-7

next year and Years 8-9 in 2012.

He said mainly low socio-economic schools, from Rockhampton to North Stradbroke Island, had signed up for teacher training in the program which was not a radical new maths teaching method but took a holistic approach. Prof Cooper said the goal was to lift the performance of disadvantaged students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, in national maths tests.

TIME was developed at QUT's new YuMi Deadly Centre, within the Faculty of Education, by Professor Cooper and Centre Director Associate Professor Annette Baturo.

The YuMi Deadly Centre, which officially opened on March 22, has \$4.7 million in

Federal and State grants to undertake research in maths education. (YuMi means 'you and me working together for all'.)

Teaching Inclusive Mathematics Education grew out of work by Professors Baturo and Cooper with dozens of Indigenous schools over the past decade.

## Structure

"Most traditional teaching of maths tends to go from parts to whole," Prof Cooper said. "We go from whole to parts. Once you have the structure, you can do the smaller stuff."

"When we are teaching the basic strategies we also tend to teach the maths slowly. We say, 'why does that work?'"

"Once you get the idea, even slowly, you've got something in your head that will last you forever."

Prof Cooper said maths teaching also had to be relevant to students' lives.

"You can't go out into the country and teach maths based on examples from the city," he said. "Out at Boonah they are farmers so you talk about sheep and cows; at Mornington Island it's fishing."

Prof Cooper said Australian students performed poorly in maths compared with countries such as India. A big performance gap also existed between Australian students from higher socio-economic backgrounds and those from lower ones.



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IYLP helps Indigenous students under 25 to finish Year 12 or go to university. The program also teaches them leadership skills to take back to their communities.

#### **Sporting Change program**

The Sporting Chance program includes 54 school-based sports academies for Indigenous secondary students and five education engagement projects for Indigenous primary and secondary students which provide sports-focussed opportunities tied closely with staying in school to support positive learning experiences that helps students succeed. These outcomes impact on many participating students by improving their school attendance and school completion rates.

#### **The Indigenous Education Ambassadors Program**

Is someone in your community a good role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Maybe they should become an Education Ambassador.

Indigenous Education Ambassadors visit schools, communities and take part in events that show the importance of education, school attendance and future employment opportunities to students, parents and their communities.

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# Is this a program for your community?

## Would you like more of your mob to have jobs in your community?

**The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) can help your own get the jobs that are available in your own community. All you have to do is nominate young people in the community to get the education and training necessary to take up those jobs.**

The Australian Government will pay for education and training costs while the young ones are getting an education and the training they need for those jobs.

Yes, they will have to go away to school or college but they will be well supported and they will be in regular contact with family and friends. The program provides for a community facilitator to keep you and the young ones in regular contact and they will be provided with a youth worker and mentors to help them.

IYMP is managed by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and provides opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to train for and return to jobs in their own community. The program provides opportunities for mobility and choice for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to allow them to gain the life skills and formal qualifications they need to get a job in their home community or elsewhere.

Communities also benefit, as more of their young people become role models for others and some of the young people return with better skills.

The IYMP has two main elements:

- training and education with mentoring and ongoing support; and
- safe and supported accommodation.

Successful applicants, primarily selected from remote areas, move to one of 17 IYMP host locations and undertake post secondary education and training. Training options include Australian Apprenticeships, Vocational Education and Training and higher education that leads to qualifications in nursing, teaching, business administration and accounting.

IYMP also helps participants build literacy, numeracy, financial literacy, independent living and other life skills.

To receive assistance under this program, a young Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person must be aged between 16 and 24 years upon commencement of their studies and be supported by their family and community.

IYMP has a number of success stories including Colin Gray, originally from Queensland, who is currently studying for an aeroskills (mechanical) apprenticeship with BAE Systems, an aerospace and defence company at Williamtown airport outside Newcastle, New South Wales.



To learn more about the program VISIT [www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous) or CALL 1300 363 079



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# Want to be more involved in your child's education?

## Put your ideas into action.

**The Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program is a community driven program for parents and caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 0-19 years.**

PaCE provides funding for activities for parents, rather than students, that help parents and their communities to participate in educational decision making, develop partnerships with education providers and support and reinforce children's learning at home all with aim of

improving educational outcomes for their children. Projects will be based on your ideas as parents/carers on how you can become more involved in your children's education.

Any ideas are welcome. A PaCE project can vary from a one day workshop to a project that goes for one to two years. For example, a project might aim to help parents communicate with their children's school or could enhance their skills to help their children with their homework.

The program is open to all parents/caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander:

- school or secondary students (up to age 19);
- children at pre-school or crèche; and
- children not yet in a formal education setting.

A community organisation (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) can receive the funds for the project on your behalf. The organisation would then pay for all the costs associated with the project. The community organisation must be a 'legal entity' to receive the funds on your behalf.

It is expected that the parents and caregivers involved in the project will work closely with the organisation receiving the funding.

Alternatively, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations might have an idea for a project for their community and could access funds in their own right.

Anyone interested in developing a PaCE Project can discuss their project ideas with the Indigenous Programs Officer in your nearest office of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). DEEWR can help develop your ideas into a PaCE project in consultation with other parents/caregivers and/or your community.

Once the project idea has been agreed to by all stakeholders, DEEWR staff will prepare a PaCE Proposal requesting funds for the project. If the project is approved a funding agreement will be offered.

*"Read With Me day at Erambie Mission was a joint effort from Yalbilliga's PaCE program and Erambie Advancement Corporation. Read With Me day was also successful in that the message of the benefits of reading to little people was placed firmly in the minds of those that attended."*

**Lawrence Bamblett, Chairperson  
Erambie Advancement Corporation,  
AIATSIS Visiting Indigenous  
Research Fellow**

*"Non-attendance, late arrival, and general disengagement at school are real issues amongst children here and your work with parents is already showing positive outcomes."*

**Karen Pennington-Smith,  
Social Worker, Smithton  
High School**

*"We have found the approach to the PaCE program has been very professional and coordinated, with ongoing follow up and feedback, which ... allows both the school and Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation to better meet the needs of the families involved and ensures we are all working together."*

**Leslee White, Assistant  
Principal, Smithton  
Primary School**

To learn more about the program **VISIT** [www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous) or **CALL** 1300 363 079

# Achievers welcomed

**H**ANNAH WHITEHEAD was one of the 41 students accepted into Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Early Achievers' Program who attended a recent welcome event at the Brisbane Campus.

Launched in 2008, the program offers places to Year 12 students and non-recent school leavers who demonstrate a commitment not only to their studies, but to their communities as well, through school, church, sport or cultural organisations.

Hannah was accepted into the program for her ongoing involvement in school, church and youth group activities, such as leading a weekly Children's Ministry group and co-ordinating the 40-hour

Famine at her school.

Last year, Hannah was also shortlisted as a World Vision Student Ambassador.

The 17-year-old attended Grace Lutheran College in Rothwell, Brisbane, and is completing a Bachelor of Psychological Science at ACU.

"It was only recently that I became interested in psychology," said Hannah.

## Situation

"I used to always want to be a teacher, but when my younger brother became ill last year I saw how my parents and other siblings were affected by the situation. My other brother has Asperger's Syndrome and I'd especially like to gain some insight into how he copes with my brother's illness."

One of six children, Hannah is following in the footsteps of her brother Jack, who was accepted into the Early Achievers' Program last year.

ACU Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Craven said he was delighted to welcome such bright and enthusiastic students as Hannah to the university.

"Taking into account a student's character is vital to the service and social justice obligations of a Catholic university, and I look forward to watching their progress over the next few years," he said.

The Early Achievers Program students have begun their studies in education, nursing, exercise science, psychology and physiotherapy at the Brisbane campus.



Australian Catholic University (ACU) 2010 Early Achiever Program successful applicant Hannah Whitehead.



## Flexible Study Programs for Indigenous Australians

Australian Catholic University offers flexible undergraduate study programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The programs are community-based and involve attendance at residential blocks supplemented by study at home to enable you to work in your local community while you study.

- Associate Degree in Indigenous Education
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Education (Primary) Indigenous Studies
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood)
- Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Studies)
- Associate Degree in Business Administration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)

### Indigenous Support

The University has four on-campus Indigenous Support Units working across six campuses that provide social, cultural, personal and academic support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Units also liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and are committed to providing an Indigenous perspective at Australian Catholic University through advocacy, research and consultancy.

### For more information contact your local Indigenous Support Unit:

Weemala (Brisbane)	07 3623 7195
Yalbalinga (Sydney)	02 9701 4258
Dhara Daramoolan (Canberra)	02 6209 1222
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First-year Kalgoorlie teacher Tanya Dorizzi with her proud parents Chummy and Maureen Tucker.

# Tanya's goal is to teach teachers

**S**EVERAL years from now, Tanya Dorizzi hopes she'll be teaching teachers. That's a big ambition for a woman who just last year qualified as a teacher.

But it's something the 42-year-old Curtin University graduate is aiming to achieve.

The Wongai (WA Goldfields region) mother and grandmother is hoping she'll be in a position to educate her fellow teachers about one of the biggest problems facing Indigenous education – otitis media, or glue ear.

This medical condition drastically affects the hearing of sufferers, many of whom are Indigenous students.

Ms Dorizzi, who has lived in the Goldfields all her life, has seen students suffer because of the condition, and she wants to do something about it.

"I don't want to get involved in the medical or healing side, I'm more interested in the education and prevention area," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"I worked for many, many years as an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer and used to speak with school staff about otitis media.

"The response I got then was amazing. Staff suddenly realised the problems and understood how to handle them.

"As a teacher, I feel I can do so much more to help."

Ms Dorizzi is teaching the Year 4 class at South Kalgoorlie Primary School. It's a challenge she's relishing.

"I've always loved being around kids," she said. "I've got a big class with a few Indigenous kids, but I'm equally interested in teaching all the students.

"I think it's important for all the kids to see an Aboriginal woman as a teacher.

"And it's important for all the community, too.

"I grew up here, I know many people and it's good for them to see that someone like me can go on to become a teacher."

Ms Dorizzi said she hoped other Aboriginal people would take advantage of teaching courses offered through Curtin University.

"They really helped get the degree. It's changed my life," she said.

**'I think it's important for all the kids to see an Aboriginal woman as a teacher. And it's important for all the community, too.'**



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*"Working at Jabal and seeing young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students move from enrolment through to graduation is very rewarding."*

**LARRY BRANDY** - RECRUITMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER



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**Staying at school pays off for Cheryl**

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In 2010 we're celebrating **67** graduates,  
**20** graduates with Distinctions,  
**4** postgraduates,  
and 27 years of Indigenous education.

For 27 years Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies has been actively supporting Indigenous Australians through their tertiary studies. We'd like to applaud the efforts and dedication of our 2010 graduates and wish them, their families and communities all the very best for the future.

# The University of New South Wales



## Nura Gili Indigenous Programs @ University of New South Wales



**N**URA GILI Indigenous Programs coordinates all major Indigenous programs and Indigenous student support at the University of New South Wales. Nura Gili also coordinates academic programs in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies at all levels, from pre-undergraduate programs, through to Masters level courses. Founded on striving for equality in education, Nura Gili runs programs for all potential students, whether you are in your final years at high school, a school leaver or mature-aged. Nura Gili also offer employment opportunities as trainees and can assist Indigenous applicants in applying for mainstream positions within UNSW. For further information on Nura Gili and the opportunities for Indigenous people at UNSW, please visit us at: [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au)



Nura Gili Outreach program, Walama Muru Program on Nanima Reserve, Wellington, in central-western New South Wales, during September 2009.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies at UNSW

**N**URA GILI through the Academic Unit and the Resource Centre offer UNSW students the opportunity to undertake dynamic, challenging and contemporary courses within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Our teaching philosophy is underpinned with Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing, recognising that there is not just one truth, but many. This is reflected in presenting a balanced history, and in the opening of a space where one history does not dominate over another, and manifest in the creation of a developing dialogue whereby deconstruction of colonial attitudes can occur.

Nura Gili takes an eclectic view

in establishing this dialogue, recognising and incorporating knowledge from other disciplines, students' own prior learning experiences, and both historical and contemporary ways of knowing. Ultimately, students will develop an appreciation for, and be engaged with, the development of stronger communities.

Nura Gili offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate units of study that may be taken individually to complement a student's academic interest or as a sequence to form a significant area of study within your degree.

Our courses explore issues around the impact of colonisation on Indigenous Australia, with topics including relationships to land, the diversity of Indigenous peoples, and contemporary issues within the country.

We offer many courses through a range of disciplines which take on an integrative, cross-disciplinary approach to the understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives, cultures and histories. Courses cover areas

such as anthropology, Aboriginal language and literature, race relations, politics, religion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and approaches to knowledge.

Specialist courses in Social Work or Cultural Heritage Management are also available.

The Masters of Indigenous Studies is a new program that offers students an opportunity to explore further issues in depth with a focus on social justice. Significantly reduced fees are available as part of the Commonwealth Supported Places Program, which is available to all students taking this program.

Studying with Nura Gili will allow you to:

- Develop skills in research, analysis and writing.
- Get to know a range of perspectives on issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

● Learn about Indigenous peoples around the world and how they have approached the issues raised by colonisation.

● Direct your own future learning needs and career options in areas related to Indigenous policy, welfare, academia, advocacy, history and social sciences.

**Please visit the Nura Gili website for further information on ATSI studies and for more detailed descriptions on the courses Nura Gili provides – [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/courseinfo.htm](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/courseinfo.htm)**

### The Nura Gili Resource Centre

**Are you looking for a space dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies?**  
Nura Gili Resource Centre

houses a specialist Indigenous collection comprised of over 20,000 items including books, posters, journals, and audiovisual material. Many subject areas such as Indigenous history, culture, art, native title, health, social work and education are covered.

#### Research is made easy at Nura Gili Resource Centre

With specialist knowledge of resources and information on Indigenous content, library staff members provide a relevant and timely reference service to students, academic staff, researchers and members of the public.

Owing to the specialised nature of the collection, borrowing is not permitted, however study spaces and the use of audiovisual facilities are available.

#### Learn about Indigenous cultures world wide at the Nura Gili Resource Centre

Nura Gili Resource Centre houses a collection of core literature on race, ethnicity and Indigenous Cultures to support comparative studies.

### UNSW Indigenous Winter School Program

**T**HE UNSW Indigenous Winter School is a unique opportunity for Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from all over Australia to experience university life in areas that interest them. The UNSW Indigenous Winter School

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Students and staff celebrate at the University of New South Wales 'Winter School Graduation' ceremony.



# The University of New South Wales

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program is designed to give participants an all-round experience. With a great range of excursions, site visits, information sessions and formal occasions, students will experience many different aspects of university life, with an emphasis on self-development and leadership.

The program aims to assist students in identifying their paths of interest, in turn clarifying the subject areas required for further study in that field. It further aims to increase awareness of opportunities for tertiary education and increase school retention and completion.

The program is fully supervised and held on the Kensington campus of the University of New South Wales. Nura Gili will pay for all travel costs and arrange all necessary travel schedules for those students living outside the area bounded by Wollongong, Katoomba and Newcastle. Accommodation is provided by Nura Gili Indigenous Programs on campus for the duration of the program. As it is a residential program with important activities planned outside of business hours, all participants are required to stay on campus for the duration of the program.

Applications close on 14 May.

**For more information, please contact Nura Gili at UNSW**  
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## The UNSW Indigenous Pre - Programs

**N**URA GILI runs four-week full-time residential intensive preparatory programs in November and December each year for Indigenous pathways into the areas of Law, Medicine, Social Work and Business.

Nura Gili, in conjunction with participating faculties and schools at UNSW, has developed preparatory programs open to Indigenous high school leavers or mature-aged people who are looking to explore the areas of Law, Medicine, Social Work or Business and apply for entry into undergraduate degree programs offered at UNSW or other Australian universities.

These programs aim to prepare participants for a mainstream education in the areas of Law, Medicine, Social Work or Business. Upon successful completion of the Pre-Programs, students are offered places in mainstream UNSW degree programs.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are seeking to qualify for entry into an undergraduate degree in Law, Medicine, Social Work or Business



Nura Gili representatives at the Indigenous University Games.



Nura Gili students at a fundraising barbecue for the University Games.

at the University of New South Wales, or wish to broaden their experience in these areas and gain a head-start in their studies, are encouraged to apply.

The Pre-Programs are four-week residential programs and are held on the Kensington campus of the University of New South Wales. Nura Gili will pay for all travel costs and arrange all necessary travel schedules for those students living outside of the boundaries of Wollongong, Katoomba and Newcastle. Accommodation is provided by Nura Gili Indigenous Programs on campus for the duration of the program.

These are free programs offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All travel,

accommodation, meals and study materials are looked after by Nura Gili.

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## UNSW Indigenous Access Scheme

**T**HE UNSW Indigenous Pathways Scheme helps provide access for Indigenous people into the University of New South Wales undergraduate degree programs. It is designed to provide an alternative pathway into degree programs outside the

faculties of Law, Medicine, Social Work and Business and to support Indigenous students from many different academic and cultural backgrounds gain entry and succeed in university studies.

All Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can apply to UNSW through the UNSW Indigenous Pathways Scheme, and it is available for all undergraduate courses at UNSW.

While it is not necessary for applicants to attempt the HSC (or equivalent) in order to apply for admission under this scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they have the capacity to study at a tertiary level in the area of study in which they have applied.

In addition to educational qualifications, Nura Gili gives

careful consideration to other training/educational programs undertaken, as well as employment experience, which is of relevance to the proposed course. Students need to demonstrate that they are prepared to undertake tertiary studies and have the capacity to succeed in their chosen area of study.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who wish to gain entry into undergraduate degree programs at UNSW are encouraged to apply. This includes Indigenous high school leavers as well as people who are interested in returning to study as mature-aged students.

Applicants must submit an application to the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) listing UNSW as a preference for entry to university, and submit an Access application to Student Liaison Officers at Nura Gili.

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## Alternative Pathways to higher education

**N**OT ready to study a university degree? Build your academic skills through enabling programs. UNSW and Nura Gili have created pathways to assist Indigenous people develop academic skills necessary to successfully complete tertiary studies. These programs are designed for Indigenous people who have the potential, but are not yet adequately prepared for first-year undergraduate study.

Enabling Programs generally run for one year and are offered at the UNSW Kensington campus in Sydney. At the end of the program, students who have demonstrated an ability to perform at a tertiary level will be able to transfer into a degree program at UNSW.

Enabling Programs are currently available in the following areas; Engineering, Science, Technology, Law and Arts and Social Sciences.

**For further information on Enabling Programs at UNSW, please call our Student Services unit on (02) 9385 1559 to speak with Nura Gili staff about your options for university studies.**



**Nura Gili at UNSW contacts:** ● Main number (02) 9385 3805; ● fax (02) 9385 3534 / (02) 9385 1062; ● email: [nuragili@unsw.edu.au](mailto:nuragili@unsw.edu.au) ● web: [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au) ● Nura Gili Student Centre: 47 Botany Street, Randwick, NSW 2031 (Corner of Botany and High streets). ● Nura Gili Resource Centre: UNSW Library Basement – entry via Commerce Courtyard (opposite Central Lecture Block) Kensington Campus. ● Nura Gili Programs Centre: 26 Botany Street, Randwick, NSW 2031

# Koori Centre helps Linden

**S**ECOND-YEAR University of Sydney Diploma in Education (Aboriginal) student Linden Allan (pictured) is sitting pretty. The Murrumbidgee woman from Ulladulla, on the South Coast of NSW, says she has always enjoyed working with kids, something she does being the Aboriginal Education Assistant at Ulladulla Public School.

"So when I was offered the opportunity to become an Aboriginal Studies teacher it seemed like a dream," Linden said.

"I never finished high school because of personal issues, so I went straight into the work force where my first job was working in a pre-school.

"Being given this second chance to attend university, while still being able to spend most of my time in my community and with my family is a perfect way for me to pursue my educational goals and career.

"The Sydney University Koori Centre is so helpful in assisting with all your needs. They are always there to help with any questions and support. University is not as scary when you have the Koori Centre helping, supporting and pushing you through."

For more details on the Koori Centre, call 1800 622 742 or go to [sydney.edu.au/koori](http://sydney.edu.au/koori)



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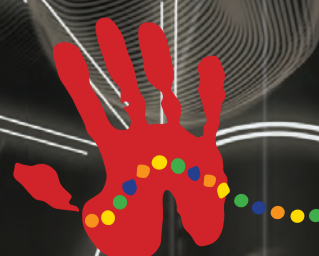
The University of Western Sydney has a wide range of study options for Indigenous Australian students.

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- Forensics
- Health Sciences, Nursing and Sports Science
- International Studies
- Law
- Medicine
- Policing and Criminology
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teaching and Education

Did you know that you don't need to have an ATAR or to have recently completed formal study? All Indigenous Australian students can gain direct entry via the Badanami Alternative Entry Program.



For further information please contact UWS on 1300 897 669 or visit [www.uws.edu.au](http://www.uws.edu.au)



# Curtin's best recognised

**T**HE top 20 highest achieving Indigenous students from Curtin University of Technology's 2009 semester two student body have been presented with certificates at a special ceremony.

The students graduated from a range of studies including education, science and human resources from across all faculties at Curtin including the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS).

CAS Director Associate Professor Anita Lee Hong said she was proud to see so many Indigenous students graduating.

"The students have worked hard in their chosen area of study and have achieved the some of the highest marks from across the university," she said.

The students are:

● **Joshua Combs:** Bachelor of Science (Applied Geology

and Geophysics)

● **Nikita Umbagai:** Aboriginal Bridging Course

● **Natasha Tapper:** Bachelor of Education

● **Lyndy Bowden:** Bachelor of Applied Science

● **Loretta Harris:** Graduate Certificate in Human Resources

● **Junnetta Spurgeon:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

● **Leah Latham:** Bachelor of Education

● **Grant King:** Master of Science and Master of Business Administration

● **Elizabeth Brown:** Bachelor of Arts

● **Sarah Hancox:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

● **Diana Jeffries:** UniReady Enabling Program for Regional Students

● **Shelley Coleman:** Bachelor of Science

● **Tanya Dorizzi:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

● **Chloe Taylor:** Bachelor of Psychology

● **Helen Todd:** Master of Leadership and Management

● **Wendy Curley:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

● **Lauren Heinritz:** Graduate Certificate in Project Management

● **Krissy Yarran:** Bachelor of Education

● **Fatima Lever:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

● **Sherilyn Cheeseman:** Bachelor of Education Conversion Course

United States Deputy Consul Neal Vermillion was the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Curtin has one of the highest enrolments of Indigenous students studying at any university in Australia.

## Record number of Indigenous students at ANU in Canberra

**I**NDIGENOUS students have come from all around the country in record numbers to study at the Australian National University in Canberra this year. Semester one 2010 has seen a 300 per cent increase in the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, with 30 undergraduate and 23 postgraduate coursework students starting degree programs.

"It really demonstrates that university is something that is achievable for Indigenous students and something they should aspire to do," says Peter Radoll, Director of the University's Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

"It also demonstrates that university is not a scary place and that Indigenous students can achieve the best and can come to the best university in the country."

ANU is committed to increasing access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as outlined in the recently launched Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The plan outlines a hands-on, university-wide approach to making ANU a place of learning that respects Indigenous cultures and diversity.

Under the Indigenous Australian Admissions Scheme, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who do not meet the university's formal admission requirements can be selected on the basis of interview as well as assessment tasks involving reading, writing and listening skills. A committee reviews each application, taking into account a student's personal circumstances and any previous studies.

ANU associate degrees are also available, offering a two-year full-time or four-year part-time qualification that gives graduates up to one year of course credit if they move into an ANU bachelor degree. Offered by the ANU College, students enrolled in an associate degree can choose to study in the fields of Business, Social Studies and Science.

Taking up courses from Asia-Pacific studies and Law to Psychology and Visual Arts – this year's new Indigenous students have access to carefully targeted support and mentoring.

The Jabal Centre – which celebrated its 20th birthday last year – provides a meeting place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at ANU. Students can take advantage of common rooms, computer labs and meeting spaces.

The Centre also assigns students a dedicated Academic and Studies Co-ordinator, administers

the Indigenous Tutorial and Assistance Scheme and awards a number of equity and merit-based scholarships to Indigenous students each year.

Peter Radoll says: "The opportunities ANU offers Indigenous

students are about breaking down the barriers and making these students feel like it is not sacred ground that they are walking on and that they feel that whilst it is a privilege it is also their right to be here at the number one university."



### ANU INDIGENOUS STUDENT PROFILE

**Frank Gafa**

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science



Frank Gafa is a 20 year old student originally from Wollongong. He is of Aboriginal descent from his mothers side.

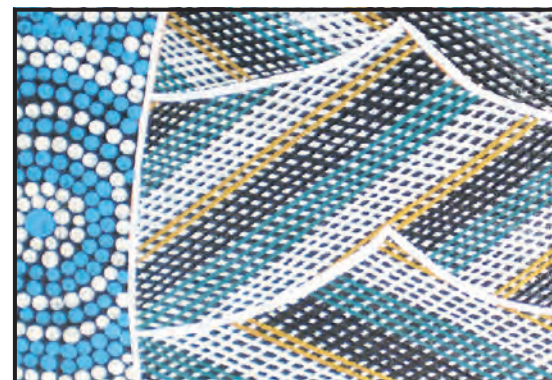
In 2008 Frank moved to Canberra and started studying at ANU. Frank is currently in his third year of a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in Political Science.

"I chose an Arts degree because I believe it will help my future career opportunities once I graduate. The course allows me to study a wide range of subjects within the one degree. I decided to study at ANU because I would one day like to be involved in mainstream Indigenous Politics. ANU provides excellent facilities and opportunities. I believe it is the best place to study."

Students like Frank are supported by the team at the Jabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre. JABAL offer support for Indigenous ANU students.

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### Alternative pathways to study at UNE include:

#### Oorala Internal Selection Program

– a two day program of workshops (19-20 May) which provides successful participants entry into an undergraduate degree of their choice. **Applications close 30 April 2010.**

#### Oorala TRACKS program

– a year-long program that prepares you for university study. The course starts with a Pre-Orientation Program on 14-16 July. You can study from home (by distance) or on campus. Successful participants gain entry into the undergraduate degree of their choice. **Applications close 30 JUNE 2010.**

#### Oorala also assists you with

- accommodation
- assistance with ABSTUDY matters
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- ITAS tutorial support
- access to study facilities
- student support

**Mid-year enrolments now open. Visit UNE on Open Day Friday 7 May 2010 and see what sets us apart.**

**For further information on how we support you with your studies, visit**

- [une.edu.au/Oorala](http://une.edu.au/Oorala)
- [une.edu.au/AskUNE](http://une.edu.au/AskUNE)
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# St George sets PaCE

**T**HE Murri community in St George, south-west Queensland, is working together for better educational outcomes by supporting parents to engage with their kids' education at school and at home through the Parental and Community Engagement Program (PaCE).

The local Murri community received funding from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to roll out a PaCE project tailored to their community.

Their project focuses on up-skilling the local parents and caregivers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and the broader Indigenous community to give their children the best opportunity to do well at school.

The St George Indigenous community recognised that to help their children do well at school they needed to build their confidence, self-esteem and their profile as active participants in the community.

Working with DEEWR representatives from the Toowoomba regional office, the community formed the St George Community Connections Reference Group and came up with some innovative strategies for



Involved in the St George PaCE program are, back from left, Priscilla Holborn (DEEWR), Chris Lamb (Sport and Recreation), Gavin Waters (Police Liaison Officer), Scott Newman (CEO, Balonne Shire Council), Clint Bishop (community member) and Glen Andrews (DEEWR); middle from left, Melissa Waters (Elders Co-ordinator), Diana Weribone (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Legal Service), Esther Garcia (DEEWR), Cheryl Lang (community member), Leah Lang (St George Justice Group), Annette Woodrow (Principal St George High School) and Jenny Waters (community member); and front from left, Donna Stewart (Mayor, Balonne Shire Council), Kevin 'Pop' Waters (Elder), Thelma 'Nan' Waters (Elder) and Judy Young (Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service Officer).

their community. Activities identified by the group that will help them support their kids' education include conflict resolution, resilience training,

English literacy and numeracy and computer skills.

Working with the St George Elders to build cultural awareness and pride was another activity they

are looking to do as part of a broader project.

An activity the Elders will be involved with is making a cook book featuring the local Aboriginal

language. It is envisaged that the cook book will then be available to education organisations and the wider community and will support the project into the future.

Support for the PaCE project has come from organisations in the St George community including Lifeline, which supported the group as a 'legal entity' to auspice the funds from DEEWR.

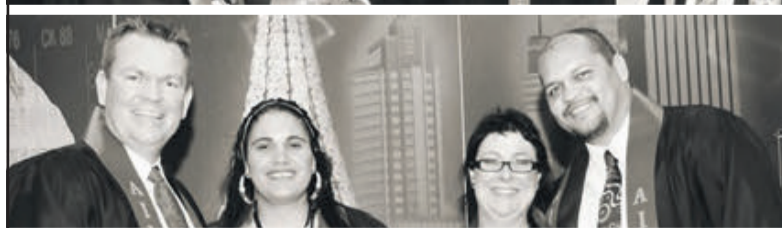
One of the community members involved in the project told the DEEWR office: "This is about trying to build the education of our kids. If the communication link is broken between school and parents, our kids are the ones that suffer. We need to build confidence and be proud of who we are as Murris in the community."

For more information about the PaCE program, contact the Indigenous Programs Officer at the nearest DEEWR office on 1800 800 821.

PaCE is one of many programs that DEEWR offers nationally to work towards Closing the Gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. For more information about all DEEWR programs visit the website [www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous) or call the DEEWR hotline – 1300 363 079.

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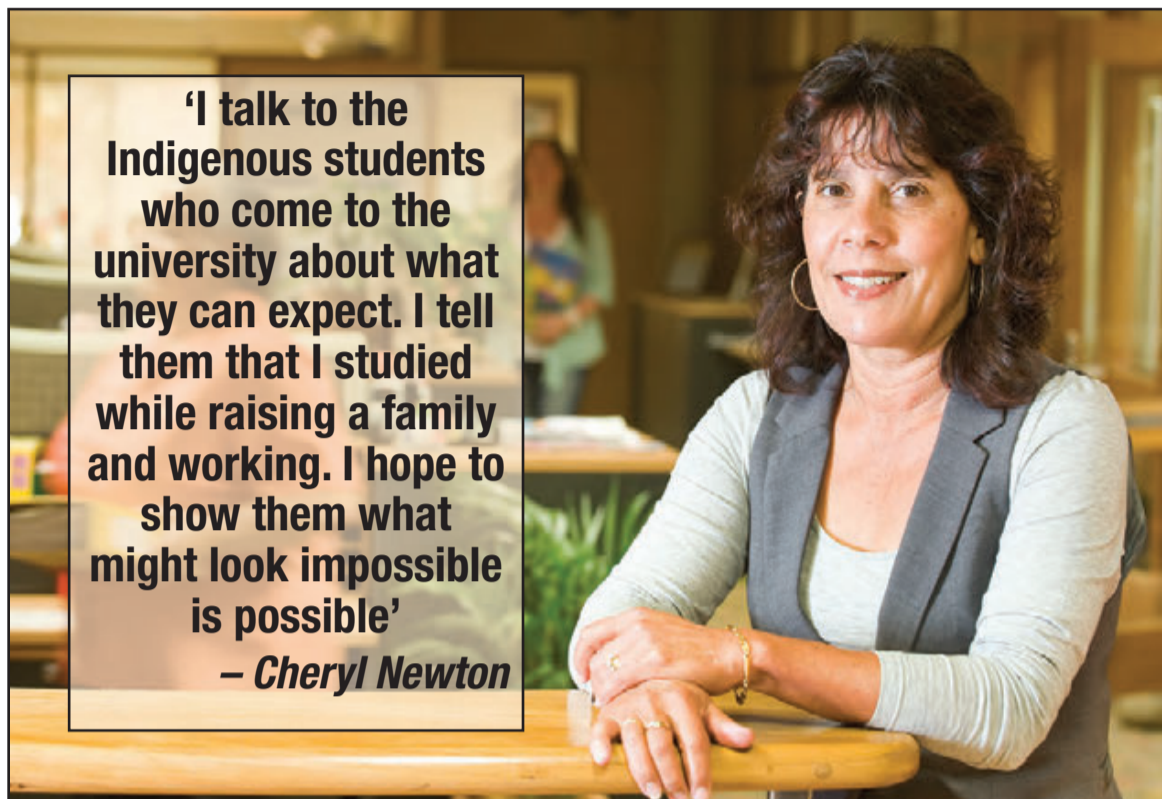
**E**DUCATION was not something highly valued when Cheryl Newton was growing up around the Port Stephens neighbourhoods of Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest in New South Wales. In her family, you had a choice – you went to school or you went to work.

"I did not like high school much and wanted to leave early," recalled Cheryl.

"But there was not a lot of work around at the same time, so I stayed. Even though I did not see any point being there, it was the easier option."

Cheryl's decision to persevere with school paid off for the Executive Officer of the Wollotuka Institute, who has worked in Aboriginal education at the University of Newcastle for the past 17 years. After school, she finished a secretarial course – heeding her mother's advice that this would ensure her a job – married, had three children and joined the work force.

A true measure of Cheryl's determination, though, came later when she found work as an administration officer at the university. Defying the odds and family expectations, she enrolled in higher education, first completing a Diploma of



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**– Cheryl Newton**

Aboriginal Studies and then the bachelor degree, while raising a family and holding down her job.

That she took eight years of part-time study to complete her degree – an accomplishment made easier, she said, by working

at the university and receiving support from her colleagues – only shows how determined she is. "I wanted to pull out many times and often asked myself why I was even bothering," said Cheryl, the first in her family

to tackle higher education.

"A lot of different emotions went through my head. But I am a determined person. If I start something, I like to finish it."

It is that kind of commitment to getting the job done for which

Cheryl received a Faculty Award for General Staff Excellence 2008, recognising her contributions to the Wollotuka School of Aboriginal Studies and the Faculty of Education and Arts. (The school was a part of the Faculty until it was absorbed into The Wollotuka Institute in 2009.)

"The award is an enormous honour," said Cheryl, who added the general running of the Institute to her previous responsibilities of looking after the academic and research portfolios.

"What was especially fulfilling was being recognised for my work not only within the school, but across the entire faculty."

Cheryl's no-nonsense attitude, she believes, has helped to set an example to young Indigenous people, her own three children included, who may be thinking about further studies or just looking to make something of their lives.

"I talk to the Indigenous students who come to the university about what they can expect. I tell them that I studied while raising a family and working. I hope to show them what might look impossible is possible," she says.

● **Courtesy of University of Newcastle**



## MAKING HER MARK

**For Markeeta Marr, listing her highest education level as Year 9 regularly reminded the young mother she was capable of achieving much more. Now studying medicine, Markeeta is proud of where she's headed – and grateful to the Yapug enabling course that has helped her on her way.**

Designed to prepare Indigenous people for university, Yapug saw Markeeta gain the academic skills and self-discipline she needed to successfully qualify for a Bachelor of Medicine degree (Joint Medical Program) at the University of Newcastle. While tertiary study was always her dream, two children and one on the way left Markeeta unconvinced motherhood and medicine could coincide. Yet the support of the University's Wollotuka Institute – the Indigenous education provider behind Yapug – saw her manage both.

"The sort of environment they have there at Wollotuka, it's like a second home," says the now mother of four. "They have so many mature age students and they understand that first and foremost, I'm a mum."

And while her limited early education has made university study challenging, Markeeta's clear it's certainly still achievable.

"You don't need to be from an educated family to go to uni. I am the first one in my family to go," she points out. "It's not easy, but I'm 100 percent committed."

Markeeta was one of 10 students who graduated from The Wollotuka Institute's Yapug enabling course in 2009 – and with 47 enrolled this year, the program is set to help even more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders qualify for entry into undergraduate degrees.

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When she finishes her degree, Emily hopes to work in hospital pharmacy.

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Townsville students on their way to the National Constitutional Schools Convention, from left, Jesse Onus, Mangubadijarri Yanner and Saamiah Khan.

# North Qld trio attend convention

By ALF WILSON

TOWNSVILLE students Mangubadijarri Yanner, Jesse Onus and Saamiah Khan attended the recent National Schools Constitutional Convention, held in Canberra.

Mangubadijarri, aged 16, lives at Burketown. He attends Abergowrie College, near Ingham, and is the son of activist Murrando Yanner.

Jesse is the daughter of Florence Onus, the Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation Ltd.

Saamiah, a Muslim, and Jesse, both 16, go to St Margaret Mary's College in Townsville.

"I have lived all of my life at Burketown other than when at boarding school. It was good to be able to attend the conference," Mangubadijarri told *The Koori Mail* at Townsville airport.

Townsville hosted the Indigenous competition to attend the convention for the North Queensland region which brought together about 100 students representing public and private schools.

From that, the top Indigenous scholars to represent at the National Schools Constitutional Convention were selected. Jesse and Mangubadijarri were chosen by their peers from a final field of 14 North Queenslanders.

### Deliver a speech

Each student was required to deliver a speech titled 'What's wrong with the Preamble of the Australian Constitution?'

"The competition is of the highest standard, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait scholars representing their schools compete against each other. Each school is then given

the opportunity to vote for each candidate as to whom they believe presented the most persuasive speech, based on their argument, delivery and articulation of the issues presented," Florence Onus said.

The program included keynote speakers such as Indigenous educator/teacher Max Lenoy, who holds a Masters of Education from Harvard University, in the United States. He is a local Murri man from the Birri/Juru clans of the Burdekin region who aims to challenge and inspire students with his teaching skills.

Students broke into small groups and were quizzed on politics, constitutional issues such as the 1967 Referendum, Indigenous policy and so on to develop their education, knowledge and awareness of the issues on the national agenda.



A group of Indigenous students from all around country attending the National Constitutional Schools Convention in Canberra with Ngunawal Elder Aunty Matilda House, who gave the formal Welcome to Country to the 150 scholars.

# Wilin Week is here

**R**ECOGNISING and honouring the creative and musical talents of Indigenous artists are the key elements of the 2010 Wilin Week activities today and tomorrow (21-22 April) convened by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, Faculty of the VCA and Music, the University of Melbourne.

The two-day festival will feature a free concert open to the public, with performances by Indigenous artists.

The Wilin Week Concert, on today at noon, will feature the VCA Secondary School Choir of 100 voices, Manta Trio, singer-songwriter Nardia Eve, Deline Briscoe, the Songlines Super Band and the VCAM Improvisation Ensemble directed by Alex Pertout in collaboration with Bart Willoughby to present the anthem for the concert 'We Have Survived!'

The concert will also be embedded with the cultural protocol of welcome to country, and profile the work of artists in residence Ben Graetz and Bindi Cole.

Tomorrow, a forum titled 'Indigeneity, Research and the Creative Arts' will be held to discuss Indigenous creative

arts research, process and methods. The forum is open to Indigenous artists and researchers in the creative arts and will be convened by Peter Anderson.

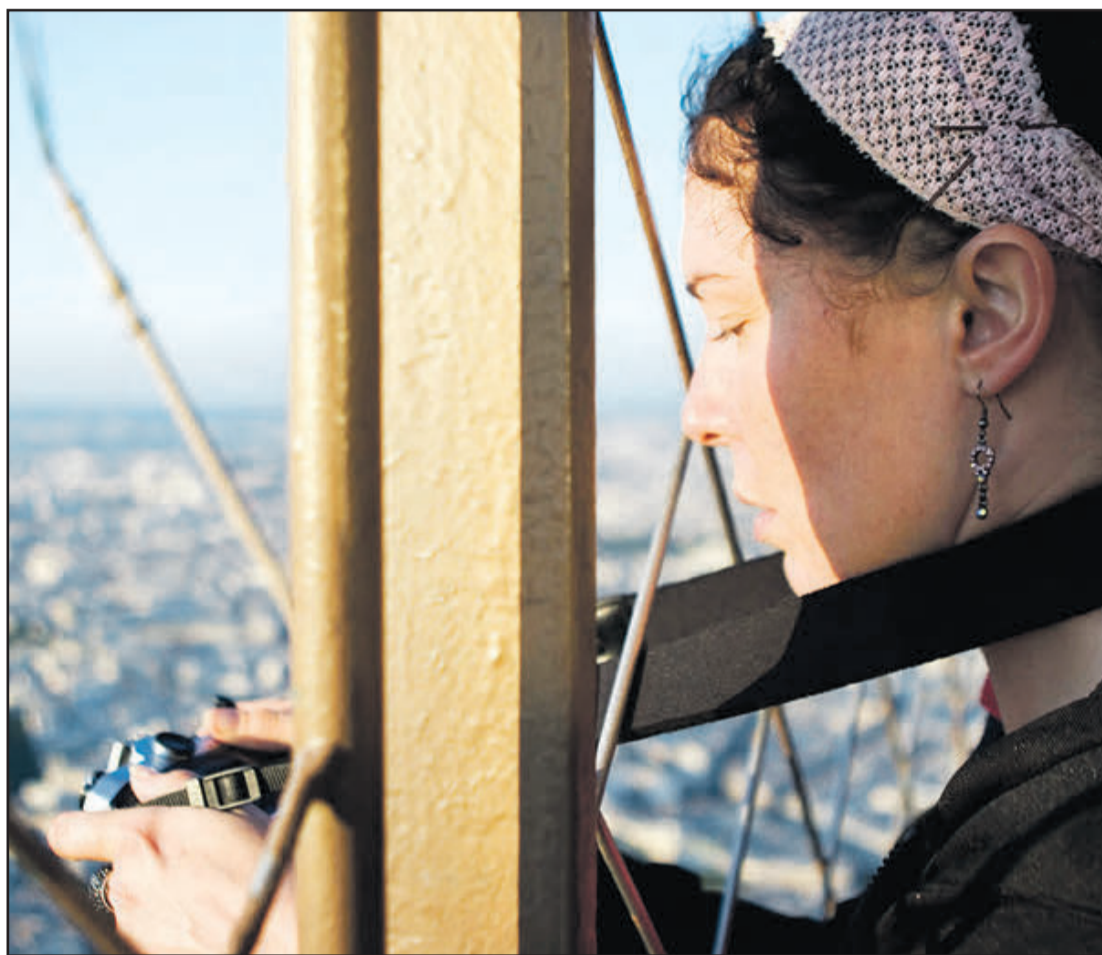
Wilin Centre Head Michelle Evans said: "Wilin Week is an opportunity for the general public to come along and appreciate the extraordinary Indigenous talent we have in our community, and also to get involved in the discussion about our future."

Wilin Week is an annual Indigenous festival hosted by the Wilin Centre. 'Wilin' means 'fire' in Woi Wurrung language of the Wurundjeri, one of the five tribes of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the land the Southbank campus of the Faculty of the VCA and Music occupies.

Throughout Wilin Week a fire is lit and kept alight, symbolising the centre's commitment to Indigenous artists and their creative flames.

For the full Wilin Week program contact Jessye on (03) 9685 9327, or follow the links from the webpage [http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/indigenous\\_students.html](http://www.vcam.unimelb.edu.au/indigenous_students.html)

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Artist in residence Bindi Cole, whose work will feature at Wilin Week.

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Delivered through the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, the course involves four one-week intensives between July and December 2010. Study areas include Indigenous Arts and Cultural Identity; Industry and Marketing; Protocol, Policy and Law; and Arts and Project Management.

Applications close 30 April 2010.

Details and forms are available online at

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# Culture shared on-line

A WEB-BASED platform that offers communities the opportunity to partner with schools and record their language, culture and history in a local context has been launched. Called 'Sharing Culture Online', it aims to increase opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students to learn, appreciate, celebrate and engage with Indigenous culture and schooling.

Program developer Jodie Maymuru, from the company Sharing Culture, says communities, Elders and students enter the content into the program, and as a result cultural protocols and integrity are maintained and teachers can be assured they are delivering cultural information correctly.

"Sharing Culture Online can be adapted to various educational and community needs," she said.

"Traditional languages can be recorded into on-line dictionaries in written, spoken and English format.

"Once the language in both written and audio form is stored, bilingual e-books can be produced at school or home and then published and shared on-line by parents, teachers and children to promote early literacy.

"Entering words, pictures and stories into the templates is fun, and the process has been simplified to ensure this is not

Aboriginal  
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a barrier to communities creating their own valuable resource. Furthermore, information entered remains the intellectual property of the language group who choose who to share the information.

"Communities, students and individuals log in to the on-line system of templates, which can be customised for local country and community to create their own versions of Sharing Culture."

The templates include a dictionary, books, local knowledge/facts and jigsaw puzzles.

Dare To Lead National Schools Co-ordinator Brian Giles-Browne said he was excited by the development.

"Many of our communities, in partnership with their schools, will now have an outstanding opportunity to

record language, culture and history in a local context," he said.

"This local resource will assist schools and communities to reclaim, build and maintain language and cultural knowledge."

Sharing Culture says it will continue to develop language and cultural resources with a focus on literacy and numeracy.

"Our future goal is to work with Indigenous communities worldwide to develop the concept further and connect children and cultures around the world," Ms Maymuru said.

For more details, email [learn@sharingculture.com.au](mailto:learn@sharingculture.com.au) or go to the website [www.sharingculture.com.au](http://www.sharingculture.com.au)



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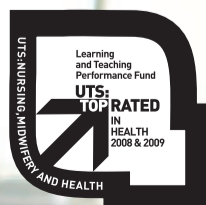
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# Girls leading the way

**Y**OUNG Aboriginal women were successful in winning all four of the Legal Aid NSW scholarships recently awarded to Year 11 and 12 students in NSW. The scholarships will see the students receive financial assistance of up to \$5000 each over the next two years as well as the opportunity of work experience with Legal Aid NSW.

"This is the second time that Legal Aid NSW has offered these scholarships, with the hope of not only helping young Aboriginal people complete their Higher School Certificate, but also aspire to study law at a tertiary level and go on to practice as lawyers," said Scott Hawkins, Director of Aboriginal Services. "This year all scholarship winners are from country locations, from Finley and Narrandera in the NSW south-west, Braidwood on the south coast and Taree on the mid north coast.

"They are part of the Judge Bob Bellel Pathways to Legal Careers Program, which also includes cadetships for Aboriginal undergraduate law students and placements in the Career Development Program for law graduates.

"The program itself is named after the late Judge Bob Bellel, who was the first Aboriginal person to become a judge of the District Court and a fierce advocate for Aboriginal rights over many years.

"The aim of the program is to encourage young Aboriginal people to follow in his footsteps. Aboriginal people remain over-represented in all indicators of social disadvantage, not least of which



Legal Aid NSW CEO Alan Kirkland with scholarship winners, from left, Stephanie Burton (Finley High School), Tamika Murphy (Braidwood High), Jessica Maher (Chatham High) and Aloma Simpson-Lyons (Narrandera High).

is in regard to educational attainment.

"We see these scholarships as a small way for Legal Aid NSW to support young Aboriginal people to not only complete their education, but also potentially pursue a career with us."

Students were presented with their certificates by Legal Aid NSW CEO Alan Kirkland, at the Department of Education and Training's Nanga Mai Awards, which celebrate Aboriginal educational excellence in NSW schools.

The Legal Aid New South Wales scholarships are run as a partnership between Legal Aid NSW, the NSW Department of Education and Training and the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

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# \$5000 award boost in ACT



ACT Education Minister Andrew Barr with scholarship recipients, back from left, Chris Brown, Louis Mokak, Mitchell Baum, Taylor Minchin and Robert Lean and, front from left, Beth Avery, Alice Calma, Nicola Hope, Alinta Barlow and Emilie Fletcher.

**S**CHOLARSHIPS of \$5000 have been awarded to 10 recipients of the inaugural Australian Capital Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Scholarships program.

ACT Education Minister Andrew Barr said the scholarships aimed to attract a greater number of Indigenous teachers and teachers'

assistants into the public education system by supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander college students wanting to pursue a career in teaching.

The Year 11 and 12 scholarship recipients completed a merit-based selection process for the scholarship program late last year. They presented evidence of their achievements and reflected on

their learning and future pathways at selection panels.

Of the 19 applicants, 10 students were selected as scholarship recipients. They were Taylor Minchin (Alfred Deakin High School), Christopher Brown (Kaleen High School), Mitchell Baum and Louis Mokak (Lyneham High School), Alice Calma (Stromlo High School), Robert Lean

(Telopea Park School), Nicola Hope and Alinta Barlow (Canberra College), Emilie Fletcher (Lake Gininderra College) and Beth Avery (Lake Tuggeranong College).

Mr Barr congratulated the students on their achievement.

"These scholarships will help increase the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers and assistants in ACT schools and

will be a welcome addition to our already highly skilled workforce of educators," he said.

"The recipients will also provide a mentoring role to younger Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, developing their leadership skills as well as providing positive role models for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students."

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# You were right Mum!



I'm so glad you made me get on the plane to take up my position here at NAISDA. I was so scared that day, getting on the plane to come down – I think I would have chickened out if you weren't there. But it's more Deadly than I could have ever imagined.

When the shuttle bus picked me up from the airport we drove across Sydney, it was so huge – even bigger than you said it would be.

Then we drove over the Harbour Bridge and I saw the Opera House again. When I first saw it, when we came down to audition, I never thought I'd end up dancing there – and this year I might! At the Deadlys!

By the way mum, remember not to call me a student – they call us Developing Artists here at NAISDA.

So you were asking me if it was hard, and YES it's hard work – I mean really hard work – but because they teach us how to look after ourselves with our money and our health as well as our dance and culture training. I'm getting stronger every day.

They say our bodies change the most in the first year. I can't wait to come home and show you all!

All us first year Developing Artists (!!) live on campus in cottages and I've met heaps of people that I get along with. Some of the girls were even more scared than us boys, but they're all right now.

I'm sending you a photo so you can see what we're doing down here ... that's called partnering. (It's not me!) And you know how everyone was giving me heaps about ballet

and wearing tights? Well, its not even that bad! I can't jump like some of the older ones yet, but I reckon I'll catch them quick.

We do two kinds of cultural dancing – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and this year I've already learned dances from Elcho Island in North-East Arnhem Land and from Saibai Island in the Torres Strait.

When the tutors came down to teach us at the start of the year it was really special because they really live their traditions and we are so lucky they share their knowledge with us.

I can't wait to go to their community at the end of the year – but don't worry about money for that mum, because ABSTUDY pays for everything for those trips.

There's some really famous teachers here and they'll go out of their way to help you, especially when they see you are working your hardest – even first years like me.

I'm still not sure whether I want to join a professional company and tour the world when I finish here, or whether I want to come back home to teach, but I reckon I'll learn enough here to do whatever I want.

I'll be home in the middle of the year and I'll show you some of the mad stuff I've learned like Pilates and Yoga and I'll also be able to talk a little bit of language with you.

You told me I'd become a man here, and I reckon you will see one next time you see me.

*Love always  
Your son AJ*

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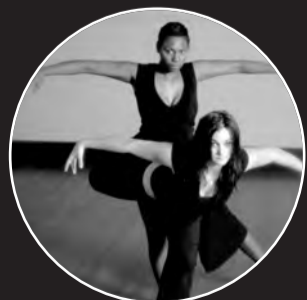
### How old must I be?

You must be at least 18 (or about to turn 18) to start studying at NAISDA, but you can attend the audition program before you turn 18. Enrolment of Developing Artists over the age of 30 is at the discretion of NAISDA.

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Respect the past, embrace the future

# You're important, youth told

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS sporting stars Rohanee Cox and brothers Michael and Chris Cedar spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and other young people at the launch of Youthfest in Townsville last Wednesday.

It was the first such youth festival organised by the Townsville City Council and part of National Youth Week.

Aboriginal Dance Group Whatunah-Jaban performed, and their leader Frank Willis told the audience that today's youth were important. "You young people here are our future," he said.

Indigenous leader Rev Shayne Blackman gave an emotional speech about the many opportunities for Indigenous young people today compared with previous generations.

Australian Opals basketballer Cox and Townsville Crocodiles NBL stars the Cedar brothers sat on couches at the front of the launch and answered questions from the audience.

"What obstacles have you faced along the way?" one audience member asked.

Ms Cox said she had left her home town of Broome in WA to live in Perth as a 14-year-old after gaining a basketball scholarship.

"My major obstacle was homesickness. There were no mobile phones then and I used to ring my mum at her home every



Pictured in the 'Chill Out Zone' at the youth festival were, from left, Chris Cedar, Rohanee Cox, Michael Cedar and Shane Alley and, shown at right, Reverend Shayne Blackman speaking to the audience.

day. I am the mother of a nine-year-old daughter and along the way that has been challenging with basketball but, if you want to achieve something, then go for it. You can do it," she said.

Michael Cedar said his main obstacle had been peer pressure from friends who wanted him to party and drink alcohol.

"You have to resist those temptations," Michael said, as his brother Chris

nodded in agreement.

Council Indigenous Officer Shane Alley told the young audience that a good education was vital in gaining a career.

Ms Cox and the Cedar brothers all agreed that Youthfest was a major positive for youngsters.

Major events during the fest were the Youth Network NQ Inc Regional Battle of the Bands Townsville heat, dodgem cars,

rides, a sideshow alley, street art, markets, dancing, drama, art workshops, all in a carnival atmosphere.

Townsville councillor Natalie Marr said the event highlighted some of the great ideas that young people had to offer.

"It is great to see young people and service providers joining together and getting involved in the creation of such an amazing event," she said.



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For more information on the above two courses please contact The Outreach Unit at Mount Druitt College on 9208 6384 or Blacktown/Nirimba Colleges on 9208 7097.

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# Funding help for pathway



EMPLOYMENT Participation Minister Mark Arbib has announced \$250,000 in

funding for a program designed to assist Indigenous secondary school leavers moving from school into employment.

Senator Arbib said the Federal Government's partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) – including through its Post-School Pathways program – was aimed at improving the educational and employment outcomes of Indigenous students.

"We know how critical a successful transition from school to work or further education is in ensuring young people have the best opportunities," he said last Thursday.

"The objective of the Post-School Pathways program is to create, identify, co-ordinate and assist future pathways and opportunities for Indigenous students after they finish Year 12, be that in the work force, vocational education and training or university."



MARK ARBIB

AIEF CEO Andrew Penfold welcomed the Government funding for the program.

"This initiative will further enable AIEF to use the skills and resources of the public and private sector to help Indigenous students through their educational and employment pathways," he said.

"The Government's support of the AIEF Post-School Pathways Program in partnership with corporate Australia is another way the Rudd Government is increasing the employment of Indigenous Australians and boosting their



ANDREW PENFOLD

participation in economic activities."

The announcement builds on the \$20 million the Government has already committed to assist the AIEF to provide boarding school scholarships for Indigenous students to attend some of the leading schools in the country.

Funding for the programs is provided through the Government's Indigenous Employment Program (IEP), a key element of its commitment to halving the employment gap between Indigenous and other Australians within a decade.

## New teacher aiming for the top



Teacher Josie Alec  
with Curtin  
University's Adjunct  
Professor Joan Winch.



JOSIE ALEC has taken a major step towards achieving her long-term goal of being a school principal.

The mother-of-four has completed a Bachelor of Teaching degree through

Curtin University and is now working as a teacher in Newman, in WA's Pilbara region.

Miss Alec's academic success – which included being named as a top achiever last year by Curtin – follows on from several years as an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) in her home town of Roebourne.

That's where the Guruma woman would eventually like to return.

### Concentrating

"Hopefully that will be as the principal of the school where I worked as an AIEO, but right now I'm concentrating on my work at Newman," the 36-year-old told *The Koori Mail*.

"I love education and this degree is the continuation of a dream I have held for a long time."

Miss Alec has nothing but praise for Curtin University, as well as her family and community.

"I did my degree through block release based at home in Roebourne," she said.

"It was hard work, but the university went out of their way to help me achieve my goals."

"Now it's up to me, and there's nothing I want more than to eventually come back home and help my people."

## A yen to succeed



INDIGENOUS student and fluent Japanese speaker Nathan Williams has proved to be a real asset to the University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast, already helping out with two

Japanese study groups.

After winning an Indigenous Student Scholarship, the Bundaberg school leaver enrolled at the Hervey Bay campus this year, ready to begin a four-year Bachelor of Education.

When his lecturers found out about his language skills, they suggested he could help out with the Japanese tour.

The 18-year-old said he was thrilled to have an integral part in the two mornings of classes and tours, which gave him a chance to practice his Japanese.

"I love the language and the Japanese culture really appeals to me also," Nathan said. "Japanese just comes naturally to me. I started when I was in grade three at Bundaberg East State School. I was in a composite three to five class, so when the grade fives were doing Japanese I was learning too."

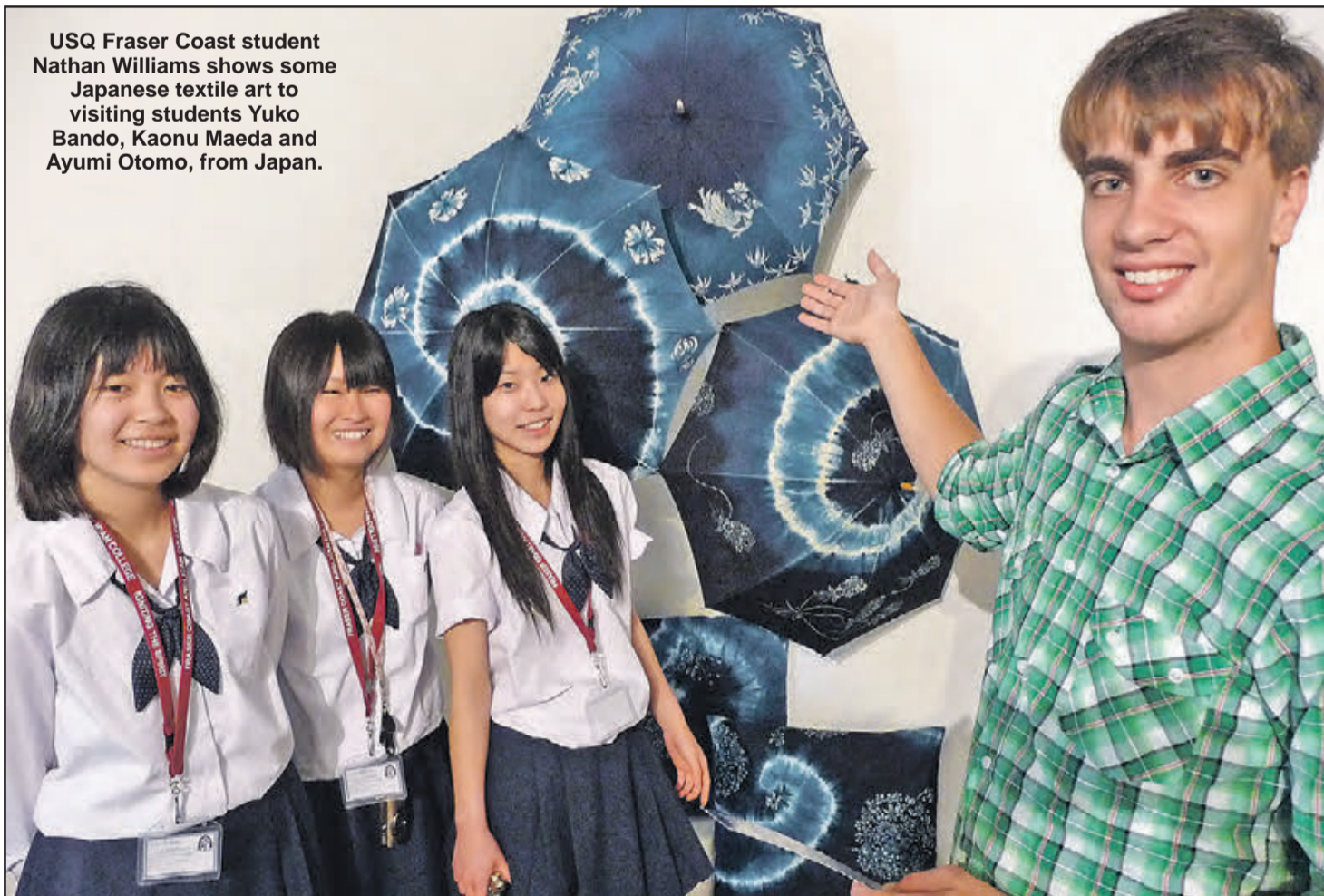
"At Shalom College I had a fantastic teacher, Stacey Courtice. The activities were fun and creative and we played games. She was the sort of teacher I would like to become – interesting and fun and creative."

"You don't realise how much you are learning when you are having fun."

Nathan is majoring in Japanese and the study of religion and said he would love to become a Japanese language teacher in his home town of Bundaberg. He has no intention of moving away, as his family and life are entrenched in the region.

Nathan even commutes to Hervey Bay

USQ Fraser Coast student Nathan Williams shows some Japanese textile art to visiting students Yuko Bando, Kaonu Maeda and Ayumi Otomo, from Japan.



each week to attend classes rather than moving away from his South Kolan home, about 30kms north of Bundaberg.

"I love local history and did research on my family's heritage," he said. "I have

started writing a book about local history based on the experiences of older people I know who drove steam engines in the cane fields."

Nathan said he was inspired by watching

the cane trains in the fields and joined the local steam railway group, the Australian Sugar Cane Railway, at the age of 13.

Five years of stories has given him plenty of material for his book ... so stay tuned.

## Sydney region projects target literacy



THE NSW Government has called for expressions of interest to run the Aboriginal Early Literacy Project targeting children aged up to five years and their parents in Sydney's northern, inner-west and south-east regions.

Research has shown that a major barrier to children becoming literate is if their parents have low

literacy and cannot confidently support their learning. Parents who struggle with reading and writing are not as likely to read to their children, and so the cycle of illiteracy continues.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said literacy was essential not only for success at school and work, but for full participation in the community. She said the projects would have immediate and long-term literacy

benefits for Aboriginal children and their families.

"Sadly, reading failure disproportionately affects children from low socio-economic backgrounds, and children who experience difficulties in learning to read are unlikely to catch up to their peers," Ms Burney said.

"Early literacy programs have been linked to children's increased motivation and participation in school and to a reduced need

for special education."

The Aboriginal Early Literacy Project is funded through the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Services (ACYFS) strategy with one-off total funding of \$365,986, of which almost \$87,000 has been allocated to northern Sydney, with the inner-west and south Sydney each getting \$139,000.

Areas to be targeted in the northern Sydney project include Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai,

Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah and Willoughby.

The inner-west project will target Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Stathfield and Glebe, while the south-east Sydney project includes the areas of Botany Bay, City of Sydney, Hurstville, Kogarah, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley and Woollahra.

# Centre giving kids a chance to dream

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR Haley and Harmonie Carriage-Jarett, 14 and 13, the mainstream education system was failing them. By their own accounts, the sisters were getting into fights on a daily basis, getting bullied and were deeply unhappy. Everywhere they turned, no one seemed to truly care or understand their problems.

Time and again, such negative experiences of education lead to students dropping out early and disconnecting from what could be a rich experience.

But for Haley and Harmonie, a second chance came in the form of the Coffs Harbour Learning Centre, the only alternative education choice for at-risk students in the NSW coastal region.

The centre, opened in 2007, caters to students aged 12-17. Indigenous students make up half of the school population. Some come to the centre with social and emotional problems or suffer from mental health issues. Many have been expelled or suspended from their schools and almost all have challenging behaviour.

Some of the students are also dealing with chaotic home and community lives, and their school day is the only sense of calm they experience.

Principal Alison Turner said the centre's premise was simple – build on relationships first. Trust between the teaching staff and students is paramount.

The centre mixes mainstream learning – basic maths and English with other fun activities like swimming and sports – and has high attendance rates.

The school days are shorter to keep the students engaged, and include interesting activities that could see them flying from a trapeze as part of a circus program, or making a film.

There's a behaviour management program and points system that translates into a big excursion.

Poor literacy levels mean that some students enter the learning centre unable to read a single sentence, but through intensive support they generally reach the point of standing in front of assembly confidently doing a reading or making a speech to a group.

"Our main aim to give the kids some



Sisters Harmonie and Haley Carriage-Jarrett with brothers Jye and Twayne Orcher at the learning centre.



Principal Alison Turner with student Zac Kennewell.

tools in their kit to be able to function in society. We build the relationships first and then the learning comes after," Ms Turner said. "Their barriers are already up from negative experiences with

education (but) I feel we're successfully breaking down barriers."

It's not all smooth sailing. In fact, sometimes it's far from it. But, however terrible an incident has occurred at

school, Ms Turner said there was almost always a way to sort through it and work it out.

"We do what we have to do. I say to the staff that at the end of the day you have to wipe the slate clean," she said.

"But you have to put on your (emotional) armour."

With the learning centre's philosophy all about acknowledging and taking responsibility for behaviour and making choices, Ms Turner said some of the changes in the young people since they started had been nothing short of phenomenal.

"These kids do love boundaries. We are a constant in their lives, that safe, predictable, consistent teaching and learning environment," she said.

"What we're doing is giving the kids the opportunity to succeed and experience some level of success and positive self-esteem so they can feel a bit more complete.

"The best outcome is that they can function appropriately in society and feel good about themselves.

"Sometimes it's one step forward, two steps back, but just remember that small step before you get discouraged. We're really working towards long-term results."

Another core aspect of the centre's programs has been the support of the parents, grandparents and carers, who celebrate the successes alongside students and staff.

Haley Carriage-Jarett remembers how she felt before she got the opportunity to attend the learning centre.

"I used to wake up feeling angry, I couldn't get along with anyone, I didn't like it at all and I was getting into too many fights," she told *The Koori Mail*. "Here I have more opportunities."

Her sister Harmonie remembers the bullying she was subjected to before, and now values the school because it is 'smaller and quiet, with less people'.

"No-one starts on you here, it feels like a home. It feels safe and I can concentrate more," she said.

The two now have big plans for their life. Haley has dreamt of being a flight attendant ever since she was a little girl, while her sister Harmonie wants to be a 'singer, athlete or police officer'.

And, in what might just be the most important difference in their lives now, they have room to dream.

# \$98,000 funding for Black Arm Band



**INDIGENOUS**  
'super group'  
Black Arm Band  
has been awarded  
\$98,000 in Federal  
funding to tour its

Murundak show and its partner piece Hidden Republic to eight venues in the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Arts Minister Peter Garrett announced the funding under the Playing Australia program, which enables performing arts companies to tour regional areas.

Eighteen performing arts companies will share in \$3 million in funding to tour regional areas.

"This is the 35th round of Playing Australia funding and it



The Black Arm Band on stage

will ensure Australians living in regional and remote areas continue to have access to some

of Australia's best performing arts," Mr Garrett said. "As well as providing

communities with the chance to experience a whole range of fantastic performing art

productions, these tours bring real financial benefits to regional Australia.

"This round demonstrates the diversity of Australia's creative arts sector, with funding for Indigenous performance, post-modern dance, hybrid arts, children's theatre and opera.

"Round 35 also demonstrates the continued demand for high-quality artistic performance in regional areas with tours travelling across Australia, from Esperance in Western Australia, to Griffith in NSW."

Playing Australia is the Australian Government's national performing arts touring program. It has funded performing arts tours since 1992.

# Dreaming gears up



THE 2010 Dreaming Festival is gearing up for big attendances this year, offering a wide range of interactive cultural opportunities for

Indigenous and other festival-goers.

Newly appointed program director Sam Cook said she was overjoyed with the festival's growth.

"To be this far ahead of previous years takings is a great show of support for the future of the Dreaming," Ms Cook said.

"Furthermore, it's a testament to a quality program with multiple levels of interest for all ages."

Held in Woodford over the 11-14 June long weekend, this year's musical line-up includes Dan Sultan, Last Kinnection, Shellie Morris, Archie Roach, Rhombus, Narasarto Pan Pipers, Oni the Haitian Sensation, King Kapisi, Canadian Aboriginal Music award-winners Digging Roots and one of the top 50 guitarists of all time, Stevie Salas, supporting Metis artist Janet Panic.

## Highlights

Highlights of the theatre program include *Bindjareb Pinjarra*, a comedy about a Western Australian massacre, *Chasing the Lollyman*, a sell-out show by Brisbane-based Mark Shepard, *Magpie Blues*, the life story of Ursula Yovich, and *yuyukatha: Kutcha Edwards and Black Sheep* - *Glorious Baastards* from Melbourne-based company Ilbjerri.

The dance program covers the full spectrum from the Mornington Island Dancers to Victoria's State Champion B-Boy 2 Ezy, with new work by NAISDA offering a dance program for all ages and tastes.

The Kula Films venue will show *Bran Nue Dae*, *Samson and Delilah*, *River Of No Return*, *Stone Bros* and *Bastardy* amongst more than 70 films.

Meanwhile, a dedicated children's festival will make its debut into The Dreaming, with a program including family theatre, ochre painting and storytelling.

The Dreaming festival is held on the traditional lands of the Dungidau, Dala, Nalbo and Garumaga clans of the Jinibara Nation.

To view the full Dreaming festival program or buy tickets, go to the website [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com) or call (07) 5496 1066.



Ali Mills with her trusty ukulele ... "I've always said that you need food, air, water and songs to survive. I've got them all."

# At last, Ali Mills has an album



SHE'S been entertaining people in her home town of Darwin for decades, but Ali Mills has never recorded an album - until now. The veteran, an integral part of the Top End's Mills Sisters, has finally achieved her dream of cutting a CD.

And, appropriately, it's called *Waltjim Bat Matilda* - Kriol for Waltzing Matilda. Ali's unique version of the anthemic song, sung in Kriol, has been a hit with crowds wherever she's performed it.

*Waltjim Bat Matilda* is the first of 15 album tracks, all sung in her trademark country-style sound. There's some covers, but many songs are Ali's own compositions reflecting her love of Darwin and her culture.

"It's taken a long time to do, but I'm really happy," the Larrakia woman told *The Koori Mail*. "I've been around music about as long as I can remember, and I guess I've been thinking about an album since I was eight. Now I've finally done it.

"I've always said that you need food, air, water and songs to survive. I've got them all. Music is part of my life, my Dreaming. This album is a tribute to my Elders, my family, and the people who went before."

Now that she's done her first album, Ali's already planning another. "I've still got songs I want to sing," the 53-year-old said.

*Waltjim Bat Matilda*, on the Skinnyfish label, is available in music shops nationwide.

## Your chance to win

*The Koori Mail* has five copies of *Waltjim Bat Matilda* to give away. To win one, be among the first five callers after 11am NSW time on Tuesday, 29 April, to correctly answer this question: 'On what music label is Ali Mills' first album?' *The Koori Mail's* phone number is (02) 66 222 666.



Terry Murray last year at Mangkaja Arts, Fitzroy Crossing.

## Young artist to show in Melbourne

**A** YOUNG Walmajarri man from Fitzroy Crossing will be staging a solo exhibition of his artwork from 22 April to 14 May at the Brigitte Braun Gallery in Melbourne.

Terry Murray was raised by prominent artists Mona Chuguna and the late Peter Skipper, and was taught to have a deep connection to country, heritage and culture.

From a young age, Terry Murray was taught the knowledge of the Great Sandy Desert, and uses the artworks of his matriarchal grandfather, the late Jimmy Pike, his uncle Jimmy Nerimah and his father, all of whom are established Kimberley artists.

He has taken part in curator traineeships with the National Gallery of Australia, the Museum of Western Australia, and is currently completing an internship with the Berndt Museum of Anthropology at the University of Western Australia.

He is also one of three young Aboriginal curators of the Canning Stock Route project, an international touring exhibition to be launched July at the National Museum of Australia.

He began work on his current exhibition in 2009 at Mangkaja Arts in Fitzroy Crossing, and chose the Brigitte Braun Gallery because it is where his parents, and many fellow artists have exhibited since the 1990s.

The gallery is located at 4 White Street, Windsor, in Melbourne.

For information on the exhibition, contact Brigitte Braun on (03) 9521 2324 or 0417 184 260.

## \$1000 prize for wombat logo



DO you know what the hairy-nosed wombat looks like? Well, if you can draw and are a

member of the Wangan and Jagalingou native title claim groups in Queensland you could be in the running for \$1000 in prizemoney.

The Aboriginal art competition will choose a winning design featuring the local endangered hairy-nosed marsupial, and the artwork will then be used to represent Rio Tinto's Clermont Aboriginal Community Development

Fund (ACDF) on promotional materials, publications and booklets.

Clermont ACDF Executive Officer Debbie Alvoen said the hairy-nosed wombat was listed as endangered under the *Queensland Nature Conservation Act* and restricted to a single population on Epping Forest National Park, near Clermont.

"Clermont's traditional owner group, the Wangan Jagalingou people, has selected the northern hairy-nosed wombat as the new totem for the fund," she said.

"We're hoping that members of the Wangan and

Jagalingou Native Title Claim Group can get creative and incorporate this well-loved Australian animal into an eye-catching new logo to represent the Clermont ACDF."

Since its inception in 2008, the Clermont ACDF has provided almost \$240,000 to community-driven projects that deliver positive and sustainable outcomes to the region's traditional owners. Ms Alvoen said the new logo would help raise awareness of the fund's work.

"A logo is much more than just a drawing or a painting, it's a symbol of who we are,

what we stand for and where we want to be," she said.

"The Clermont ACDF's vision is that Aboriginal people enjoy the same prospects for employment, economic prosperity and quality of life as other community members.

"We have a lot of artistic talent in the community, so this is a great opportunity to have their work recognised and used in materials across our region."

Entries must be submitted on unfolded A4 paper and arrive at 38 Jellicoe Street, Clermont Qld 4721 no later than 4pm Wednesday 19 May.

## Garrangali Band sing of country



A GROUP of young Yolngu musicians have launched a self-titled CD called *Garrangali*. The launch took place at Yilpara, Blue Mud Bay, in north-east Arnhem Land.

Following in the footsteps of countrymen such as Mandawuy Yunupingu and Gurumul Yunupingu, the Garrangali Band sing about their country and heritage, using Yolngu and English, wrapped in a mix of contemporary beats, traditional yidaki and manikay (song).

The launch was hosted by Djambawa Marawili, who headed the historic Federal Court claim in 2004 that brought about the High Court's 2008 Blue Mud Bay decision granting inter-tidal sea rights to traditional owners.

The local Yirrkala Rangers were joined at the launch by their Dhimurru counterparts, highlighting the special relationship between Garrangali – the band and the CD – and their responsibilities in looking after country.

The CD reflects the deep connection and relationship Yolngu hold with ancestral land and sea and track eight, *IPA*, celebrates the contemporary land management systems operating in the region's Laynhapuy and Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Areas.

*Garrangali* is the result of work and dedication by the band members, who are all CDEP participants and/or rangers.

Susan Sandery, from Laynhapuy Homelands Association, which funded the project, said special thanks should go to the group's teachers and mentors.

"Both Wurrandon and Nambulili (band members) have worked very hard to get this launch up and happening," Ms Sandery said.



Members of the Garrangali Band performing on their country.

"As the CDEP supervisors, they have had to do their day's work as well as practice for the launch and then organise everyone else at Yilpara for the event. They've done a great job of pulling this together."

Yothu Yindi's Stuart Kellaway, and Matthew Cunliffe of Sub Sonic Sound, have nurtured the Garrangali Band.

They produced the CD, which is very much in the vein of the Top End's 'saltwater reggae' genre – although the *Muthi Muthi* disco remix (track 10) is directly aimed at the dance floor.

Two songs, *Mungurru* and *Muthi Muthi*, are featured in a DVD also launched on the day, that gives a behind-the-scenes look into local life, country and culture.

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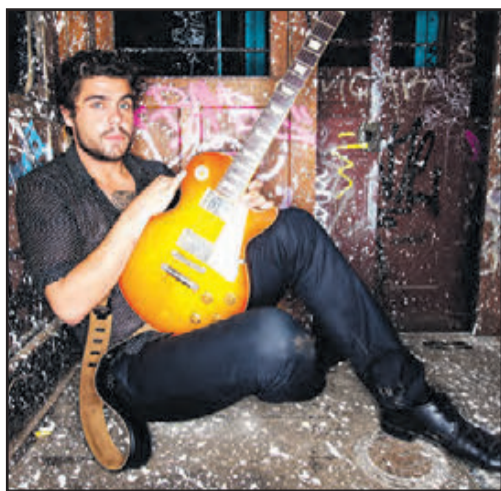


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## More sounds from our very own Sultan

### REVIEW

**Dan Sultan: Get Out While You Can (Ind)**

By CHRIS LAMBIE

DAN SULTAN tops every Next Big Thing list across the nation. He's been referred to as Australia's own 'Black Elvis', but a line-up of countless other rock and soul spirits channel their way through the lips and hips of the Melbourne superstar-in-waiting.

On *Get Out While You Can*, you'll hear echoes of Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Wilson Pickett, Kev Carmody, Neil Murray and Sam Cooke.

Sultan croons, testifies, soothes and challenges. He takes us on a ride from Motown to Nashville, with pit stops between Abbey Road and the Stuart Highway. Written by guitarist Scott Wilson, Sultan or both, the subject matter is equally varied – gritty, tender, scorching or downright cheeky fun.

Sultan's easy vocals and charisma aside, the songs could stand alone in any decade. Patsy Cline would've been a natural to cover *Come Home Tonight*. Minus a four-letter word or two, the brazen and brassy *Letter* could've been a commercial radio hit.

It's a deadly showcase for Sultan's vocal range and natural sense of phrasing. Other stand-outs are the soaring *Never Let You Down* and the poignant *Old Fitzroy*.

Creating a big band sound are drummer Peter Marin, Josh Jones (bass), Gina Woods (keys), Chris Neave (double bass) plus solid-gold brass from Piers Gooding and Steve and Ben Veale. Scott adds vocals, with Sultan also doing his thing on guitars, mandolin and moog. Ella Hooper and Vika and Linda Bull provide guest vocals. Cool artwork completes the picture.

Jonathan Burnside (Eskimo Joe, Sleepy Jackson, Faith No More) recorded and mixed the album using vintage equipment from his personal collection, with Mike Wells mastering the tracks in San Francisco.

Drive to it, dance to it, wake up to it.

DAN Sultan fans will have a chance to see the talented singer in the flesh when he tours *Get Out While You Can* nationally, supported by Triple J, from 14 May to 18 June.

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# 'At risk' boys paint murals



A GROUP of young men on the New South Wales central coast, mentored by artist Kevin Duncan, have designed and painted a set of murals that tell the Darkinjung story of the creation of the angophora tree.

The story tells how a group of young men tried to take the law into their own hands.

They ran riot and caused an extreme amount of trouble for the community.

Biame came down, disguised as a community member, and punished the young men, firstly, by spearing, and then by turning them into the angophora tree.

The blood from spearing can be seen in the red sap that weeps from the trees. The boys' spirits are captured in the skin-like quality of the bark and the shapes and forms of faces, arms and legs in the limbs and trunks of the trees.

Spokeswoman for the art project Bronwyn Hall said the murals program was for young men who had left school early or were at risk of not completing their schooling.

"The focus of the project was on culture and an opportunity to connect with each other and older members of the community," she said.

"The project also provided

an informal opportunity for the participants to think about education pathways, and to work from the combined university, TAFE and Community College campus.

"Just being on campus while working on the murals gave them a sense of ongoing tuition."

### Gained skills

Kristie Hamilton, from Youth Connections, a project partner, said that all of the participants had gained skills and confidence through the project and two had since secured fulltime work while others have opted to stay at school or to enrol in a VET course.

The project was funded by an Australia Post FRRR grant

and financial contributions were provided by the Central Coast Community College, Youth Connections, University of Newcastle Gibalee Centre, and Bateau Bay PCYC.

The artwork will eventually adorn the walls of the Community College, but can be viewed at Bouddi Gallery, 1 Killcare Road, Hardys Bay, over the school holidays.

A documentary of the project can be seen at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8PQLd\\_io5s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8PQLd_io5s)

The artists who worked on the Mundoe Gudjagang mural project were Tim Byrne, Dean Caletti, Blake Hull, Blake Norquay, Brent Norquay, Beau Wills, Raymond Wright, Dylan Flanders, and Robert Godbold.



Participants in the Mundoe Gudjagang project with two murals.

## Desert music hits the road



GOLDFIELDS brothers Delson and Boyd Stokes, who make up two-thirds of The Yabu Band, will be hitting the road this week as the up-and-coming Aboriginal band tours its 'desert rock' sound to 11 communities in regional WA during April and May.

The band, which also includes drummer Jade Masters, a didgeridoo player, bass guitarist, a backing vocalist and dancers, draws inspiration from Delson and Boyd's cultural heritage, growing up in the Western Desert region bordering Kalgoorlie.

The tour will feature songs from the

band's most recent album *Gundulla – We Dance*, including their Wongatha language version of *I am Australian*.

The tour kicks off in Esperance this Sunday, 25 April.

The Yabu Band will also be taking its desert rock sound to the communities of Bunbury, Moora, Geraldton, Carnarvon, Onslow, Karratha, Port Hedland, Broome, Derby and Halls Creek as part of the tour which is co-ordinated by Country Arts WA and presented by Smokefree WA.

Country Arts WA's chief executive officer Jessica Machin said the organisation was proud to be touring the accomplished group which won awards

at the inaugural Too Solid WA Indigenous Music Awards and Deadly Awards last year.

"The band is definitely one to keep your eye on and we're so pleased to be able to take this professional act to regional Western Australian communities," she said.

"It will be a great family-friendly show. Get yourself along and have a dance."

● For full tour details visit [www.countryartswa.asn.au](http://www.countryartswa.asn.au) For more about The Yabu Band visit [www.yabuband.com.au](http://www.yabuband.com.au) or check out the TV Commercial at [www.youtube.com/user/countryartswa](http://www.youtube.com/user/countryartswa)

# Maclean welcomes new health service



THE community of Maclean has celebrated the opening of the first Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) for the lower Clarence area of northern NSW.

Mayor Richie Williamson and NSW Aboriginal Land Council member Patricia Lawrie welcomed local community members to the official opening last Thursday, before Elder Aunty Stella Randall cut the ribbon.

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation CEO Scott Monaghan said the AMS would be a well-utilised service, and having a suitable office space would have a positive impact on the community.

"The community are overjoyed that the clinic is here, they have been very patient," Mr Monaghan said. "We have a GP two days a week but that is expected to increase once the need grows."

"We have nursing and allied health services, we hope to have local Aboriginal health workers, and we're recruiting for an Aboriginal outreach worker, things are coming together well."

"We can now co-ordinate services better and build on effective partnerships with other health service providers that will mean better health-care outcomes for the community."

Future services may include outreach clinics for Indigenous mental health



**Maclean Aboriginal Medical Service staff includes an Aboriginal dentist and part-time GP. The team will expand in coming months as positions are filled and the need grows.**

services, women's health clinics and chronic disease groups, among others.

The clinic also boasts one of the country's few Aboriginal dentists, Chris Possingham, who has worked across a range of health services.

"The way I approach it is I treat

everyone like they're my family, or that this could be me in the chair," Mr Possingham said. "I've done a lot of public health work and also worked in jails. The community work is what I like to do best. It's not money driven. I much prefer work to work within an AMS."

## New guidelines to help health professionals



THE Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has released national guidelines it hopes will smooth the way for health services to better identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people. The 'National best practice guidelines for collecting Indigenous status in health data sets' says the question 'Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?' should be asked of all clients, irrespective of appearance, country of birth or whether the staff know the client or their family background.

According to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Indigenous Reform Agreement, all states and territories will adopt the guidelines and have them in use by the end of 2012.

Kerryn Pholi, of the AIHW, said the question was important on a number of fronts, particularly in helping the delivery and evaluation of services to Indigenous Australians. But she also said some might be reluctant at first to ask the question of every client they see.

"We know that the question on Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin is not always asked of every client, because staff may not realise the question is important, or they are concerned that this question is sensitive or even discriminatory," she said.

Ms Pholi said the data would assist researchers, policy makers and community organisations to understand and improve Indigenous health.

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# Minister gives pledge on hospitals



**INDIGENOUS** Health Minister Warren Snowdon toured health facilities in Western Australia's Kimberley and Pilbara regions last

week, promising better health services and better hospitals for regional and rural Australia.

Mr Snowdon said no rural or regional hospital would be forced to close because of health reforms being implemented as part of the Federal Government's National Health and Hospitals Network.

"Hospitals will be funded federally and run locally," he said.

"An independent umpire will determine the fair price for services, taking into account remoteness and the particular circumstances and health care needs of people living in rural Australia."

Mr Snowdon said that to ensure rural hospitals with low patient throughput could continue to deliver vital services, the Government would fund them through block grants, where needed.

"We recognise that many smaller rural hospitals face higher



Minister Warren Snowdon with a local doctor and patient in Kununurra.

staffing and equipment costs, and cannot achieve the economies of scale that large hospitals can," he said.

During his two-day visit, Mr Snowdon met with health professionals at Kununurra Hospital and Ord Valley Aboriginal Health

Service, Halls Creek Hospital and Yura Yingi Aboriginal Medical Service, Broome Hospital and Port Hedland Hospital.

He said a number of people voiced their concerns about the difficulties in attracting and retaining workers in the regions,

given high living costs, remoteness of communities and towns and the capacity of current infrastructure.

"It's obvious that the remoteness of these regions makes it very difficult to source accommodation that's both appropriate and affordable," he said.

Mr Snowdon said the Federal Government was providing \$20 million for the expansion of the Kununurra Hospital, and \$4 million for short-stay accommodation in the town. And it recently announced \$1.3 million for the University of WA for the establishment of a new teaching and administration centre in Broome.

"This new facility will provide teaching facilities for Aboriginal health workers, medical and pharmaceutical students, as well as space for research staff and post-graduate students," he said.

Given the high proportion of Aboriginal people in the regions, Minister Snowdon said he was also pleased to announce the Government had signed the first of many agreements with States and Territories to tackle trachoma in Indigenous communities – providing almost \$1.7 million to the Western Australia Country Health Service until 30 June next year, to expand WA's programs to prevent and control trachoma.

Under this agreement, more than 85 communities will be screened and treated for trachoma.

# \$35m for health workers



**THE FEDERAL** Government has announced \$34.7 million in funding over three years for more than 80 Indigenous

health project officers in general practices across the nation.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the new positions would help ensure better quality and culturally appropriate care for the more than 60 per cent of Indigenous Australians who used mainstream clinics or hospitals.

Mr Snowdon made the announcement at an Australian General Practice Network workshop in Melbourne on 14 April, which brought together Indigenous health project officers for the first time.

"These positions are placed in general practice to help provide better quality and culturally appropriate care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in mainstream health services," Mr Snowdon said.

"It's important to target this area because research currently shows the majority of Indigenous Australians, that is more than 60 per cent, report that they go to a doctor/GP outside of Aboriginal Medical Services and hospitals."

The Minister said the Indigenous health project officers were to take a

leadership role in general practices to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to make greater use of mainstream primary care.

They would also assist general practices and their staff to deliver culturally appropriate services to Indigenous Australians, and provide a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues at a local level.

Along with the 80 positions in general practice, there would be a further 14 positions in the Divisions of General Practice network and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector.

Mr Snowdon said this would help mainstream and Indigenous health services to work together and with the community to improve health.

Project officers have already been appointed in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

"These workers will help build the capacity of the primary health care system to better tackle chronic diseases which account for two-thirds of the health gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians," Mr Snowdon said. "These included cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory and kidney diseases."

# Tharawal, GP Division unite to close the gap



**THARAWAL** Aboriginal Corporation and Macarthur Division of

General Practice came together to mark national Close the Gap Day on 25 March.

Tharawal invited the Macarthur Board to hold its first ever off-site meeting at Tharawal in Airds, near the outer Sydney suburb of Campbelltown. The two

organisations also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide a framework for further collaboration to improve the delivery of primary health services to Indigenous Australians living in the Macarthur region.

Tharawal CEO Darryl Wright said it was encouraging that Macarthur Division continued to do its part in improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"I have no doubt that working together with a community-controlled organisation such as Tharawal to develop long-term health plans is an important way that the Division and its GPs can help to close the gap in real terms," Mr Wright said.

"The agreement Tharawal has signed with Macarthur Division is certainly an indication of our joint commitment to this goal."



At the Memorandum of Understanding signing are Tharawal CEO Darryl Wright and Macarthur Division of General Practice Chair Dr Matthew Gray.



Staff members dressed up for the Bullinah celebration.  
Photo by Theora-Skye Walke



Zaichic Turner, 8, with sisters Hana, 6, and Kira, 3, all from Goonellabah.



Five-year-old Cedrick Anderson, from Cabbage Tree Island, brushing a goat.

## Bullinah service growing

Photos by THERESA DALTON



IT may be just two years old, but Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service in the northern NSW coastal

town of Ballina is more than holding its own. With an estimated 3500 or so Indigenous people in the immediate local area, the service has about 1600 clients on its books with that number increasing by about 40 every month.

Last Tuesday, Bullinah ran its first Healthy Kids Day, and Practice Manager Emma Walke said staff were amazed by the turnout.

"We saw 71 kids from local Aboriginal families," she said, explaining that the children had their teeth, eyes and ears checked and their height and weight measured.

Some were immunised and others were given referrals to other services including paediatricians and dietitians.

Perhaps the good tucker and fun activities helped draw such a big crowd. The kids enjoyed a sausage sizzle, received goodie bags and many seized the chance to visit the Old Macdonald's travelling farm.

Ms Walke said Bullinah planned to hold such kids health days annually.

"It's really important that we get a good picture of where our kids' health is at," she said.

"We've been going for only two years but, over the next ten years, we'll plot how the kids go. We want to look at the trends in this community; the problems we have here might be different from elsewhere.

"This is also about ensuring that the services we offer right now are appropriate to our situation.

For example, we have a paediatrician and a dietitian but we now know from the health day that a lot of our kids need to see a dentist."

Ms Walke said Bullinah was also considering holding women's health days, and hoped to repeat the success of last week's event.



Tomas Bolt-Anderson, 6, Issac Duroux, 7, and Stanley Kelly, 9, from Ballina, with William James and Izaha James, both 6.



Byron Bay resident Pirili Kay-Thorpe with her 11-month-old son James Wearne.



One-year-old Taylia Roberts with her aunty Brianna Roberts, 9, from Ballina.



Four-month-old Shamiyah Kay-Hammond, from Byron Bay, with her uncle Wally Hickling, from Lismore.

# Brad is building a great career



BRAD PARSONS is the new face of construction in Alice Springs. He is the first Indigenous graduate of Charles Darwin University's (CDU) industry-led training qualification, the Certificate IV in Building.

Mr Parsons, a project supervisor at Tangentyere Constructions, enrolled in CDU's Certificate IV in Building in the middle of 2009. Since then he has worked hard to complete his studies.

"The challenge of juggling full-time work and study has been difficult but well worth it," he said.

"And it's another step towards achieving my goal of becoming a licensed builder."

Mr Parsons said the NT provided construction apprentices with an opportunity to be trained across multiple construction skills as part of their apprenticeship training.

"It gives them a big advantage over their interstate counterparts, who tend to focus on one area of construction, as they have a broader range of skill sets," he said.

Already a qualified carpenter, Mr Parsons took on the course as a pre-requisite to getting his builder's licence.

"It's been a great course because what I learnt was closely linked to my job and I can apply new knowledge at the workplace," he said.

The university worked in partnership with TN Constructions based in Brisbane, a specialist education content provider for the industry.

## Commitments

Trades head on Alice Springs' CDU campus Justin Busse said the university had partnered with TN Constructions to ensure students' work and study commitments reflected the needs of industry.

Mr Busse said IT literacy and project management skills delivered in the course helped students take the next step into supervision.

"Few other places in Australia give builders the opportunity to move into these positions and this course makes that transition a little easier," he said.



CDU Certificate IV in Building graduate Brad Parsons ... "The challenge of juggling full-time work and study has been difficult but well worth it."

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For further enquiries please call Sonia D'Urbano on 9735 4188 or contact by email [sonia.durbano@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sonia.durbano@anglicarevic.org.au)

Please apply, with the names and addresses of three referees addressing the key selection criteria to [sonia.durbano@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sonia.durbano@anglicarevic.org.au) or Sonia D'Urbano, Acting Program Manager, Anglicare Victoria at Yarra Ranges, 47-51 Castella St, Lilydale 3140. Closing date 7 May 2010.

**For Position Descriptions, please visit our website at**

**[www.anglicarevic.org.au](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au)**

Supporting families, building communities

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## Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited



## Assistant Manager

### Accommodation Services Division Research and Evaluation Section

Executive Level 1  
\$76,967 - \$86,210 pa, plus superannuation

#### Duties

- Manage and direct the activities of the Research and Evaluation section and exercise relevant delegations.
- Undertake major and/or complex projects and reviews relevant to the work of the section.
- Develop, implement and review Research and Evaluation programs, coordinate and formulate the company's Corporate Plan and related activities, and oversee the operations of the Marketing Unit.
- Prepare detailed reports and submissions to Senior Management, the Executive and Board of Directors.
- Liaise and negotiate with internal and external stakeholders and represent AHL as required.

#### Want to know more?

Contact Anne Martin on 02 6212 2080.

#### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Michelle DeBritt on 02 6212 2009.

#### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to The Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30 Woden ACT 2606 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au)

#### Closing date

By 5pm 30 April 2010

#### 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.

**This is an identified position.**

*One APS Career ... Thousands of Opportunities*

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## ABORIGINAL YOUTH WORKERS

CASUAL POSITIONS

Herbersham Aboriginal Youth Services (HAYS)

If you enjoy challenging and rewarding work with young people, we are looking for Casual Youth Workers, for Marist Youth Care's Indigenous, residential program in the Western Sydney region. Vacancies exist for casual appointments.

### Essential:

- Experience in working with young people with intensive needs;
- Relevant qualifications in youth work or similar; Minimum Certificate IV in Youth Work or Community Services;
- High level of oral communication skills;
- Active listening skills;
- Effective negotiation skills;
- Availability to work flexible 24/7 shifts with sleepovers;
- Current driver's licence.

Terms and conditions are per the SACS Award & Marist Youth Care Ltd Enterprise Agreement 2008, plus shift allowances and salary packaging.

**Enquiries:** Debbie Evans (02) 9672 9250 or email: [debrae@maristyc.com.au](mailto:debrae@maristyc.com.au).

**Applications:** Marist Youth Care, PO Box 589, Seven Hills 1730.

**Applications close Friday 30th April.**

*Employment screening of successful applicants is a requirement of child protection legislation.*



Nepean Division of General Practice

## Indigenous Outreach Worker

Full time 38 hrs per week

Salary band starting from **\$40,289 to \$44,669** depending on skills and experience

Plus: Attractive salary packaging, leave loading and 9% superannuation

The Nepean Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation supporting general practice to improve the health of the Penrith community.

We are seeking an Indigenous Outreach Worker with an understanding of Indigenous health issues and primary health care. This position will work in partnership with local communities and other stakeholders to provide a focus on Indigenous health issues at a local level

***This is an Indigenous identified position.***

For an Information Package containing selection criteria and an employment application, visit our website at [www.nepeandgp.org.au](http://www.nepeandgp.org.au) or phone 02 4721 1150.

**Closing date:** : 5pm Tuesday 27 April 2010.



Justice & Attorney General

### CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ATSI Identified)

JAG10/0357

Clerk Grade 3-4

Mount Druitt, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: **\$56,009 - \$61,328**

**Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$67,675**

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

The position is responsible for clerical and administrative support, liaising and meeting with key agencies of the NSW criminal justice system and assisting with the development and implementation of policies and management of crime prevention programs. The position also provides a vital link between the Local Court and the Aboriginal community.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and Extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture, particularly the culture of those communities of New South Wales;
- Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system;
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all backgrounds;
- Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities;
- Experience in organising and presenting information sessions, workshops and other educational forums;
- Ability to manage projects.

### Job Notes:

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- (a) is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- (c) is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Please include JAG reference number when submitting application.

### Inquiries:

Darren Cochrane (02) 8688 6792  
[darren\\_cochrane@agd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:darren_cochrane@agd.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** 7 May 2010

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## NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing Date: 7 May 2010.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH

## Child and Family Health Nurse (RN) Working with Aboriginal Families

Ref: 61434.

F/T at Fairfield/Liverpool and Bankstown Community Health Services.

Enq: Anne King, (02) 9827 2222.

**Apply online at: [www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au)**  
or email application quoting Ref No. to:  
[jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au) or send application to:  
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

**NSW Health Service: employer of choice**

## Executive Program Manager Collingwood, VIC

- \* Prominent Aboriginal Health project!
- \* Fast-paced strategic management role!
- \* Salary circa \$75k + super + car + salary sacrificing!

Access Services for Koories Ltd has a fantastic opportunity for an **Executive Program Manager** to join its Collingwood team. The major focus of this position will be to **provide effective leadership in the establishment and ongoing management of the Program**. You will be rewarded for your hard work and dedication with a **highly attractive salary circa \$75,000**, plus **super** and a **car**. **Salary packaging** benefits are also available to increase your take home pay! In this rewarding position, you will **play an important part in helping to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged groups**. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply**. Apply now!



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**ApplyNow.com.au/Job17083**  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## Care Coordinator Collingwood, VIC

- \* Great opportunity for experienced Care Coordinator!
- \* Fast-paced role packed with variety!
- \* Excellent salary + salary sacrifice options!

Access Services for Koories Ltd has a fantastic opportunity for a **Care Coordinator** to join its Collingwood team. The major focus of this position will be to **facilitate the continuity and quality of care for Aboriginal people diagnosed with chronic disease or complex needs**. You will be rewarded with a **highly attractive salary in accordance with the Health Professional and Support Services Award 2010**. Any overtime necessary to undertake specific obligations may be compensated by Time-in-Lieu. **Salary packaging** benefits are also available! You will play an important part in helping to **improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged groups**. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply**. Apply now!



**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**

**ApplyNow.com.au/Job17084**  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at  
**[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)**  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Medical Records Officer

Medical Records, Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital  
Temp Full Time (for 12 months) Position No: 67057  
Perm Part Time, 24 hpw (jobshare will be considered)  
Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions.

This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.  
Enquiries: Sharon Bowen, (02) 6767 7194.

### Aboriginal Health Worker

Muswellbrook  
Temp Full Time until end of Dec 2012 Position No: 67040  
This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.  
Enquiries: Christine Harle, (02) 6542 2083.

### Social Worker Level 1/2 –

### Maternity Leave Contract

Upper Hunter Community Health, Muswellbrook  
Temp Full Time Position No: 66958  
Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions.  
Enquiries: Phoebe Begg, (02) 6540 2136.

### Nursing Unit Manager Level 2

Muswellbrook District Hospital  
Perm Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 67009  
Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions.  
Enquiries: Wendy Hordern, (02) 6542 2013.

**Closing Date for all positions: 7 May 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**

## PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Aboriginal Education Officer** vacancies exist at a number of NSW public schools. We invite applications from Aboriginal people who may be interested in these positions.

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.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

**Forbes High School**  
(02) 6852 2666

**Narooma Public School**  
(02) 4476 2556

**Wilcannia Central School**  
(08) 8091 5801

**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 up to \$50,550 pa includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading (annual salary range \$42,136 - \$45,966).

**To apply for this position online go to [www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au).**  
**Closing date for applications is 7 May 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.*



## PUBLIC EDUCATION

## Senior Educator

### INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CENTRE

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE OF INDIGENOUS DESCENT TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION**

**Equal Opportunity Act Exemption No: A139/2007**

Kangan Institute's Indigenous Education Centre (IEC) has an exciting and high profile role for a Senior Educator to work as part of the Centre's leadership team. You will manage the IEC team of staff and implement strategies that enhance the students' total teaching and learning experiences at the Centre.

Your awareness of the cultural differences between traditional and contemporary indigenous communities will enable you to develop and monitor culturally appropriate and individualised self-paced and flexible learning material, methods and programs.

You will possess an appropriate Teaching Degree, as well as Diploma level or equivalent qualifications in Vocational Education/Training and Assessment.

### How to apply

If you are interested in this position please visit **[www.kangan.edu.au/jobs](http://www.kangan.edu.au/jobs)** for a position description and to apply online.

**Applications close: Friday, 30th April 2010**

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**KANGAN INSTITUTE**



## Chief Executive Officer

- Want to raise the profile of Indigenous leadership?
- Enjoy strategic implementation?
- Networked and well connected?



The Indigenous Leadership Network Victoria (ILNV) offers exciting challenges as it realises its vision of supporting the leadership potential of Indigenous Victorians. In the next two years we will be negotiating with mainstream and private sector agencies to commence collaborative partnerships and establishing a Victorian Indigenous Leadership Centre.

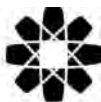
As Chief Executive Officer, you will raise the profile of the organisation, action the strategic plan, develop partnerships with a range of stakeholders and implement leadership projects. An effective networker, you will also identify new opportunities and grow our membership. Key responsibilities will include liaison with agencies and communities, program co-ordination, marketing and the continued development of ILNV.

A pro-active and accomplished leader, you will have a strong knowledge of Indigenous communities and a successful track record in Indigenous community representation. Effective staff management skills are also essential, together with the ability to generate new ideas and identify new opportunities.

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the EO Act 1995 (No.A41/2010). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

If you have strong management experience and a commitment to developing the future of Indigenous leadership in Victoria, we'd like to hear from you. Please call Kylie Kinsela on 0401 107 318 email [kylie@indigcareers.com.au](mailto:kylie@indigcareers.com.au)

**[www.indigcareers.com.au](http://www.indigcareers.com.au)**



## Indigenous Liaison Officer – Brisbane

BoysTown is a dynamic and innovative national organisation, providing a diverse range of programs to disadvantaged children, young people and their families.

The Indigenous Liaison Officer will expand the engagement of the Kids Helpline service with Indigenous children and young people from remote and urban regions across Australia. This is initially a 12-month contract with the possibility of being extended.

# BoysTown

This role will encompass a diverse range of “hands on” tasks including:

- Build relationships with Indigenous communities to identify their needs and to raise awareness of the Kids Helpline services
- Build a network and database of organisations/agencies that deal with Indigenous children and young people, such as education providers and community health
- Travel regularly to remote communities and attend meetings/events that support the project as required

**Why Work For BoysTown?**

- You will be helping to make a genuine difference in the lives of young people
- You will be working with a team from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines
- You will be working in a friendly and supportive environment where people and performance are valued

To view a full position description and to apply, please visit our website at [www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies).

Any further queries can be directed to Rochelle Strelan in HR on 07 3368 3399.

**Closing Date - Monday 26 April 2010**

Casino Neighbourhood Centre Inc

## ABORIGINAL SUPPORT WORKER

Casino Neighbourhood Centre Inc is seeking to employ a Casual Aboriginal Support Worker for an average of 18 hours per week with the Aboriginal Social Support Service that provides services to the aged and disabled.

**Total Package:** \$24,996 which includes the salary and superannuation.

**Applications close on 30 April 2010.**

**For an Application Package:**

**email:** [cnci.noeline@bigpond.com](mailto:cnci.noeline@bigpond.com)

**website:** [www.cnci.org.au](http://www.cnci.org.au) or **phone:** 66 622898.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*



## Human Services

NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

NSW Aboriginal Housing Office  
Department Policy and Strategic Development

## Analyst x 2 vacancies (Identified)

Temporary Full-Time

This is a readvertised position

**Job Classification/Grade:** Clerk Grade 7/8

**Location:** Burwood

**Job Vacancy Reference Number:** 000003W0

These exciting new positions will undertake registration, assessments and implementation for the new Provider Assessment and Registration System for all Aboriginal Community Housing Providers. This involves making recommendations on applications for registration, undertaking assessments and implementing the framework for ongoing performance monitoring.

**Enquiries Name:** Registrar of Community Housing 1800 330 940

**Job Notes:** Applicants should refer to the Information Package and Position Description for further information about this role. The application must address the selection criteria as outlined in the position description.

This is an identified position. Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. This position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Closing Date:** 2 May 2010

We encourage you to submit your application online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) website, however if you experience difficulties please email to [recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) quoting the job vacancy number in the email subject line.

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NSW Police Force  
[www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## Review Clerk – Aboriginal targeted position Freedom of Information Unit - Public Affairs Branch

Clerk Grade 1/2

Temporary Full-Time up to 6 months

PARRAMATTA

**Vacancy Ref:** NSWPF 10/049

**Salary Package:** \$60,102. Salary: \$50,100 - \$54,465. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

The position is responsible for conducting basic determinations of Freedom of Information (FOI) applications and for providing clerical and administrative support to senior Review Officers on more complex applications.

**Job Notes:**

- **Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to 6 months.**
- **Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- General information about Administrative Officer Recruitment with the NSW Police Force can be found on our web site at: [www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/administrative\\_officer\\_civilian\\_positions](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/administrative_officer_civilian_positions)

**Enquiries/Information Pack:**

Jenny Dolbel on (02) 9689 7138 or

[dolb1jen@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dolb1jen@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked “Confidential” to:**

The Manager, Freedom of Information Unit, NSW Police Force, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

**Closing Date: Friday 30 April 2010**

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## Anthropologists

Broome, WA

- \* Attractive salary + salary sacrifice options!
- \* Great benefits + 5 weeks annual leave!
- \* Relocation allowance may be negotiated!



The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) is seeking experienced and passionate **Anthropologists** to join its team in the Kimberley region. Working as part of the KLC native title representative body (NTRB), this role will **undertake native title research and heritage protection work**. You will be rewarded with an **attractive salary plus salary sacrificing options!** Additional benefits include **5 weeks annual leave, rental subsidy and air conditioning allowance, annual airfare, Remote Area District allowance and assistance with removal costs** may be negotiated with applicants from outside the Kimberley. Apply now!



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NEW SOUTH WALES  
ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

## SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

(Parramatta Based)

Attractive Remuneration, Benefits & Salary  
Packaging Options

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council is seeking applicants for the challenging and rewarding role of Senior Policy Officer (BioBanking). The position will be available for a period up to 30 June 2011.

The position holder will be responsible for researching the potential of the BioBanking Scheme as an economically and environmentally sustainable land use option for Aboriginal land owners. Based on the findings you will be responsible for devising and delivering resources to best inform the network of their sustainable land use options.

The successful applicant will have well developed communication skills, a high standard of research, analytical and information management skills. A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal issues including natural resource management together with relevant tertiary qualifications and/or experience is essential.

For detailed information about the position, the benefits/conditions and how to apply please obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria by contacting Rose Gordon by email: [rose.gordon@alc.org.au](mailto:rose.gordon@alc.org.au) or on (02) 9689 4498.

Applications can be forwarded to [rose.gordon@alc.org.au](mailto:rose.gordon@alc.org.au) or marked “Confidential” and posted to:

**Human Resources Officer  
NSW Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 1125, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124  
Applications close 28 April 2010**

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*



## FULL-TIME REGISTERED NURSE

Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service wishes to employ a Full-Time Registered Nurse to join their multidisciplinary team of dedicated health professionals.

Based at our Hamilton clinic, the aim of this role is to provide direct clinical care to clients, as well as implementing population health programs and public health initiatives.

**Essential Qualifications:**

- Registration as a Nurse in N.S.W.
- Minimum 5 years post-graduate experience.
- A demonstrated understanding of cardiovascular disease/diabetes prevention.
- Treatment strategies particularly in relation to Aboriginal populations.
- Capacity to relate sensitively and effectively to Aboriginal women and men.

## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service seeks an experienced full-time Medical Receptionist to work approx. 35 hours per week to support our multidisciplinary team of dedicated health professionals.

Based at our Hamilton clinic this role is critical to the practice providing front line service to the patients as well as ensuring the smooth flow of the practice by providing administrative support to the Doctors, Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers.

## ABORIGINAL OUTREACH WORKER

Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service has an exciting new role for an Aboriginal Outreach Worker based at its Hamilton Clinic.

The AOW will have a non-clinical role and duties may include administrative and support tasks. AOW will be working with Indigenous clients to provide practical assistance to undertake the health checks and to access other health services as required, including follow-up care, specialist services, and community pharmacies;

This full time role requires someone with a sound understanding of Indigenous health issues, excellent communication and interpersonal skills and you must have the ability to work with minimal supervision, as well as part of a multidisciplinary team.

## YOUTH WORKER

Awabakal Co-op requires an Aboriginal person for this full-time position to provide services, social programs and activities to youth and young people across the Newcastle & Lake Macquarie region. The successful applicant should be in possession of a current LR license, or be willing to obtain same. Computer literacy is essential for this position.

## YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER (SAAP) 2 years

Awabakal Co-op has a new full-time 2 year position supporting Aboriginal Youth who are or at risk of being homeless. This position will work in the Newcastle LGA, and will casework up to 20 clients aged 15-21. Qualifications and or experience in case management, youth or social work, current drivers license, computer literacy essential.

All positions are compulsorily subject to Working with Childrens Checks. It is unlawful for anyone convicted of a serious sex offence or other related offences against children to apply.

*These positions are Aboriginal identified positions, authorised by s14d Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*

All information packages can be obtained from Awabakal Admin, 02 49 69 4711.

**Closing date is 5pm Thursday 6th May 2010**



## Human Services

NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Aboriginal Housing Office  
Statewide Housing Services

## Project Officer

- Lead local project to implement major initiatives with the Aboriginal Housing sector
- High level of community contact
- Travel across the region

**Number of Vacancies - 4**

**Coffs Harbour (1 position) / Parramatta (2 positions)/ Dubbo (1 position)  
Clerk Grade 7/8**

**Total remuneration package: \$91,779.**

**Package includes salary (\$75,137 - \$83,171), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Vacancy ref: 000003NY**

The role of a Project Officer with the Statewide Housing Service is to work as part of a regional team to implement initiatives to support the sustainable expansion of the Aboriginal housing sector.

Duties include -

- Supporting the Regional Manager and Senior Project Officer in managing and implementing major or strategic AHO initiatives to support the sustainable expansion of the Aboriginal housing sector.
- Managing and overseeing particular aspects of project implementation, including monitoring project plans, coordinating resources, and managing budgets.
- Promote community participation, deliver culturally appropriate strategies and guide or advise Regional Aboriginal Housing committees to enhance skills and establish new housing management initiatives.
- Undertaking research and analysis to support the development of key projects across the Region.
- Assist in managing projects designed to review, monitor and improve the effectiveness of service delivery within the Region. .
- Identify housing or tenant management issues and recommend process or actions for improved outcomes.
- Commission urgent repairs and maintenance works in conjunction with AHO Asset groups.
- Provide timely advice and communication to relevant stakeholders across the Region regarding project status and implementation issues.
- Assess and report on the management capacities of Aboriginal housing organisations and their compliance with AHO guidelines and agreements and recommend actions to support organisations in compliance issues.
- Prepare a range of project related documents as instructed, including status updates, reports, budgets and discussion papers

This position will require regular travel across the region

**Job Notes:**

- This is an identified position.
- Applicants should obtain an information package for full job details and must address selection criteria as outlined within the information package in their application.

**Information package contact:**

Bianca Williams 8836 9444 or [bianca.williams@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bianca.williams@aho.nsw.gov.au)

**Inquiries:** Ken Craig (Northern Region) 6691 9100, Jenny Brown (Sydney/ South East Region) 8836 9418, Laurinne Campbell (Western Region) 6882 8700

**Applications Close:** Friday 7th May, 2010

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## Aboriginal Research & Evaluation Study Project Coordinator - Orange, NSW

- \* Make a difference to local Aboriginal Communities
- \* Generous hourly rate between \$28 - \$35/hr
- \* Enjoy a friendly, close-knit team environment



The Lyndon Community has a fantastic opportunity for a dedicated **Aboriginal Research & Evaluation Study Project Coordinator** to join its team. You will be responsible for managing the NDARC Family Intervention Research Project and supporting the design and implementation of the evaluation of the Murdi Paaki Drug and Alcohol Network. You will enjoy a generous hourly rate of between \$28 - \$35, extensive support, access to an employee assistance program and ongoing training! Lyndon Community is committed to the professional development of its staff as such you will enjoy access to conferences and courses. Applicants applying for this role must be Aboriginal, which is exempt under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.

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Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



**Victoria Daly**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

## Cultural Liaison Coordinator

Victoria Daly Shire Council currently has an exciting position available for a **Cultural Liaison Coordinator** to join its Katherine team. This is an **Aboriginal Identified Position** (under section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act), providing staff with **cultural awareness support and advice**. Working in this secure Council role, you'll be rewarded with **competitive remuneration \$65,172 - \$69,057 + super, salary sacrificing, 6 weeks annual leave, relocation assistance** up to \$5,000 and more!

[www.victoriadaly.applynow.com.au](http://www.victoriadaly.applynow.com.au)

If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573



Australian Government

Department of Families,  
Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs

[www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

Help us in improving the lives of Australians

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is all about people. We are committed to providing a meaningful and rewarding career in a supportive environment. We value respect, collaboration, professionalism, results and innovation.

People working in FaHCSIA provide support that touches on the lives of every Australian family and community in some way. We are responsible for about a quarter of the government's budgetary outlays and we are the government's principal source of advice on social policy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

## Indigenous Coordination Centre Manager

Position Number: 40071353

Executive Level 2 (\$96,044 - \$109,401)

### Wagga Wagga

- Do you want to make a difference in Closing the Gap on Indigenous disadvantage?
- Are you an excellent people manager?
- Can you manage stakeholders in a challenging environment?

An exciting opportunity exists for a professional and motivated person to lead whole-of-government service delivery arrangements for Indigenous people in the Wagga Wagga region.

The ICC Manager is responsible for leading the development of the 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.

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### How to apply:

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Applications close 26 April 2010

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The following positions are currently available within the Clinical and Aboriginal Health Services Programs:

**Program Manager Clinical Services** – 45 hrs/fortnight Armidale

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We are seeking experienced, enthusiastic and organised individuals to fill these positions.

**Please contact** Tanya Norman (Acting CEO) for information relating to the Clinical Services position and Natalie Green (Executive Officer – Aboriginal Health) by phone: (02) 6771 1146. For recruitment questions please contact Sally Reed. A full position description, selection criteria and instructions on how to apply can be found on the Division's website [www.nedgp.org.au](http://www.nedgp.org.au).

**Applications close 26 April 2010.**

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for all positions.*

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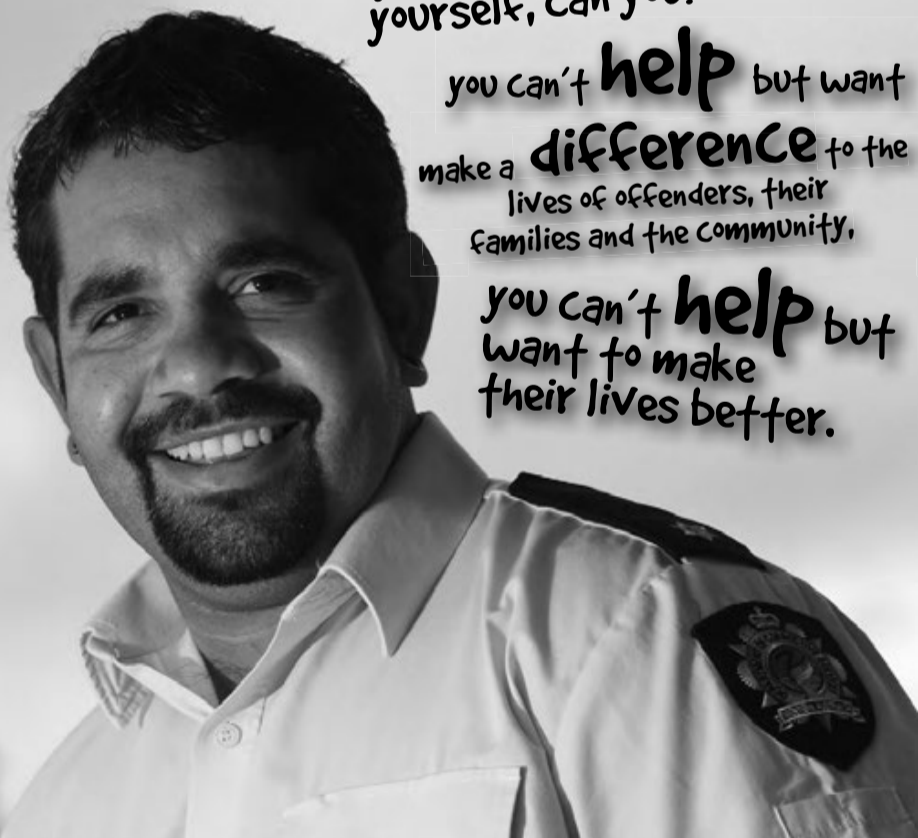
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Other duties include liaison with SA Water staff to ensure effective operation and maintenance of the overall Lake Victoria Storage facility.

You will require a broad range of skills and values, the ability to lead and supervise a small team of employees (and contractors), be able to manage a budget and have a strong focus on and commitment to occupational health and safety and the environment.

To be considered you will need to display a clear understanding of Cultural Heritage issues and have the ability to communicate, facilitate and negotiate across cultures with a wide variety of people including the BEC, LVAC, MDBA, and other Government and interested parties.

The successful applicant will have a current motor driving licence, experience in land management, knowledge of protection works, animal and weed control, good computer skills, be able to keep records and generate reports and ideally have qualifications in management and indigenous cultural heritage. You will be required to live in the Lake Victoria area. A house is available for which rent is payable.

**Location:** Based at Lake Victoria, which is located north of the River Murray in NSW, approximately 100 km north east of Renmark and 80 km west of Wentworth. Nearest shopping, medical and educational facilities are at Renmark and Wentworth.

**Position Descriptions and further information available;** telephone Ken Heather 08 7424 3805 or email [ken.heather@sawater.com.au](mailto:ken.heather@sawater.com.au)

**Applications to:** <http://careers.sawater.com.au> or fax 08 7003 3805 or post to SA Water Recruitment section, GPO Box 1751 Adelaide, SA 5001 by Friday 30 April 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER NSW,  
**Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer**  
Environment Officer Class 2/7, Far West, Narrabri, Temporary Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: DECCW 97-10  
Total remuneration package to \$88,002 p.a including  
salary \$53,454 p.a. to \$79,748 p.a.

Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management at a local and regional level.

**Selection Criteria**

- Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage.
- Thorough knowledge of and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management.
- Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works.
- Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues.
- Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems.
- Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary position for the period up to 1 July 2012. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. As this position is considered Child – Related Employment under the provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening. Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Christian Hampson (02) 6881 4607 or Inquiries Mobile: 0417 404 925  
[christian.hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:christian.hampson@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** (02) 6881 4607

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to [recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010

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## Aboriginal Senior Programs Officer

Offender Management and Professional Development

Web Search No: Pool ref: 010732

Level/Salary: L5 PSGA \$70,037 - \$77,405 pa

Deliver a therapeutic Family Domestic Violence program that promotes pro – social/law abiding behaviour in Aboriginal offenders. The Senior Programs Officers are required to be the lead program deliverer of Aboriginal programs for challenging clients, co-facilitate groups with other OMPD and external staff.

**To Access Detailed Information:** [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Erin Sweeny on (08) 6250 9210

**Location:** Victoria Park

**Closing Date:** Monday, 3 May 2010 at 4.30pm.

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## Indigenous Outreach Worker

The Hawkesbury-Hills Division of General Practice exists to improve health in the Hawkesbury, Baulkham Hills and Northern Blacktown communities. We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person to work with the Indigenous Health Project Officer to help local Indigenous Australians make better use of available health care services.

The successful applicant will have:

- High level interpersonal skills, including the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Knowledge and understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and cultures
- Drivers licence & access to own vehicle

Hawkesbury-Hills Division of General Practice considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Duties will include helping to establish links with local Indigenous communities, identifying barriers that impact on access to health services and providing practical assistance to identified Indigenous Australians to attend health care appointments and or services.

This part-time to full time position has employment conditions as per the Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010. A competitive salary package with full salary packaging opportunities will be offered to the right candidate.

**Closing date: COB 14th May 2010**

Applicants must obtain a Position Description before applying ph 02 8884 9444 or email [info@hhdgp.com.au](mailto:info@hhdgp.com.au) or download from [www.hhdgp.com.au](http://www.hhdgp.com.au)

*The Hawkesbury-Hills Division of General Practice is an equal opportunity employer.*



## Young Offenders Support Program Wagga Wagga

**Co-ordinator** (38 hours per week, \$48k – \$52k p.a.)

**Case Worker** (38 hours per week \$40k - \$46k p.a.)

**Youth Worker** casual (up to 10 hours per week)

We support young people who have been in contact with the law. If you want to support young offenders, helping them move away from offending behaviour, talk with us.

**We have 2 main programs that support these young people:**

1. The Aboriginal Young Offenders program is funded by the Commonwealth Attorney General (for a period of 12 months) to support young people from the time of contact with the law, for as long as is required.

2. The Post Release Support program is funded by the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice (ongoing funding) to support and assist young people for 12 weeks following detention to successfully reintegrate into the community.

To be a successful applicant to any of these positions, you will need a relevant tertiary qualification and/or significant experience working with young people at risk including Aboriginal young people. If you apply for the Co-ordinator position, you will need to demonstrate competence in program coordination.

**One of these positions will be filled by an Indigenous Australian, in accordance with s.14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, to ensure that the Young Offenders Support program meets the particular needs of clients who are Indigenous Australians.**

Salary and conditions are in accordance with the NSW SACS Award (Grades 3 and 4) with generous salary sacrifice arrangements available. Successful applicants will be subject to a Working with Children Check and Police Criminal Record Inquiry.

**For more information** contact Rhys Bailey-Brown on 0448 473 918, or [rhys.bailey-brown@anglicarecg.org.au](mailto:rhys.bailey-brown@anglicarecg.org.au)

To obtain an employment package contact Carol Stevens on 69371555 or [carol.stevens@anglicarecg.org.au](mailto:carol.stevens@anglicarecg.org.au)

**Applications close on Wednesday 28th April 2010**



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**Closing date: May 7 2010**



DIABETES AUSTRALIA

New South Wales

## Aboriginal Health Worker

We currently have opportunities available for Aboriginal Health Workers located at our Glebe, Wollongong and Wagga Wagga offices. Reporting into the Health and Education Business Unit you will be responsible for a wide range of health and education related activities that include:

- Assist in developing of and implementing resources both written and web-based material to educate health care professionals in managing Aboriginal people in a culturally sensitive manner appropriate to their needs
- Identify the current resources, programs and services required for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with or at risk of diabetes in the region.
- Identify areas of needs for the Aboriginal people and Torres strait Islanders who are at risk of diabetes
- Develop diabetes prevention and management communication strategies relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Act as a liaison between and within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the region when developing new initiatives and facilitate attendance at programs or services.
- Initiate new programs related to health promotion and diabetes self management skills within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

**The successful applicant will have:**

- Completed a Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma in Aboriginal Health Care
- Proven experience in health education and awareness programmes
- Some clinical experience in diabetes management
- High level written and verbal communication skills
- Experience in the developing of education programmes
- Excellent time management and organisational skill
- Cultural awareness and sensitivities
- Ability to work both autonomously and in a team environment
- Computer literacy skills

**Written applications to:**

Michelle Norman  
Acting Manager Type 2 Diabetes Australia-NSW  
GPO Box 9824, Sydney NSW 2001  
Email: [michellen@diabetesnsw.com.au](mailto:michellen@diabetesnsw.com.au)  
Phone enquiries: 02 9552 9967

**Closing Date: 6th MAY 2010**

## 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 Bringing Them Home Counsellor and a Mental Health Counsellor to work in the Mental Health Unit at Pius.

### Bringing Them Home Counsellor

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:** Appropriate Tertiary qualifications, must have a current NSW Drivers Licence, Extensive counselling experience and demonstrated understanding of Mental Health issues affecting the community and in particular the Aboriginal community, demonstrated experience in grief and loss counselling, proven ability to plan, implement and evaluate mental health programs, demonstrated ability to work independently and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team with minimum supervisions, understanding of and commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Safety and Health, Disability Services and Quality Improvement principles and computer skills.

**DESIRABLE:** Previous experience in a health care of Community service setting, experience in working with children and families, ability to analyse and resolve complex issues, current First Aid Certificate and/or willingness to obtain one, Willingness to undertake further training if needed.

### Mental Health Counsellor

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:** 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.

**Applications close Friday 7th May 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](mailto:admin@piusx.com.au)

*Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Working with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.*



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## Senior Case Coordinator

### Administrative Services Officer Class 6

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The successful candidate will deliver, in collaboration with partner agencies, an integrated and coordinated early intervention approach across identified health, education and family support services.

Focusing on at-risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples children and young people's education, health and wellbeing, with a view to improving outcomes for these ACT and Wreck Bay Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples children and their families.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Relevant tertiary qualifications, e.g. in Social Work, Psychology, Social Welfare, Social Science or related discipline desirable.

**Note:** These positions are located within the Integrated Indigenous Service Delivery Project for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples across three agencies, ACT Department of Education and Training, Department of Disability, Housing and Community Service and ACT Health. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Barry Parker (02) 6207 5305

**Applications Close:** 6 May 2010

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## Warrant Administration Officer – Aboriginal targeted position

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Temporary Full-Time up to 6 months  
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Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 10/046

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- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 up to 6 months.
- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.
- General information about Administrative Officer Recruitment with the NSW Police Force can be found on our web site at: [www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/administrative\\_officer\\_civilian\\_positions](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/administrative_officer_civilian_positions)

### Enquiries:

Senior Sergeant Kendall Brennan on (02) 9384 6969 or [bren1ken@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bren1ken@police.nsw.gov.au) or Sergeant Patrick Lynch on (02) 9384 6565 or [lync1pat@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lync1pat@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Pack:** Glenda Killham on (02) 9950 9241 or [kill1gle@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kill1gle@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:**

Business Manager, Special Services Group, Building 4, 77 Portman Street, Zetland NSW 2017

**Closing Date:** Friday 30 April 2010

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## Manager - Aboriginal Tenancy Service

38 hours p.w.

The Greater Sydney Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service are auspiced by Dtarawarra Pty Ltd. Dtarawarra seeks to employ an Aboriginal Tenancy Service Manager, based at Sydney.

### Applicants must demonstrate:

- Experience at a high level in organisational and project management
- ability to understand and interpret legislation
- ability to manage own caseload
- ability to lead and manage a team
- experience in working with Aboriginal communities
- current driver's licence
- willingness to undertake training & travel

Applications **must address** all points on the selection criteria. Selection criteria and duty statement from Ruth Simon on (02) 9589 1839 or 0425 290 066.

**Application close Friday 7 May 2010**

### Applications to:

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Director - Dtarawarra Pty Ltd  
PO Box 126, JANNALI NSW 2226

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 (NSW)

## Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

(Funded by the Australian Government  
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### Family Centred Primary Health Care Team Positions (Allied Health Focus)

The key recommendation from a recent review of health care for Aboriginal people in Dubbo was the establishment of an Allied Health Primary Health Care Team with a focus on early childhood assessment and intervention.

The FCPHC team in Dubbo is to be one of 2 pilot teams to be established in Australia. The team will take a long-term view of improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and their families. These are newly funded full time positions being managed by Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. This team will have high-level skills in assessing and treating children as part of a family unit. The team will include:

### Team Leader

To develop and manage the Family Centred Primary Health Care Service in Dubbo. The team leader applicant will need to have a high level of experience in either one of the identified allied health positions for the FCPHC program. However a suitably qualified Speech Pathologist with high level management experience would be favoured for this position as there is the expectation of a clinical load attached to the team leader position in the area of speech as necessary.

### Speech Pathologist

Additional to the Team Leader position, the Speech Pathologist will provide assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children referred for communication and/or swallowing problems

### Occupational Therapist

Provide assessment, and intervention processes to babies, children and their families (with a range of difficulties)

### Psychologist

Provide appropriate, paediatric psychological assessment and intervention processes, case planning and recommendations. Interested persons will need to contact Trish George, Healthy for Life Co-ordinator at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 3545 for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in the application.

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**Applications close at 5pm Friday 7th May 2010.**

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## Indigenous Health Opportunities

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## Aboriginal Chronic Disease Worker

**Ref No:** 2010-008

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Enquiries: Carolyn Hines on 0417 355 623

**Applications close: Friday 30 April 2010**

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*It is the policy of the Office to encourage applications from persons of Aboriginal descent for all positions.*

*The Office is committed to equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, ethical practices and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. All applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding and commitment in these areas.*

*A criminal record check and Working with Children Check is undertaken on applicants prior to an offer of employment being made. This check will also disclose spent convictions under the Criminal Records Act 1991. The submission of an application to the ODPP is an acknowledgement that you consent to the ODPP arranging for such a check to be conducted.*

## Witness Assistance Officer (Indigenous Identified)

**Prosecution Officer (Administrative) Level 4, Sydney.**

**Pos No: 2010/12.**

Total remuneration package valued at up to \$80502 p.a. including salary (\$66,116 - \$72,952 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Provide professional support and assistance to victims and witnesses in criminal matters prosecuted by the Office, with a focus on victims and witnesses from an Indigenous background.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander with an understanding of the needs of Indigenous victims & witnesses in the context of the criminal justice system. Demonstrated high level communication, interpersonal, consultation negotiation & assessment skills. Capacity to liaise/refer to community services. Extensive experience as a helping professional in a health or welfare service environment. Counselling experience in adult and child sexual assault, domestic violence, or grief and loss. Knowledge of NSW criminal justice system. Ability to work independently within a mainstream team environment. Current driver's licence and willingness to travel throughout NSW. Relevant post secondary/tertiary qualifications (e.g. diploma or degree in welfare/health related areas). Familiarity with disability issues.

**Notes:** This is an identified position for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The location for this position may be negotiated for an ODPP office within the greater Sydney area or Wollongong.

**Inquiries:** Lee Purches (02) 9285 8777 to 29 April 2010 or Jo Walker on (02) 4224 7141 after 29 April 2010

**Information Packages:** Kathryn Legas (02) 9285 8633.

**Applications together with contact details of two Referees to:** Personnel Adviser, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Locked Bag A8 Sydney South 1232 or Email: [Recruitment@odpp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Recruitment@odpp.nsw.gov.au) (Word is the preferred format for applications submitted via email).

**Closing Date:** 7 May 2010.

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## Pius X Aboriginal Corporation Moree – Kiah Preschool

### Early Childhood Teacher

Applications are invited for an Early Childhood Teacher to work within Kiah Preschool.

#### Applicants must address the Selection Criteria:

- Degree in Early Childhood
- Demonstrated experience in Early Childhood
- Current Drivers Licence
- Knowledge of current teaching practices child based programming and regulations.
- Good Computer Skills
- Current First Aid Certificate.

*Persons of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.*

**Terms and Conditions** will be under the Teachers (Non-Government Preschool) State Award. **Full Salary Sacrifice is available.**

**Contact Officer:** Selection Criteria and Duty Statement can be obtained by telephoning Mrs Kim Connors on 0267521099 or by emailing [admin@piusx.com.au](mailto:admin@piusx.com.au)

#### Applications must include two recent referees and sent to:

M/s Jillian Cain – Secretary  
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation  
PO Box 363, MOREE NSW 2400

**Applications will close Friday 14th May 2010**

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation promotes EEO principles and provides a smoke-free work environment. Relevant Criminal and Worker with Children Checks will be conducted prior to appointment.

## COONABARABRAN Local Aboriginal Land Council

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Coonabarabran 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 Chief Executive Officer.

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-to-day management of the ALALC'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 demonstrable 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 Narelle Andrews, by email: [Coonabarabran.lalc@bigpond.com](mailto:Coonabarabran.lalc@bigpond.com) or on (02) 68424028.

**Applications to be marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Veronica Walford at:**

The Chairperson  
Coonabarabran Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 110  
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

**Applications close 7th May 2010**

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.*



## Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO)

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) is the peak body in Victoria on Aboriginal Health issues, providing advice to State and Federal authorities on behalf of all Aboriginal community controlled health organisations around Victoria. VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self-determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

VACCHO Health Programs unit, currently has the following full time positions within the Spiritual Healing program:

### Spiritual and Emotional Wellbeing Project Officer

### Alcohol and Other Drugs Project Officer

### Mental Health Workforce Development Officer

### Koori Maternity Strategy Project Officer

### Policy Officer

### Indigenous Health Project Officer (re-advertised)

These positions are located inner Melbourne - Fitzroy and a salary range of \$50-55k per annum plus attractive salary packaging is offered. VACCHO offers a supportive and flexible environment and professional development opportunities.

For further information and to download a copy of the position description refer to our website at [www.vaccho.com.au](http://www.vaccho.com.au) Queries about the position can be directed to Nicole Cassar, Unit Manager and to Lisa Dostis for any assistance with downloading the position description or applications, phone: (03) 9419 3350.

**Closing Date: 28 April 2010**



## Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria

### Solicitor

experienced in all aspects of family violence law for our Barwon South West regional office (based in Warrnambool)

Email [solicitor@fvpls.org](mailto:solicitor@fvpls.org) for position description

### Paralegal Support Worker

for our Collingwood office to provide assistance to FVPLS lawyers, support to clients & contribute to other community activities.

Email [employment@fvpls.org](mailto:employment@fvpls.org) for position description.

**Close:** COB Tuesday, 27/4/2010

*FVPLS Victoria was established to provide assistance to Indigenous victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault, and to work with families and communities affected by violence.*

[www.fvpls.org](http://www.fvpls.org)

Ph: 1800 105 303



## NSW FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

### Aboriginal Housing Registration Support Co-ordinator

The NSW Federation of housing associations is a peak industry body for community housing associations in New South Wales. Over many years we have worked in partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) to support good practice for Aboriginal housing providers.

The AHO has just released the *Build and Grow Aboriginal Community Housing Strategy*. A key aspect of this is the introduction of a new registration system for Aboriginal community housing providers. The NSW Federation of Housing Associations will provide support for providers in their preparation for the new registration and for further organisational change.

We are seeking someone to deliver and lead this support. You will take responsibility for the development and implementation of the project, building on the Federation's experience of similar work in mainstream community housing. You will be a self-starter who will initially deliver a program of workshops, but over time will manage a small team. You will have strong communication or training skills, and an understanding of good practice in managing community organisations.

**To obtain an information kit** including selection criteria, please contact Katie (02) 9281 7144 ext 207 or AdminAssistant@communityhousing.org.au For further information contact Adam Farrar on (02) 9218 7144 ex 202

The information kit can also be obtained from our website [www.communityhousing.org.au](http://www.communityhousing.org.au)

**Applications** to the Executive Director, NSWFA, Suite 301, 64-76 Kippax Street, Surry Hills, 2010 **by 3rd May, 2010.**

*The NSWFA is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer.*



## Do you want improve health outcomes in Cape York communities?

### Attractive Salary Package and professional development opportunities

Apunipima Cape York Health Council (Apunipima) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation which is implementing a family centred primary health care model underpinned by clinical best practice to support community controlled health care within the Indigenous communities of Cape York. Our multidisciplinary workforce in partnership with key service providers ensures quality medical, nursing, allied health and indigenous health worker input into primary health care initiatives.

### COMMUNITY NUTRITIONIST

**Based in or Cairns - Servicing Cape York**

Working in collaboration with the community, Health Workers and other service providers, you will support the planning and delivery of culturally appropriate nutrition programs and initiatives that respond to community needs. Applicants must possess a Bachelor degree level qualification with a major in human nutrition and/or dietetics or a relevant undergraduate degree plus a post graduate qualification in human nutrition, dietetics, public health nutrition or community nutrition.

### PHYSIOTHERAPIST

**Based in Weipa, Cooktown or Cairns - Servicing Cape York**

The Physiotherapist will provide quality physiotherapy services to Cape York communities within a multidisciplinary and community controlled framework. Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Physiotherapy or an equivalent qualification. There is the ability to work on a part time or full time basis. The position base in Far North Queensland is flexible and dependent on the candidate.

#### What are We Looking for

For both these roles, applicants will be experienced practitioners, demonstrate a genuine interest in working in Cape York, preferably with experience working in a community setting and multidisciplinary context, with the ability to travel within Cape York. You will have an opportunity to make a real difference to the way services can improve the health outcomes in Cape York communities.

#### Benefits

Base salary range for both positions is \$52151 - \$79045 plus relevant allowances and the option of generous salary sacrifice make for an attractive salary package. In addition there are opportunities for professional development and a supportive work environment.

#### Further Information

To discuss this role, contact Kristy Strout, Program Manager: Chronic Disease on (07) 4081 5600 or e-mail [kristy.strout@apunipima.org.au](mailto:kristy.strout@apunipima.org.au). An application kit, including selection criteria and process, is available from HR, [hr@apunipima.org.au](mailto:hr@apunipima.org.au) or phone (07) 4081 5600

**Applications close 3 May 2010 5:00pm**

*Apunipima Cape York Health Council is an equal opportunity employer  
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE  
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## Careers @ Justice

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## ABORIGINAL WELLBEING OFFICERS CORRECTIONS VICTORIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VICTORIA

The Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, Corrections Victoria, is seeking to fill a number of Aboriginal Wellbeing Officer positions, ongoing (full or part time), across the public prison system. The vacancies are located at:

- Position 1 - Ararat Prison / Langi Kal Kal Prison (position 4920)
- Position 2 - Barwon Prison / Marngoneet Correctional Centre (position 3667)
- Position 3 - Loddon Prison (position 3626)
- Position 4 - Melbourne Assessment Prison (position 3666)

Applicants are advised to include in their response their preferred work location and whether they have a preference to work full or part-time (minimum of 3 days per week).

The successful applicant will provide welfare and advocacy services and advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners and their families, liaise with prison management, departmental staff and other agencies, and develop partnerships with relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and community groups.

Note: As this is a designated position, applications will only be accepted from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons. The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has approved an exemption, A259/2007, under the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 for this position.

The successful applicant will be subject to a Police Records Check.

Salary Range: \$51,818 - \$62,917 + superannuation.

For further information including a position description, please contact Tracey Evans, Indigenous Policy and Services Unit on (03) 8684 6526 or email [tracey.x.evans@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:tracey.x.evans@justice.vic.gov.au)

**To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

**Closing date for applications is 30 April 2010**

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## Indigenous Play Worker

Experienced indigenous early childhood worker required for play group in Albury. 1 day per week, 7 hours.

Contact Elizabeth Blundell on  
0406 730 250

**Macarthur Legal Centre Inc**  
(Campbelltown/Macarthur Area - NSW)

### Caseworker (A&TSI) Domestic Violence

(Full time or Part - Time Position - 6 Month Maternity Leave Replacement)

Salary range SACS Grade 4

Relevant qualifications and preferably 2 years relevant experience. Commitment to social justice.

Demonstrated skills in casework, advocacy and referral support to victims of domestic violence & family violence. Knowledge of domestic violence and child protection laws. Knowledge of the needs of A&TSI clients.

To enquire about the position or to obtain an information package please call: Sue Dignan or Tracey Feeney on 02 4640 7300

Applications close 5th May 2010



Part-time

### Koori Alcohol and Drug Diversion Worker

Moreland Hall, Melbourne

Exciting opportunity to work with clients presenting at Koori Court and provide them with assistance and support to access alcohol and drug diversion options at Moreland Hall.

Experience in drug and alcohol treatment work, community liaison and outreach desirable.

For further information and to apply, please contact Katie Pearce at kpearce@morelandhall.org or contact (03) 9384 8801



### OPERATIONS MANAGER

\$85139-\$88509 plus salary sacrifice option and 5 weeks annual leave

The Jawoyn Association is a dynamic, leading edge, Aboriginal Corporation registered under the CATSI Act 2006, based in Katherine, NT. The position is responsible for the management and administration of the overall corporate functions and requirements of the Jawoyn group of entities.

Ideally applicants will possess:

- At least 3 years senior management experience working in an Aboriginal organisation
- A deep understanding of issues affecting remote Indigenous people and communities
- Qualifications in management or equivalent
- A thorough understanding of the CATSI Act 2006 and compliance with same

This is a two year contract renewable by mutual agreement.

For further information and selection criteria, email to ceo@jawoyn.org or ring (08) 89725403

Applications to be submitted to ceo@jawoyn.org by COB 29 April.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are sought from suitably qualified persons for the following temporary full time vacancy (up to 12 months)

### Teacher Aboriginal Studies

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

**Salary:** Total remuneration package of up to \$90,107 pa, including salary (\$68,853 – \$81,656) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading

**Job Ref No:** W 10-36

**Location:** Dubbo

**Inquiries:** Richard Ingham 6393 2626/0428 161 232

**Application Form:**

Human Resources Support Unit, 6393 5953 / 6393 5955 or visit website: [www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/jobs](http://www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/jobs) or e-mail: [recruitment.western@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:recruitment.western@tafensw.edu.au)

**Closing Date:** 5 PM, 7 May 2010  
Late applications will not be accepted



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### ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

**Salary:** \$58k to \$62k per annum

The position is responsible for identifying the needs of Aboriginal residents of the City, and developing and implementing services, programs, and strategies to meet these needs.

As the Aboriginal Community Development Worker, you will enjoy the challenges of working in a multi-disciplined team and with community, government and other stakeholders.

Aboriginality is an essential criterion for this position.

**Closing date:** 9.00am Tuesday, 27 April 2010

**To Apply:** Visit [www.lakemac.com.au](http://www.lakemac.com.au) for a complete application package or telephone Stephen McAlister on 02 4921 0262.



### ABORIGINAL YOUTH WORKERS

CASUAL POSITIONS

Herbersham Aboriginal Youth Services (HAYS)

If you enjoy challenging and rewarding work with young people, we are looking for Casual Youth Workers, for Marist Youth Care's Indigenous, residential program in the Western Sydney region. Vacancies exist for casual appointments.

**Essential:**

- Experience in working with young people with intensive needs;
- Relevant qualifications in youth work or similar; Minimum Certificate IV in Youth Work or Community Services;
- High level of oral communication skills;
- Active listening skills;
- Effective negotiation skills;
- Availability to work flexible 24/7 shifts with sleepovers;
- Current driver's licence.

Terms and conditions are per the SACS Award & Marist Youth Care Ltd Enterprise Agreement 2008, plus shift allowances and salary packaging.

**Enquiries:** Debbie Evans (02) 9672 9250 or email:

[debrae@maristyc.com.au](mailto:debrae@maristyc.com.au).

**Applications:** Marist Youth Care, PO Box 589, Seven Hills 1730.

**Applications close Friday 30th April.**

*Employment screening of successful applicants is a requirement of child protection legislation.*

### Ampe Akweke Place

#### Young Mums Case Manager

(30 hours per week)

Dynamic Opportunity

Ampe akweke place ("Little Babies Place") is a residential and outreach program, for young women 14 to 21 years having a baby or who have recently had a child, aimed at developing and enhancing parenting and life skills to improve child and mothers overall wellbeing.

Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support Services (ASYASS) are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual to provide case management and deliver our parenting support program to young mums (14 to 21 years), pre and post natal.

We are currently looking for someone with experience in case management and working with young women and children and who has an understanding of regional Aboriginal Cultures.

Salary in line with the SCHCaDSI award, with baseline salary commencing at (\$35,552) pa.

Salary packaging will be made available to this position.

**Applications close Friday 30th April 2010**

*Due to the nature of the position only females may apply.*

If you are a dynamic, energetic, self motivated and vibrant individual with a demonstrated commitment to social justice and an interest in working with young mothers or mothers to be, please contact us.

All applicants to submit a one page expression of interest and resume.

For a copy of the position description call 8953 4200 or email [office@asyass.org.au](mailto:office@asyass.org.au), or visit [www.asyass.org.au](http://www.asyass.org.au)



### Central Institute of Technology Welcomes Job Applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

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Central Institute of Technology (previously Central TAFE) has campuses in Perth, East Perth, Mt Lawley, Subiaco and Leederville.

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# Career opportunities in the tropics

## Administration Officer (Part-Time)

**Ref. No. 1090 – Thursday Island**

The School of Nursing, Midwifery & Nutrition and the School of Education are seeking an energetic, responsible and experienced Administrative Officer to run the Thursday Island office. The appointee will become an important part of a very small team representing James Cook University in the Torres Strait. The role is varied and would suit someone who can work independently and who enjoys a challenge.

**Employment Type:** Appointment will be part-time (20 hours per week) for a fixed-term of 12 months subject to a probationary period.

**Salary:** Higher Education Worker Level 4 - \$23.94 - \$25.45 per hour.

**Applications close** on 30 April 2010.

For more information go to:  
[www.jcu.edu.au/jobs](http://www.jcu.edu.au/jobs), enter the Reference Number in the search field and follow the links.

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## Regional Coordinator - Indigenous Family Violence

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Full time Ongoing

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Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to Community and influence change.

Are you interested in playing a major role in supporting the ongoing operation of the Regional Indigenous Family Violence Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities?

We are looking for someone who enjoys developing partnerships with people at all levels and has good interpersonal skills. You'll need to be well organised and committed to supporting, empowering and enabling the local community develop local solutions to family violence issues.

Please Note: An exemption: A222/2007 under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 has been granted to employ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

**If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Robyn Bourke on 03 9843 6670. To apply online and view the job description, visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on vacancies**

Please quote reference no DHS/EAS/65541

Applications close on Friday 30 April 2010

*Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.*

*Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity*

To apply online and view the job description, visit

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/koori](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/koori)

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Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW  
Western Catchment Management Authority

## Aboriginal Community Support Officer

Clerk Grade 4/5

Bourke

Temporary Full Time

Job Reference No: CMA2010/045

Total remuneration package valued at \$75,260 per annum  
(includes salary \$59,498 pa - \$68,201 pa).

Purpose of the position is to engage Aboriginal Communities in Natural Resource Management activities. Support Western CMA Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group. Assist with implementation of Natural Resource Programs in the Aboriginal Community.

Temporary position under Section 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2012. This position will be required to attend community meetings in the evening and on some weekends.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Aboriginality
- Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups.
- Good facilitation skills. Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills.
- Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network.
- Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals.
- Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources.
- Current drivers licence.

**Inquiries Name:** Russell Grant

**Inquiries Phone:** (02) 6836 1575 or 0419 970 213

**Information Packages:** Please send an e-mail to [cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au) with **045** in the subject line. This is an auto response.

**Applications:** Please apply on line at [Jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://Jobs.nsw.gov.au). Or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124

**Closing Date:** 25 April 2010

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# Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia  
Notification day: 5 May 2010



**W2010/004 Yawuru Area Agreement ILUA - Broome**

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement comprises land and waters adjacent to the WAD6006/98 and WAD223/06 Rubibi determination areas, covering about 362km<sup>2</sup> of land and water, located in the vicinity of Broome as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Shire of Broome Local Government Authority area.

**The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:**

State of Western Australia Level 2 Governor Stirling Tower, 197 St Georges Terrace PERTH WA 6000	Minister for Lands, PO Box 1575 MIDLAND WA 6936
Conservation Commission of Western Australia Corner Australia II Drive and Hackett Drive CRAWLEY WA 6009	Conservation and Land Management Executive Body Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre PERTH WA 6983
Shire of Broome PO Box 44 BROOME WA 6725	Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 2145 BROOME WA 6725
Pat Dodson, Frank Sebastian (Yawuru Native Title Group) PO Box 425 BROOME WA 6725	Marine Parks and Reserves Authority Suite 3, Level 3, Queensgate Building, 10 William Street FREMANTLE WA 6160
Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd PO Box 425 BROOME WA 6725	

**The agreement contains the following statements:**  
*[Notes that some of the statements in the agreement are noted below in summary only. Where the statement has been summarised, it is in italics.]*

- 4.1 Parties' consent** The Parties state as follows:
- (a) the Parties consent to the acts described in clauses 6, 8, 9 and 10, with the intent that such statement of consent satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA; and
- (b) for the avoidance of doubt and to the extent, if at all, that the following acts are not considered to be consented to in clause 4.1(a), the Parties consent to the doing of all things ancillary to the acts described in clauses 6, 8, 9 and 10 with the intent that such statement of consent satisfies the requirements of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA.
- 4.4 No Right to Negotiate** (a) The Right to Negotiate Procedure does not apply to any of the acts referred to in this clause 4, with the intent that such statement satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, no other procedural requirements in Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA apply to the future acts described in this clause 4.

**Clause 6: Transfer of unconditional freehold title by the State to Nyamba Buru Yawuru**  
*This clause relates to*

- the grant of a licence to Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd to allow for certain areas of Crown land to be prepared for development prior to the transfer of those areas to Nyamba Buru Yawuru;*
- the cancellation of reserve 37525 and then the transfer of the former reserve land to Nyamba Buru Yawuru in fee simple*
- the transfer in fee simple to Nyamba Buru Yawuru of areas of land on Chapple Street, Fairway Drive North and Wattle Downs.*

**6.7 Extinguishment of native title**  
The Parties intend that upon transfer in fee simple to Nyamba Buru Yawuru [Ltd] of each parcel of land referred to in Schedule 4 in accordance with this clause 6, the native title rights and interests in it are surrendered and extinguished as of the date of transfer.

**8. Neighbourhood 5A**  
**8.1 Validation:** To the extent that they may have been invalid, the Parties hereby validate the grant of 199 fee simple titles in the area known as Neighbourhood 5A (Neighbourhood 5A titles);  
**8.2 Extinguishment:** Yawuru Native Title group acknowledge and agree that as of the date of grant of the Neighbourhood 5A titles, any native title rights and interests existing therein were surrendered to the State with the intention that they be extinguished.

**9. Land Arrangements in favour of State**  
**9.1 Surrender of native title**  
As of the Registration Date, the Yawuru Native Title Group surrender in favour of the State native title in the land described in Part 1 of Schedule 6 with the intention of the Parties that the native title rights and interests therein be extinguished.  
**9.3 Non-extinguishment of native title**  
As of the date the Minister for Lands creates reserves in respect of the land in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 6 (Column 1 land) for the purposes described in column 2 of Part 2 of Schedule 6, the care, control and management of which shall be placed with the Shire, the Yawuru Native Title Group consent to the suppression of native title in accordance with the Non-Extinguishment Principle in Column 1 land.

**10. Conservation Estate**  
**10.1 Incorporation into Conservation Estate**  
As soon as reasonably practicable after the Registration Date, the Parties shall incorporate the following areas into the Conservation Estate:  
(a) marine park areas, as described in Part 1 of Schedule 7 (Marine Park Areas);  
(b) townsite areas, as described in Part 2 of Schedule 7 (Townsite Areas); and  
(c) out of town areas, as described in Part 3 of Schedule 7 (Out of Town Areas).  
**10.2 Future acts and Non-Extinguishment Principle**  
(a) The Parties consent to the doing of any future acts in relation to the management of the Conservation Estate, as contemplated by the Joint Management Agreement, including the construction or establishment of any public work.  
(b) The Parties agree that the Non-Extinguishment Principle applies to all acts done under this clause 10.

**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 **Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation**, 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, Perth by 5 August 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 based on data sourced from Landgate (WA). 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 Steve Edwards on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

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You will be Indigenous Identified and ideally, already be in the educational sector with demonstrated success in staff management and running a multimillion dollar budget.

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**In confidence, please contact Chris Cunsamy**  
**[chris@cbcstaff.com.au](mailto:chris@cbcstaff.com.au)**

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## Assistant Curator

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**Position 4403**  
**\$52,813 - \$63,253pa**

The National Gallery of Australia is seeking a highly motivated person with demonstrated interest and knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art with an interest in an art museum career, for the position of Assistant Curator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art. Applicants with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage would be preferred.

The position will provide curatorial and organisational assistance in the efficient administration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art section and related exhibitions program. The successful applicant will have proven community liaison skills, with knowledge of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art field. Some museum or gallery experience would be an advantage.

This is an ongoing position. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period of employment and a security check will also apply.

Applications should address the selection criteria which can be obtained by contacting the **Recruitment Officer** on **(02) 6240 6447** or by accessing the website **[www.nga.gov.au/jobs](http://www.nga.gov.au/jobs)**. Further information about this position may be obtained by contacting **Francesca Cubillo** on **(02) 6240 6689**.

Applications for this position should reach the Recruitment Officer by close of business 3 May 2010 at GPO Box 1150, Canberra ACT 2601 or **[recruitment@nga.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@nga.gov.au)** or facsimile **(02) 6240 6561**.

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**Environment,  
Climate Change  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER NSW**

## Regional Programs Coordinator

**Environment Officer Class 9, Riverina, Griffith, Permanent Full-Time**  
**Vacancy Ref: DECCW 100-10**  
**Total remuneration package to \$101,106 p.a. including salary \$82,247 p.a. to \$91,623 p.a.**

Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice and direction to the Regional Managers and project managers of individual regional Return & Renewal (R&R) Program conservation projects including multi-disciplinary teams from across the Region, Division and DECCW.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues.
2. Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW.
3. Demonstrated extensive project management and financial management experience and computer skills, demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases and analyse data to interpret trends and make recommendations for improvements.
4. Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values.
5. Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills.
6. Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues.
7. Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations.
8. Current Drivers Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the *NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977*. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Gary Currey (02) 6966 8111 or 0417 270 415 [gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Kerrie Powell (02) 9585 6164 or [jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to [recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 14 May 2010.

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## Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency

The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is recognised within the state of Victoria as the lead agency in the provision of Aboriginal child and family welfare services. We are looking for enthusiastic and committed people to fill the following positions at our Southern Region office.

### Kinship/Extended Care Caseworker Community Convenor Intensive Family Caseworker

#### We are looking for someone to:

- Provide support to Aboriginal children and young people,
- A sound understanding and working knowledge of the issues related to Aboriginal child and family welfare.
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society and the ability to effectively communicate with Aboriginal people.
- A proven ability to advocate on behalf of children and young people.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Jill Owen on (03) 9706 6383.

**Applications close:** 29th April 2010.



## Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

### There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussing on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians.

*The Australian Government is committed to closing the 10-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation, and to halve the gap in mortality rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children within a decade. The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to health care services essential to improving health and life expectancy. OATSIH aims to achieve this outcome by working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations, and through collaboration with state and territory governments.*

## Departmental Officer

### Performance and Quality Branch

#### Program Operations and Change Management Section

**APS 6 \$67,653-\$76,323**

**CANBERRA Ref Number: 10-0840**

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) within the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that improve the access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care and substance use services and population health programs. OATSIH works in collaboration with other mainstream health programs within the department, Indigenous specific health services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and its State/Territory Affiliates, other Australian Government portfolios and State and Territory government health departments.

The Program Operations and Change Management Section (POCM) has responsibility for identifying opportunities and implementing change to ensure continuous quality improvement of OATSIH business processes and program management systems across OATSIH.

The successful applicant will be engaged in a small, dynamic team working on a range of short, medium and long term projects. The work will include undertaking a major review of OATSIH program management guidelines with a view to reforming current practice to support best practice principles and compliance with Commonwealth legislation and governing frameworks. Daily duties include providing advice to State and Territory Offices in relation to program management and monitoring funded organisations.

We are seeking an enthusiastic officer with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills, including the ability to work independently or as a member of a team.

**Contact officer:** Phil Muttukumaru on (02) 6289 4627 or [phil.muttukumaru@health.gov.au](mailto:phil.muttukumaru@health.gov.au)

**Applications close 06 May 2010, 7pm AEST.**

## Departmental Officer

### Performance and Quality Branch

#### Quality and Accreditation Section

**APS 4 \$56,384-\$59,575**

**CANBERRA Ref Number: 10-0843**

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) aims to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to health care services essential to improving health and life expectancy. The Quality and Accreditation Section works with the Indigenous health sector to implement national programs and activities to assist all services in the sector meet standards for accreditation. We are looking for an enthusiastic new member to join our friendly and highly productive team to assist with a range of activities associated with the initiatives managed by the section.

**Contact officer:** Thilani Mulrine on (02) 6289 7781 or [thilani.mulrine@health.gov.au](mailto:thilani.mulrine@health.gov.au)

**Applications close 29 April 2010, 7pm AEST**

**Selection Documentation:** An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Diversity is important to us. Information about working for the department and workplace diversity is available on the Health website.

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## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 5 May 2010



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the form below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

**PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 4 August 2010.** Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **4 August 2010**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title**. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **4 August 2010**. After **4 August 2010**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



**Applicant's name:** Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council  
**Federal Court File No:** NSD240/2010

**Non-native title interest:** Freehold title in certificate of title folio 96/1069334  
**Order sought by Applicant:** The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

**Description:** The area subject to this application is Lot 96 on DP1069334 covering about 3.3 hectares, located in Shoalhaven Heads as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shoalhaven City Council and the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council area.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

**For assistance or further information contact Kimberley Wilson on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

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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
09/1745	Paul Winston Askins	74.36km <sup>2</sup>	120km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°12' Long 116°23'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1750	Gascoyne Resources Limited	192.27km <sup>2</sup>	144km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°25' Long 116°27'	Upper Gascoyne
15/1185	Michael Edward Charlton	8.78km <sup>2</sup>	11km N'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°24' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
15/1188	South Boulder Mines Ltd	76.21km <sup>2</sup>	23km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 121°54'	Coolgardie
15/1189	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	61km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°46' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie
15/1192	Bullseye Anomaly Mining Ltd	284.46km <sup>2</sup>	80km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°23' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie
15/1197	Avoca Resources Ltd	46.85km <sup>2</sup>	16km NE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°23' Long 121°41'	Coolgardie
16/392	Stirling Gold Pty Ltd	20.68km <sup>2</sup>	58km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°35' Long 120°44'	Coolgardie
20/735	Atlas Iron Ltd	36.58km <sup>2</sup>	34km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°09' Long 117°44'	Cue
26/146	Silver Lake Resources Limited	11.75km <sup>2</sup>	38km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 121°58'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
28/2047	Manhattan Corporation Ltd	32.6km <sup>2</sup>	172km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°10' Long 123°43'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
28/2048	Manhattan Corporation Ltd	17.77km <sup>2</sup>	191km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°12' Long 123°28'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
28/2051	Heron Resources Ltd	64.77km <sup>2</sup>	68km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°50' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
29/761	Wild Acre Metals Ltd	2.99km <sup>2</sup>	68km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°15' Long 120°32'	Menzies
30/416	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	17.9km <sup>2</sup>	91km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°06'	Menzies
38/2297	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	44km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°26'	Laverton
39/1506	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	29.9km <sup>2</sup>	70km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°15' Long 122°26'	Leonora
47/1626	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	224.5km <sup>2</sup>	47km NE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 20°27' Long 118°04'	Port Hedland Town
47/2113	Giralia Resources NL	25.26km <sup>2</sup>	90km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°51' Long 119°02'	East Pilbara
47/2170	State Resources Pty Ltd	60.68km <sup>2</sup>	55km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°07' Long 118°08'	Port Hedland Town
47/2206	JML Resources Pty Ltd	70.31km <sup>2</sup>	52km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°00' Long 118°12'	Port Hedland Town
47/2207	JML Resources Pty Ltd	111.72km <sup>2</sup>	58km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°11' Long 118°07'	Port Hedland Town
47/2208-9	JML Resources Pty Ltd	341.68km <sup>2</sup>	72km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°12' Long 118°17'	Port Hedland Town
63/1379	Lake Rivers Gold Pty Ltd	571.38km <sup>2</sup>	47km W'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°37' Long 121°24'	Esperance
63/1385	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	11.63km <sup>2</sup>	75km E'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°58' Long 122°32'	Dundas
69/2513	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	148.18km <sup>2</sup>	76km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°54' Long 120°11'	Wiluna
69/2537	GTL Resources Ltd	101.88km <sup>2</sup>	125km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°46' Long 121°04'	Wiluna
69/2587	Ausquest Ltd	197.44km <sup>2</sup>	208km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°46' Long 122°05'	Wiluna
74/463	Uranex NL	74.9km <sup>2</sup>	81km NE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 32°58' Long 120°32'	Esperance
80/4297	Bernfried Gunter Franz Wasse Bruce Robert Legendre	81.53km <sup>2</sup>	69km N'ly ofalls Creek	Lat 17°37' Long 127°50'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 21 April 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 July 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. 21 August 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

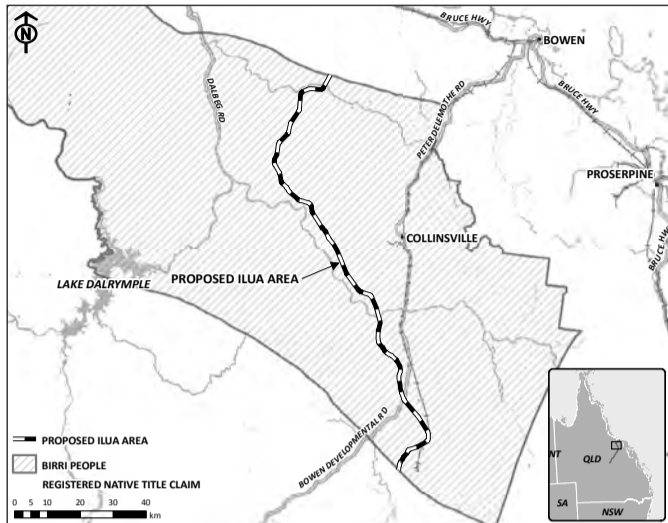
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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd ABN 69 008 676 417 (**Hancock**) proposes to enter into negotiations for a series of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**ILUAs**) for the Alpha Coal Project (**Project**). The purpose of these ILUAs is to authorise the construction and operation of:

- a 495km mine to port railway between Alpha and Abbot Point;
- a coal export facility at Abbot Point; and
- all other necessary infrastructure associated with the Project.

This notice relates to a proposed ILUA for part of the Project over the land shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**).



The ILUA Area is currently covered by the Birri People native title claim (QUD6244/98; QC98/12) which is registered on the Register on Native Title Claims. The native title claim group in the claim is described as comprising the descendants of the following people who identify and

are identified by others as belonging to the Birri People according to traditional law and custom: Barney Anderson; George Bowen; Maggie Callaghan (also known as Mary-Ann Callaghan); Dick Clark; Magdalene Claussen (Kyle); Lilly Cook and Dick Cook or Cecil "Pincher" Cook; Paddy Daly; Eric Dinduck; Victor Diprose and May Albury (nee Disprose); Reg Dodd (Snr); Arthur Emmerson (Snr) and Nellie Emmerson; Sambo Gallagher; Dick Hegarty (also known as Dick Dinduck or Dick Allan); Tom Iffley; Tommy King and Alice King; Rosie Kyle and Dan Kyle; Norah Smallwood; Jimmy Larry; Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning; Lizzie Morgan (also known as Janet Twist); Major Mitchell; Elise New Island; Mary O'Sing; Emily Prior (Picard); Bob Roberts; Rosie Shilling; Sophie Skeen; Dolly Tarpot/Langton (nee Dunrobin); Jean Tears, Maude Tears, Donald Tears, and Minnie Tears; Janet Twist and Albert Twist; Daisy Wake; Charlie Watson; and Sharper Woodhouse.

If you consider that either:

- you are a member of the native title claim group; or
  - although not a member of the native title claim group, you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area,
- you are invited to contact Hancock to register your interest.

Responses must be received by **Wednesday 5 May 2010** and should clearly set out:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis upon which you claim to be a member of the native title claim group or, if not a member of the native title claim group, the basis on which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

**Responses should be sent to Hancock at the following address:**

Nathan Cammerman  
Hancock Coal Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 963  
BRISBANE QLD 4001  
Fax number: 07 3229 4788

Public Notices will also be placed by Hancock in relation to the other proposed ILUAs for the Project.

Sydney  
**WATER**

## Notice to compulsorily acquire easements within Canada Bay Local Government Area (LGA)

Sydney Water Corporation gives notice that approval has been granted for the compulsory acquisition of easements within Canada Bay LGA.

Notice is issued in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth).

The easements to be acquired are as shown on DP1107786 as (A) Proposed easement for stormwater purposes of variable width with an area of 261.3 m<sup>2</sup> and (B) Proposed easement for Access 4 wide and variable with an area of 270.6m<sup>2</sup>. The affected land is located at Concord Oval, Gipps Street, Concord.

The compulsory acquisition of all rights and interests (including native title rights and interests, if any) in the subject land by Sydney Water Corporation is in line with Section 47 of the Sydney Water Act 1994 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

For the purpose of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993, the notification day is 22 April 2010. Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until three months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

For further information please contact Des Costello on (02) 8849 6378 or [des.costello@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:des.costello@sydneywater.com.au)

Sydney Water Corporation ABN 49 776 225 038

## Notice Of A Proposal To Conduct Drilling And Other Activities On Land Not Included In The Surface Area Of A Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Holder named below, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of an application to conduct drilling and other activities on land not included in the Surface Area of Mining Lease 6674.

The Current Holder has applied under Section 237 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* to conduct drilling and other activities in an area of Mining Lease 6674 to the east of the current surface area.

**Mining Lease to which this notice applies:**

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
<b>ML6674 Meandu</b>	Approx. 4km West of Yarraman Local Authority (Shire) within the area: <b>South Burnett Regional Council</b> <b>Toowoomba Regional Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 289 on FTY1859 Yarraman State Forest (Mining) Lot 2 on RP176969 Freehold Land (Mining) Lot 451 on CSH757 Freehold Land (Mining) Road – Tarong Yarraman Road (Mining) Road – Tarong Power Station Road (Mining) Road – Nanango Neumgna Road (Mining) Road – Ridge Road (Mining) <b>Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1434.85 ha</b>	<b>TEC Coal Pty Ltd</b> <b>119 063 900</b>

**Nature of the acts:** The proposal to grant the application for drilling and other activities on land not included in the surface area of Mining Lease 6674 under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, authorises the holder to drill and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the approval to conduct drilling and carry out other activities on land not included in the surface area of a Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the application to conduct drilling and carry out other activities on land not included in the surface area of Mining Lease 6674, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the mining lease and the boundaries of the area outside the current surface area, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar Brisbane Mining District, Landcentre, Corner Vulture and Main Sts Woolloongabba Qld 4102, Telephone (07) 3238 3733.

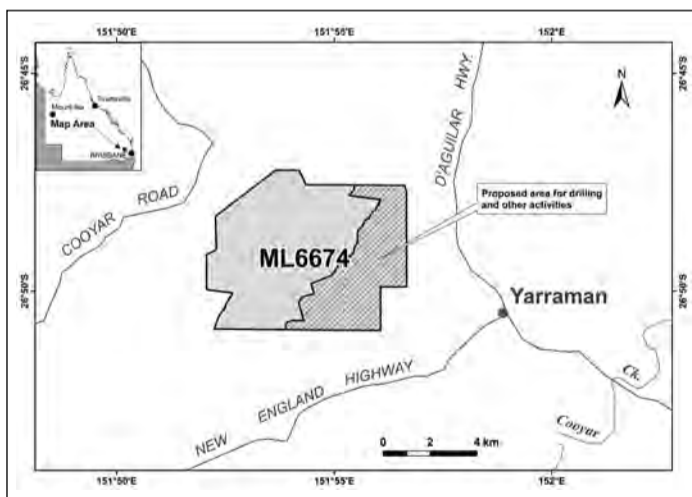
**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000,

Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 21 April 2010**



Queensland Government



Industry & Investment

### MINING LEASE APPLICATION

#### Mining Lease Application 343, Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (C'th)*.

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease**

An area of 154 hectares situated approximately 7 kilometres west south west of Wyee in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

**Description of the nature of the act**

KORES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED ACN 063 786 087 is the applicant of MLA 343 (Act 1992) for a mining lease which would authorise the underground mining of coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

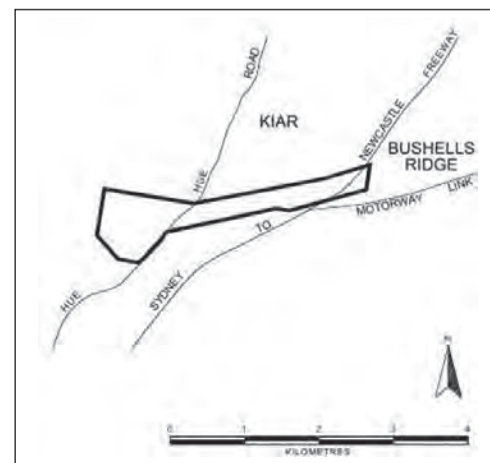
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Melanie Brown; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, phone 02 4931 6424 or fax 02 4931 6776.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993 (C'th)* the notification day is **06 May 2010**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



# TO ADVERTISE IN THE KOORI MAIL NEWSPAPER CONTACT CHRIS OR STUART IN THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT ON 02 66 222 666

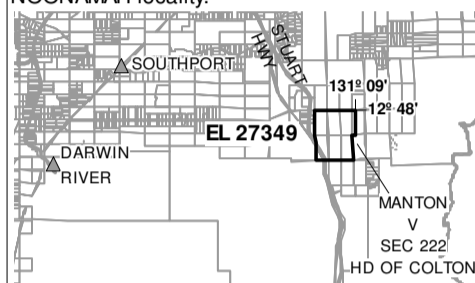
## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

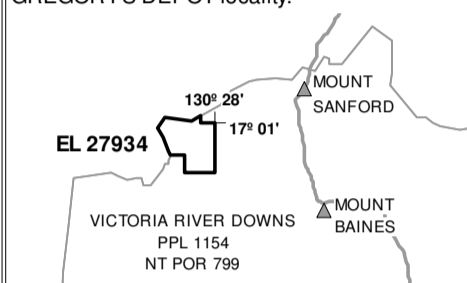
#### Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 27349 sought by ACACIA MINERALS PTY LIMITED, ACN 127 419 729 over an area of 6 Blocks (8 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



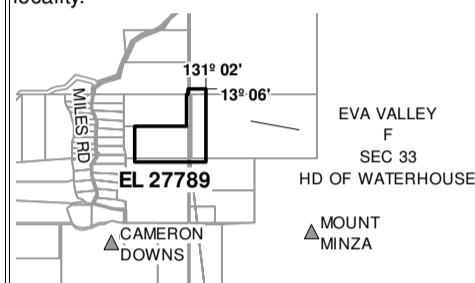
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Exploration Licence 27934 sought by ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES NL, ACN 009 159 077 over an area of 13 Blocks (29 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GREGORY'S DEPOT locality.



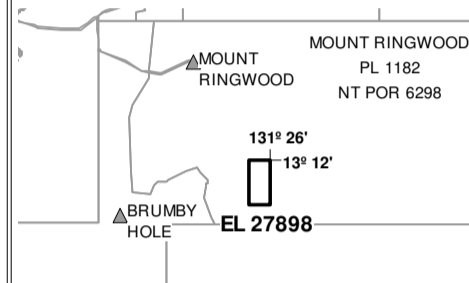
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Exploration Licence 27789 sought by COMPASS RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 010 536 820 over an area of 1 Block (2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



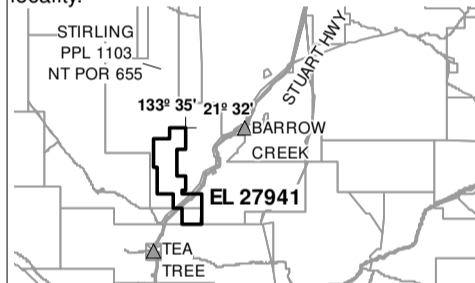
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Exploration Licence 27898 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



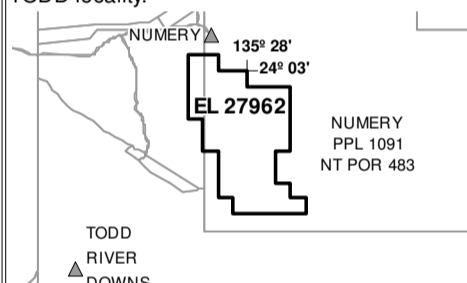
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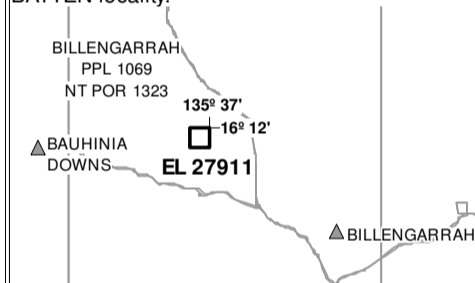
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Exploration Licence 27962 sought by KIDMAN RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 139 933 109 over an area of 50 Blocks (157 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TODD locality.



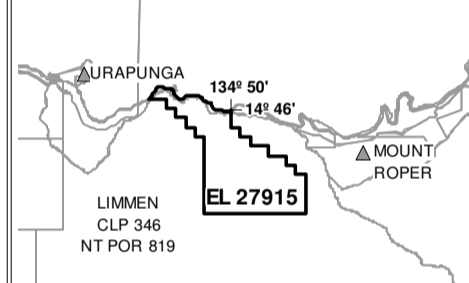
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Exploration Licence 27911 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ACN 120 855 352 over an area of 1 Block (3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATTEN locality.



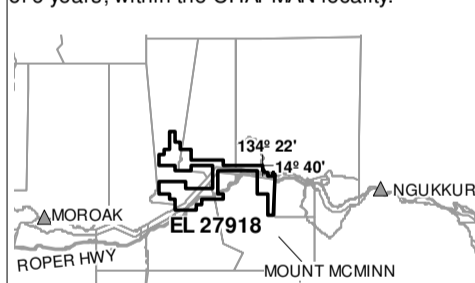
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Exploration Licence 27915 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 106 Blocks (326 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the URAPUNGA locality.



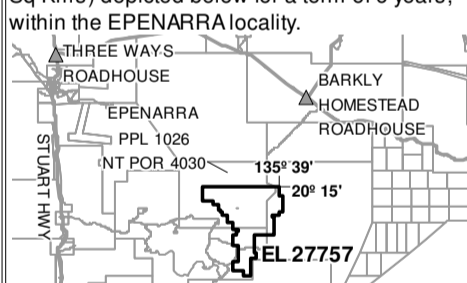
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Exploration Licence 27918 sought by ALISTAIR WANSBONE MACKIE over an area of 101 Blocks (310 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CHAPMAN locality.



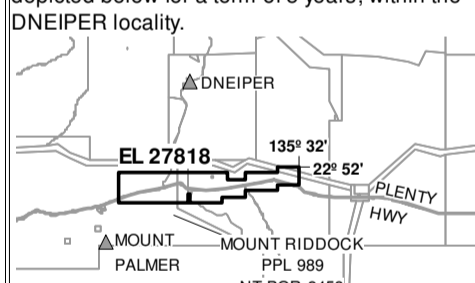
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Exploration Licence 27757 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 485 Blocks (1560 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the EPENARRA locality.



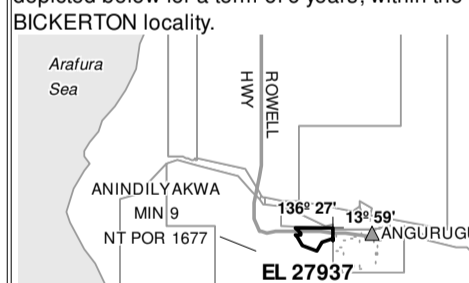
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Exploration Licence 27818 sought by PATERSON MINING LIMITED, ACN 133 613 797 over an area of 138 Blocks (434 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the DNEIPER locality.



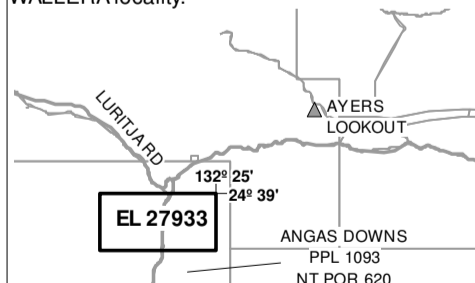
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Exploration Licence 27937 sought by REFLECTIVE MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 616 239 over an area of 2 Blocks (0.2 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BICKERTON locality.



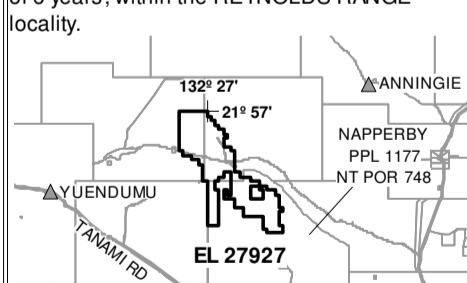
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Exploration Licence 27933 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 78 Blocks (243 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WALLERA locality.



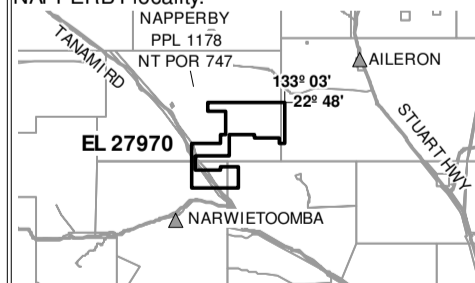
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Exploration Licence 27927 sought by STRATEGIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PTY LTD, ACN 136 722 640 over an area of 277 Blocks (875 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the REYNOLDS RANGE locality.



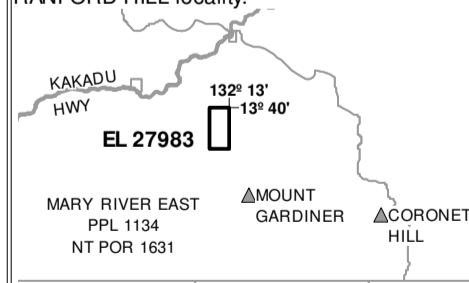
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Exploration Licence 27970 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 196 Blocks (620 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NAPPERBY locality.



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Exploration Licence 27983 sought by GREGORY LANCE WOOD and SANDRA MAUREEN WOOD over an area of 2 Blocks (7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.



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**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 21 April 2010



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
59/84	Karara Mining Limited	5077.97ha	74km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°18' Long 116°55'	Perenjori

**The purposes for L59/84 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: 21 April 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 **21 July 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.21 August 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*.

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/616	Cue Minerals Pty Ltd	342816	26.75ha	29km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 118°10'	Cue
20/659	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	342960	13.68ha	29km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°23' Long 118°10'	Cue

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 21 April 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 **21 July 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 August 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5503	Scorpion Mining Pty Ltd	120.95ha	21km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
15/5504-7	Grace Mining Limited	645.93ha	25km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
15/5509	Ramelius Resources Ltd	17.75ha	27km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 120°53'	Coolgardie
28/1205	John Leo Shannon	199.76ha	71km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 122°09'	Kalgoorlie - Boulder City
37/7891	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	40.29ha	29km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°46' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/7892	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	48.87ha	27km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°48' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/7893	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	5.84ha	28km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/7894	Shepherd Mining Pty Ltd	9.68ha	17km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°29'	Leonora
39/5093-4	Niwest Ltd	389.58ha	43km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°46'	Leonora
39/5098	Trevor John Dixon	86.5ha	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°56'	Leonora
39/5097 & 39/5099 -103	Trevor John Dixon	1056.59ha	56km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°58'	Laverton
40/1266	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	9.66ha	43km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°15' Long 121°27'	Menzies
40/1267	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	9ha	53km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°20' Long 121°31'	Menzies
45/2775-6	Atlas Iron Ltd	394.99ha	37km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°58' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara
53/1508	Camel Toe Exploration Pty Ltd	22.26ha	28km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 119°56'	Wiluna
53/1509	Camel Toe Exploration Pty Ltd	22.27ha	27km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°33' Long 119°57'	Wiluna
53/1510	Camel Toe Exploration Pty Ltd	23.76ha	31km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°33' Long 119°55'	Wiluna

**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: 21 April 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 applications. The 3 month period closes on **21 July 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. 21 August 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Sport

At 37, Johnson still a prospect



EVERGREEN Patick Johnson threw down the challenge to Australia’s up-and-coming sprinters with an impressive 100m heat win at the Commonwealth Games selection trials on Friday.

Johnson, 37, won his heat in 10.36 seconds on day one of the championships on the lightning-fast new track at the WA Athletics Stadium before declaring he had plenty in the tank for Saturday’s semis and final.

Johnson has been competing at the national championships since 1997, but has only won the blue-riband 100m title once, back in 2003.

But he looked well-placed to double that tally, with the biggest challenge set to come from Victorian Aaron Rouge-Serret, who won his heat in 10.32.

“I don’t have to train like a 24-year-old any more,” said Johnson, the national record holder.

“It’s just being a bit more sensible, working on certain key areas and today was a really good start.

“I love this, it’s my passion.

“I know I’ve always had the ability and talent, but I haven’t had the icing yet and this is my opportunity to get it.

“I don’t want to have any regrets.

“I just want to make sure that I’m putting everything into it.

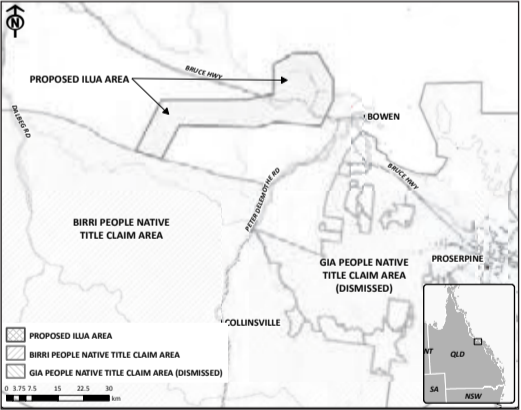
“Regardless of all the doubters, this is my life and when I feel like it’s time to go, I’ll go.” – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd ABN 69 008 676 417 (**Hancock**) proposes to enter into negotiations for a series of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**ILUAs**) for the Alpha Coal Project (**Project**). The purpose of these ILUAs is to authorise the construction and operation of:

- a 495km mine to port railway between Alpha and Abbot Point;
- a coal export facility at Abbot Point; and
- all other necessary infrastructure associated with the Project.

This notice relates to a proposed ILUA for part of the Project over the land shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**).



The ILUA Area is not covered by any current registered native title claims. The ILUA Area is generally located to the north of Bowen around Abbot Point. The ILUA Area is outside of the boundary of the registered native title claim of the Birri People (QUD6244/98, QC98/12) and the dismissed native title claim of the Gia People (QUD6023/99, QC99/24).

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area, you are invited to contact Hancock to register your interest.

Responses must be received by **Wednesday 5 May 2010** and should clearly set out:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis on which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

**Responses should be sent to Hancock at the following address:**

Nathan Cammerman  
Hancock Coal Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 963  
BRISBANE QLD 4001  
Fax number: 07 3229 4788

Public Notices will also be placed by Hancock in relation to the other proposed ILUAs for the Project.

Probe clears Titans, Prince



THE Gold Coast National Rugby League (NRL) club is investigating the possibility of taking defamation action against builder Alex Simpson. The NRL has cleared the club of a breach of the salary cap despite claims from Simpson that halfback Scott Prince was offered a free house as part of a new contract with the Titans.

Titans Chief Executive Michael Searle says legal action against Simpson, who is in dispute with the club over payments relating to the construction of club's multi-million-dollar centre of excellence, was still under consideration.

"The salary cap assertions have been disposed of, but there are still some serious issues at hand and they will be dealt with by the court," he said.

"There was never any substance to any of the allegations of a salary cap breach by the Titans, and personally I'm just sorry to see a good man like Scott Prince and his wife Kristy Prince, who I think are people of immense credibility, dragged through the mud as they have been, for no reason at all."

Prince says he's concerned the allegations may damage his reputation and future career prospects, and has also placed the matter in the hands of his lawyers.

"The hardest thing is being tarnished with that sort of allegation, it's something I'm worried about as far as my future prospects I guess with sponsorship and all that," he said.

But Prince said he'd been buoyed by the strong support from his club and his team-mates. – AAP



Industry & Investment

MINING LEASE APPLICATION

Mining Lease Application 342, Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease

An area of 4053 hectares situated approximately 12 kilometres west south west of Wyee in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

KORES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED ACN 063 786 087 is the applicant of MLA 342 (Act 1992) for a mining lease which would authorise the underground mining of coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

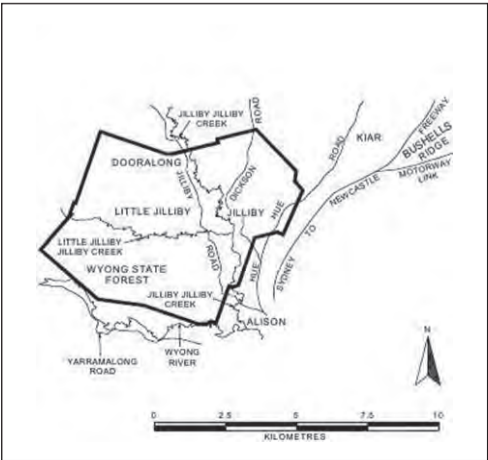
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Melanie Brown; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, phone 02 4931 6424 or fax 02 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **06 May 2010**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease application under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
31/5	Binti Mining Pty Ltd	1ha	81km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°07' Long 121°54'	Menzies

**The purposees for L31/5 are:** Placing machinery, operating machinery and erecting machinery.

**Nature of the act:** Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

**Notification day: 21 April 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 **21 July 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The lease may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 21 August 2010**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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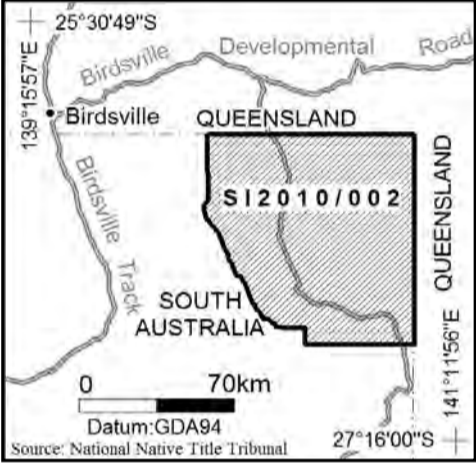
Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of South Australia  
Notification day: 5 May 2010



National Native Title Tribunal

LOCALITY MAP



SI2010/002 Yandruwandha-Yawarrawarrka Cordillo Downs Pastoral ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 8,070km<sup>2</sup>, and is over Cordillo Downs Pastoral Lease located in the far north-east corner of South Australia abutting with the Queensland border as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the unincorporated Local Government Authority area.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of South Australia C/- Neal Bertram, Crown Solicitor's Office, 3/45 Pirie Street ADELAIDE SA 5000	Leslie Harris, Fay Nicholls, Theresa Bottrell, Aaron Paterson, Anita Paterson and Fedrick Brown on behalf of the Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka People, and Yandruwandha/Yawarrawarrka Traditional Land Owners (Aboriginal Corporation), C/- Andrew Beckworth South Australian Native Title Services Limited 4/345 King William Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000
<b>Brooklands Pastoral Company P/L</b> The Manager, Cordillo Downs Pastoral Company P/L, VIA LEIGH CREEK SA 5731	

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The agreement does not contain any statements of a kind mentioned in s24EB(1)(b)(c)or(d) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwth). The agreement deals with the relationship between native title rights and interests and other rights and interests in the area covered by the agreement and the manner of exercise of those rights and interests.]

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 South Australian Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, ADELAIDE SA 5001 by 5 August 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 Monica Khouri on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

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Broome club to mark its 50th year

THE Broome Saints Football Club, one of the tourist town's oldest sporting organisations, will celebrates its 50th year this year. In 1954, Father Kevin McKelson came to Broome and in 1955, with a donation of jumpers from the Carlton Football Club in Melbourne, formed

St Mary's team that played a match against Beagle Bay. St Mary's won that game and the seed was sown for the formation of the Broome Saints Football Club. In 1960, Father McKelson and 19-year-old Donnelly McKenzie formed the Saints Football Club, based on the model of, and wearing

the colours of, St Mary's football club in Darwin. The inaugural Saints Football team was hugely successful, winning the local premiership in their first year, under Donnelly's captaincy. Since that first premiership in 1960, the Broome Saints Football Club won again in 1971, 1972, 1973, 1979, 2005 and 2006. Saints players have also won five WKFA Fairest and Best winners: Joe Roe (1972), Alec Dann (1978), Revel Oakley (1995), Gavin Mitchell (2001) and Bart Pigram (2005). To celebrate its 50-year anniversary, the Broome Saints Football Club will hold a number of events.

They started with the launch of the football season on 10 April. Other events planned include a gala dinner, reunion and special matches, culminating in a trip to Ireland to play a mix of AFL and Gaelic football. The club also has a significant project under way to prevent suicide amongst young people. All Saints players (past and present) and supporters are welcome to join the Football Club in celebrating this occasion. The club is also searching for memorabilia such as newspaper clippings, photos and jumpers. Contact details: David Pigram, Broome Saints Football Club President, 0407 662 314.

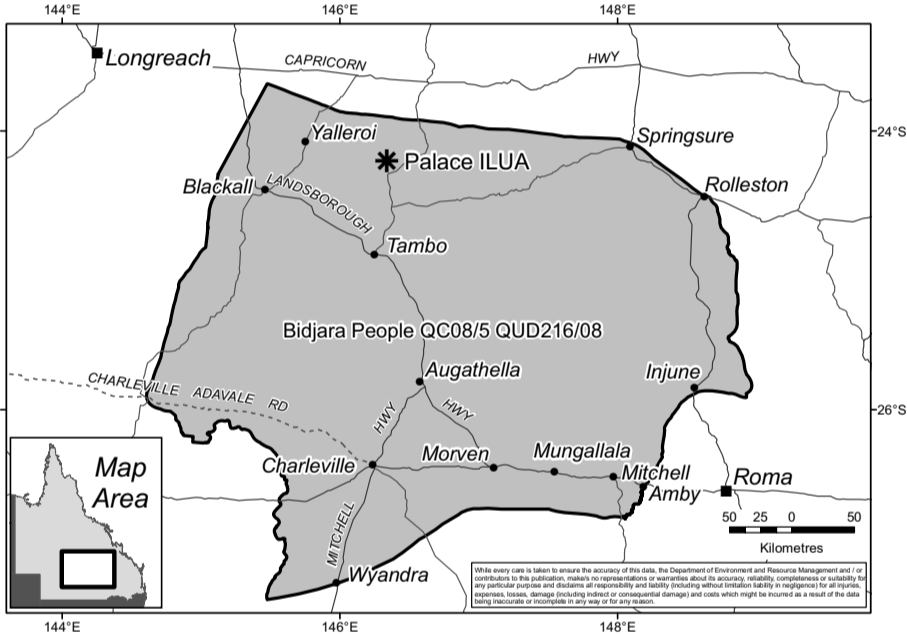
PUBLIC NOTICE

BIDJARA PEOPLE

NATIVE TITLE MEETING TO AUTHORISE ILUAs AND OTHER MATTERS

Jemima	Lisa Fraser AKA Eliza Peters	Jo and Dixie
Harry Gadd	Dinah Lena	Isabel Florence Bailey
Mother of George, Ada and Georgina Turner	Hector Watson	"Gylma" Lucy
Paddy Murphy	Celina Grey	Kate Johnson – mother of Lucy Long
George Mother and Roy Murphy	Alick Bosun	Billy Langlo
Harry Brown and Alice	Mother of Ada, Lucy, Billy and Archie Lang	Edward "Charlie" Prince
Jemima Tindale and Jim "Toby" Lawton	Winnie and Minnema Colonel	Nellie Combo (mother of Billy Geebung) and Lucy Combo
Charlie Victor	Rubena Smith	Ada, Fred and Mick Tatten
Maggie	William 'Snapper' Barnes	

The Bidjara people have made Application to the Federal Court of Australia (QUD 216/08) under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for determinations recognising their native title rights and interests ("Bidjara People's Native Title Claim") over the area outlined below in Map 1. **This Notice** invites all members of the Bidjara claim group and persons who claim to hold native title over the subject area to an authorisation meeting at the time and location below:



Agreement 1 and Agreement 2 – Local Governments and Bidjara People

Date of Authorisation Meeting: 29 April 2010

Venue: Bidjara Building, Wills Street, Charleville

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Purpose:

Agreement 1

- To authorise the execution of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Banana, Murweh, Paroo, and Quilpie Shire Councils, and the Barcardine, Blackall Tambo, Central Highlands and Maranoa Regional Councils to resolve the interests of the local governments and the native title party in the ILUA.

Agreement 2

- To authorise the execution of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Murweh Shire Council and the Maranoa Regional Council to resolve the interests of the local governments and the native title party in the ILUA.

Agreement 3 – State and Bidjara People (Surrender ILUA)

Date of Authorisation Meeting: 29 April 2010

Venue: Bidjara Building Wills Street, Charleville

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Purpose:

- To authorise the execution of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the State of Queensland to the surrender of native title rights in exchange for certain interests being transferred to the Bidjara people.

**NOTE:** The area to be surrendered is approximately a 21km radius around CHARLEVILLE and approximately a 5km radius around the towns of BLACKALL, TAMBO, YALLEROI, ROLLESTON, SPRINGSURE, AUGATHELLA, WYANDRA and INJUNE.

The area to be surrendered at SPRINGSURE, ROLLESTON and WYANDRA is part of the area within a 5km radius around those towns. That area will only cover land that is within the Bidjara People's native title claim QUD216/08.

Agreement 4 – State and Bidjara People (Black's Palace ILUA)

Date of Authorisation Meeting: 30 April 2010

Venue: Bidjara Building, Wills Street, Charleville

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Purpose:

- To authorise the execution of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement relating to the surrender of native title rights over part of the property known as Marston Holding. In exchange the area known as Black's Palace is proposed to be transferred to the Bidjara people.

Bidjara People Native Title Claim Business

Date of Authorisation Meeting: 30 April 2010

Venue: Bidjara Building, Wills Street, Charleville

Time: 11.30 a.m.

Purpose:

- Receive reports on progress of the native title claim
- Authorise the replacement of 3 Applicants

All persons wishing to attend are invited to contact Mr Kieren Gibbs, Communities Project Officer, of the **Queensland South Native Title Services** Communities Section on **1800 663 693** to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meetings, however, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

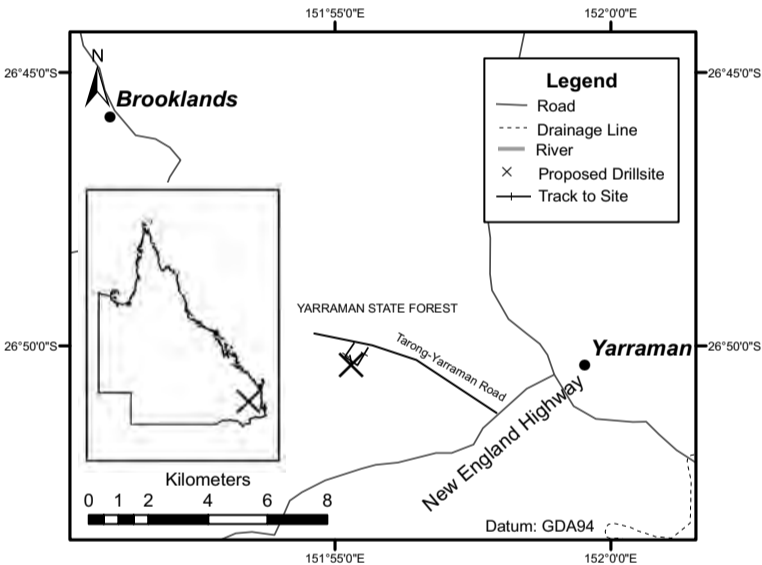


Department of **Employment, Economic Development and Innovation**

Public Notice

Registration of Interest as an Aboriginal Party under Section 35(7) of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* (ACHA)

The Geological Survey of Queensland (GSQ), as part of the Coastal Geothermal Energy Initiative, intends to drill a single borehole in the vicinity of the point shown in the map below:



The proposed drill site is located at –26.839 S, 151.9216 E GDA94, in Yarraman State Forest (Lot 289, FTY1859 Parish Cooyar, County Cavendish) approximately 10 km west of Yarraman. Geothermal data will be obtained from core samples and by measuring the temperature near the bottom of the hole.

GSQ has identified that there is no registered Aboriginal Party for the location of the proposed activities. GSQ's intention is to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Agreement with identified Aboriginal Parties for the management of Cultural Heritage in the area of the proposed activities.

If persons consider themselves to be an Aboriginal Party (as described in Section 35(7) of the ACHA) for the area of the proposed activities and they wish to input into an agreement with GSQ, they should **notify in writing to the GSQ contact person at the address detailed below before 5 pm Monday 24 May 2010**. GSQ may elect not to endorse any Aboriginal Party if GSQ is not advised in writing within the required time.

Contact person details and address:

Mr Mark Maxwell

Geological Survey of Queensland

Department of Employment, Economic

Development and Innovation

Block A, 80 Meiers Rd, Indooroopilly QLD 4068

Phone 07 3362 9342 Fax 07 3362 9368

Notice Day: Wednesday 21 April 2010



Queensland Government

## NRL double-header, Origin a part of busy schedule

BRISBANE'S Suncorp Stadium will host a round-15 Telstra Premiership double-header as part of an action-packed week of rugby league in Queensland that includes game two of the Harvey Norman State of Origin Series.

The NRL last week released its round-15 schedule featuring Suncorp Stadium's second ever Telstra Premiership double-header on Friday 18 June, with the Brisbane Broncos tackling the Penrith Panthers at 7pm then the

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs playing the Gold Coast Titans at 8.45pm.

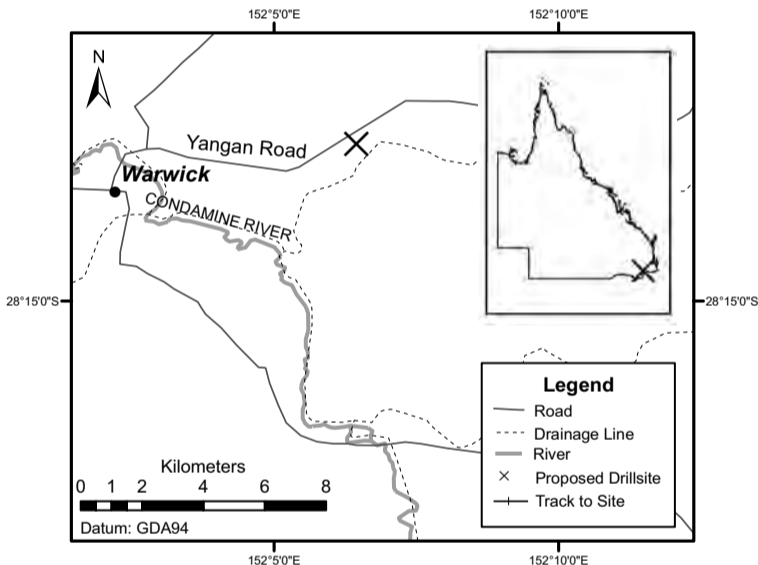
The exciting week of rugby league in Queensland kicks off with round-14 matches on the Gold Coast, Townsville and Brisbane, followed by game two of the State of Origin Series between Queensland and New South Wales at Suncorp Stadium on Wednesday 16 June, followed two nights later by the double-header.

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The proposed drill site is located at –28.2036 S, 152.1075 E GDA94, on a road easement (Segment/Parcel 15033/57 Parish Canning, County Merivale) approximately 10 km east of Warwick. Geothermal data will be obtained from core samples and by measuring the temperature near the bottom of the hole.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/457	Trevor Anthony Parker	318.33ha	25km E'ly of Onslow	Lat 21°39' Long 115°21'	Ashburton
15/1796	Mincor Resources NL	170.67ha	10km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°34' Long 121°37'	Coolgardie
20/514	William James Campbell	121.08ha	4km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°50'	Cue
52/865-89 & 52/874-85	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	10951.52ha	25km S'ly of Newman	Lat 23°22' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara
52/870-73	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	11910.73ha	44km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 119°18'	East Pilbara
52/886-93					
52/897-900					
852/907-9					
52/902	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	154.7ha	16km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°23' Long 119°34'	East Pilbara
52/903	BHP Coal Pty Ltd	54.84ha	16km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 119°35'	East Pilbara
59/735	Karara Mining Limited	19.4ha	52km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°12' Long 116°32'	Perenjori
59/736	Karara Mining Limited	18.9ha	59km S'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°11' Long 116°37'	Perenjori

**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:** 21 April 2010

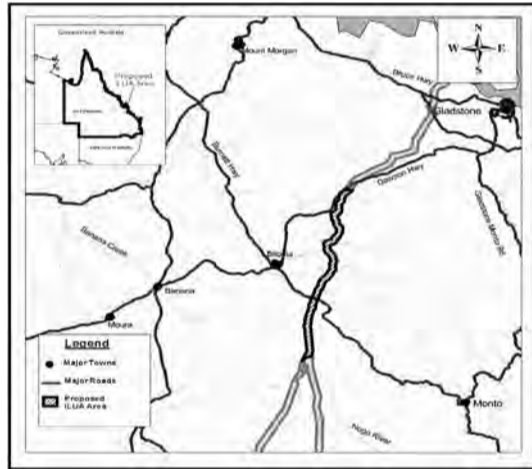
**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **21 July 2010**. 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. 21 August 2010**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828. **adcorp F40430**

## INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING QCLNG PROJECT

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

QGC Pty Limited (**QGC**) – A BG Group business ABN 11089642553 proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with anyone who holds or may hold native title in the area of land the subject of the proposed ILUA, detailed in the map below (**ILUA Area**).



QGC proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) industry, including the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for QGC to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (**QCLNG Project**).

QGC intends to enter into an ILUA in relation to the area detailed in the ILUA Area. The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consents to the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure in the ILUA Area.

A search of the Register of Native Title Claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that the former Gangulu People native title claim (QUD6144/98) covers the whole of the ILUA Area. QGC is currently negotiating with the representatives of the Gangulu People and others.

#### Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting

The purpose of the meeting on 16 May 2010 is to authorise the proposed ILUA.

You are invited to attend the meeting if you regard yourself as being a person who falls within the description of the Gangulu People or if you consider that you hold or may hold native title in the land comprising of the ILUA Area.

The meeting will be held for this purpose in Rockhampton:

**Date:** Sunday 16 May 2010

**Time:** 9:00am registration with a meeting start time of 10:00am

**Venue:** Leichhardt Hotel, Denham Street (corner of Bolsover Street), Rockhampton 4700

Travel assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria. For the purpose of catering you must also register your attendance, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance.

To register for the authorisation meeting, please contact:  
**Corinne Lloyd, Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects Limited Phone: 07 3277 4801**

**NO LATER THAN 4.00pm, Friday, 8 May 2010**

If you do not consider yourself as being a person who falls within the description of the Gangulu People, but nonetheless consider that you hold or may hold native title in the land comprising of the ILUA Area, you are welcome to attend the meeting. If so, please contact Brett Hartley at Queensland South Native Title Services on (07) 3224 1200, by 8 May 2010 to inform him of your interest in the ILUA Area.



## PROPOSAL TO GRANT SPECIAL PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

### 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 Special Prospecting Authority with Acreage Option application/s applied for under section 105 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
SPA 4/08-9 AO	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	2008.8km2	The Application comprises 28 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet (S151 Esperance) and located in the Onshore Bremer Basin and Yilgarn Carlon. The North West corner of the application at (Lat 32° 59' 55.43S, Long 121° 45' 05.32"E - GDA94) is situated approximately 10.3 kilometres south easterly from Salmon Gums. The area of extent of SPA then extends easterly for approximately 31.1 kilometres thence southerly approximately 64.7 kilometres to a south east corner at (Lat 33° 34' 55.47"S, Long 122° 05' 05.33" E – GDA94).	Shire of Esperance (100%)
SPA 5/08-9 AO	BRIMSTONE RESOURCES LTD	2019.8km2	The Application comprises 28 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet (S151 Esperance) and located in the Onshore Bremer Basin. The North West corner of the application at (Lat 32° 34' 55.41"S, Long 121° 20' 05.29"E – GDA94) is situated approximately 53 kilometres north westerly from Salmon Gums. The area of extent of SPA then extends easterly for approximately 78 kilometres thence southerly for approximately 46.4 kilometres to a south east corner at (Lat 32° 59' 55.43"S, Long 122° 05' 05.31" E – GDA94).	Shire of Esperance (100%)

**Nature of the act:** Grant of Special Prospecting Authority, which authorises the applicant to carry out petroleum exploration operations so specified as an acoustic signal or accelerated weight refraction survey, in the authority area for a term of 6 months from the date the grant becomes effective.

**Notification Day:** 21st April 2010

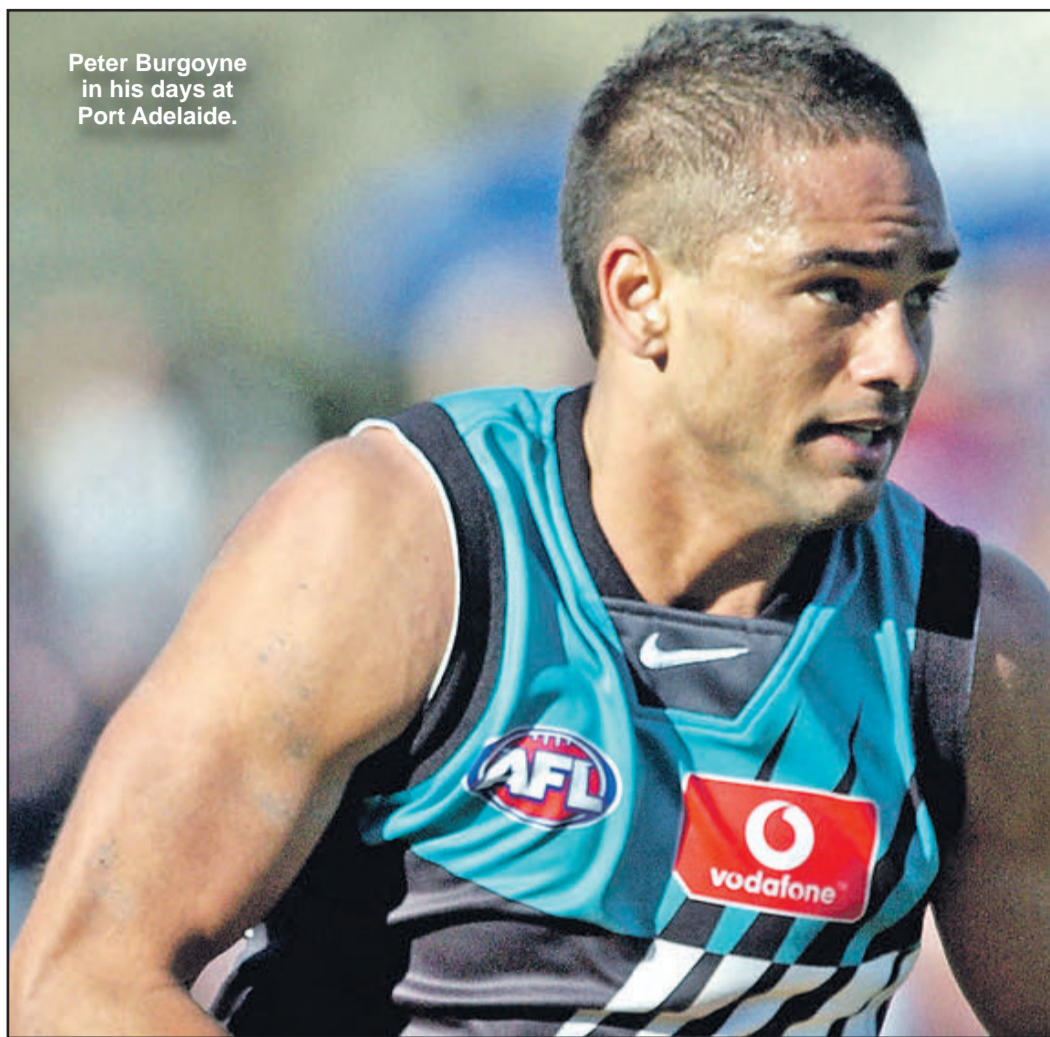
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**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each permit may be granted unless, within a period of 4 months after the notification day **21st August 2010**, a native title party lodges an objection with 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 application), contact the Petroleum Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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Peter Burgoyne in his days at Port Adelaide.



# Burgoyne returns to grass roots

By PETER ARGENT



AFTER a stellar Australian Football League (AFL) career, Peter Burgoyne has returned to the sport's grass roots, playing with the United Football Club in the Adelaide Plains League.

His AFL career started in the inaugural year of the Port Adelaide Power (1997) and included 240 senior games.

But this year the older Burgoyne sibling will don the black and gold jumper of the United club.

"Yes, Peter has signed with us," 2010 United coach Travis Opitz said.

"We haven't seen a lot of him, as he's been playing with St Mary's in Darwin.

"But he has trained a couple times with us and we expect him to be a valuable player for us in this competition.

"He will give us heaps of experience and I'm looking for him to pass on plenty of tips to the younger guys."

Burgoyne, who is noted for his silky smooth skills and ability to read the play, was an influential member of the Port Adelaide Football Club's inaugural AFL premiership and the first player to get to the 200-AFL game milestone in the Power colours.

In the Power's breakthrough premiership victory over Brisbane by 40 points in 2004, Burgoyne was rated as the club's second-best player behind fellow Indigenous footballer

and Norm Smith Medallist Byron Pickett.

In an expansive career, Burgoyne played for his country in the international rules hybrid game against Ireland and also was selected in the Indigenous team of the Century on the interchange bench.

In 2007, Burgoyne made a highly successful move to the halfback flank, redefining the position after an injury-riddled previous winter playing as an on-baller, finishing third in the Jack Cahill Medal (Port Adelaide's best and fairest).

Playing for his junior club St Mary's in the Northern Territory Football League, Burgoyne was part of ten-point premiership win over the Tiwi Bombers in mid-March.

The United football club has also had other Indigenous sportsmen, including former Essendon and Power footballer Che Cockatoo-Collins and NBL basketball Paul Van den Bergh.

The 1993 Brownlow Medallist and the first Aboriginal footballer to play 300 games, Gavin Wanganeen, also played a game for the Tigers in 2007, kicking eight goals in his single appearance.

"I remember the game well," Opitz, who was a player at the time, said.

"Playing alongside Gavin was a great experience as I was a big Essendon fan and I can recollect hitting on the chest with passes four times that day.

"It was also one of the biggest crowds we'd seen at the club."

# Enriching experience for NT girls

By PETER ARGENT



FOUR Indigenous girls were members of Northern Territory teams competing in the 2010 Australian under 19 and under 17 netball titles at ETSA

Park, Adelaide.

The tournament brought together the best junior netballers in Australia.

The Northern Territory under 17 side finished at the bottom of the ladder, but Darwin girls Jamie Collins and Danielle Trindle-Price gained valuable experience at their first national titles.

Collins, who is also an NT junior hurdles champion, said the carnival was tough and an eye-opener.

"It was certainly the toughest netball I've played," said Collins, who played five games.

"I play in the midcourt for 'Hoggies' in the Darwin Netball Association and am in Year 10 at Darwin High."

## From Alice Springs

Trindle-Price, who comes from a basketball background, has represented her Territory in that discipline, is a proud Alice Springs girl.

She has also represented the NT in the national schools competition in Canberra, playing in seven of the eight games.

"The competition was strong, but I really enjoyed it," Trindle-Price said of the Adelaide netball tournament.

"It was a big step up, but it also a real indication of how hard the best players work.

"I play for Wests in Alice Springs."

Both girls will be a part of a Northern Territory Institute of Sport program which starts in late April and will be coached by their NT 17 and under mentor Dianne Brown, who arrived in the Territory nine weeks ago.

"Both girls are dynamic," Brown said.

"Jamie has a strong foundation and natural game sense, along with the physical body strength required of an elite athlete.

"Her vertical jump is also very impressive.

"Danielle is new to netball and at the Northern Territory Institute of Sport we will be looking to develop her feel for the game, and combine it with her exciting athletic ability."

Brown, who is just two months into a four-year contract with the Northern Territory program, said she was a little surprised at the lack of Indigenous participation in representative netball.

Cindy Drover, from Alice Springs, and Darwin girl Stacey McKenzie were members of the 19 and under NT side that finished a highly creditable sixth position, and lost its play-off game by just one goal.

Drover, who's young brother Peter is an elite baseballer, plays as a mid-courter with the Sundowner club in Alice Springs, and this was her first trip to a national event.

McKenzie plays in the shooter's circle with 'Pints' in Darwin netball. She played in four of the NT's eight matches in Adelaide.

Drover took to the court in three matches.

Both said it was a tough and uncompromising competition, but the experience would benefit them.



STACEY MCKENZIE



JAMIE COLLINS



DANIELLE TRINDLE-PRICE



CINDY DROVER

# He's a Champion!

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

THEY say one person's misfortune is another person's opportunity.

South Sydney centre and proud Dunghutti man Beau Champion knows the truth of that statement after he was called into the Indigenous All Stars squad to replace Greg Inglis.

The centre position seemed to be cursed with the likes of Willie Tonga, Justin Hodges and Timana Tahu – also unavailable for a variety of reasons, and then Jamal Idris had to withdraw at the last moment due to a training injury.

Despite the fact that all of these players would be considered major losses for any team, the boys all had confidence that Beau would step up to the mark and that he would also have a steadying influence on the likes of Jharal Yow Yeh and Blake Ferguson.

When he received the late call-up, Beau spoke about feeling nervous.

"I sat back and thought, 'gee, this is my dream, this is what I want to do, I get a chance to represent my people and I get a chance to play with some fantastic Indigenous players'," he said.

All the boys were bursting with pride, but there was no one prouder than Beau when he walked into the hotel on the first day.

Like all the boys, he had his own personal story to tell and this sharing of motivation was something that inspired the team on the night.

After a childhood on the Aboriginal mission in Kempsey, before relocating to the La Perouse community in Sydney, Beau has seen many mates end up in jail or on drugs and wanted to use his sporting profile to promote better choices.

"I know what's wrong and right," he said.

"Mum, Dad and my Nan were very positive in teaching what's right and wrong.

"Just getting that through to kids and being a positive role model can change kids' lives."

### One at a time

Making a difference one life at a time is important to Beau.

"If you just change one or two kids' lives and keep them away from drugs and alcohol, it can have a real impact on someone else in their life and can be a snowball effect," he said.

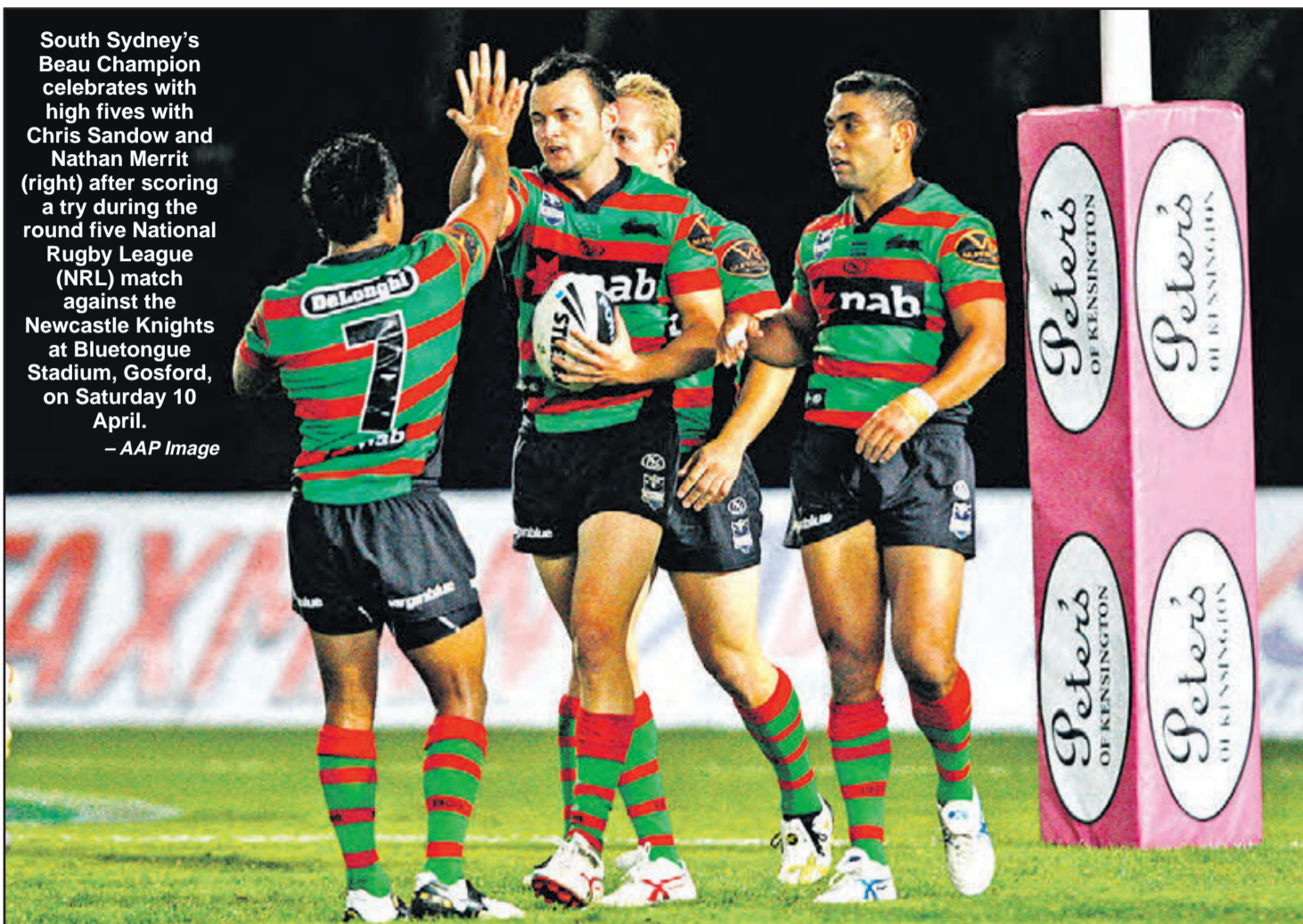
This is why Beau and his team-mates contribute so much of their own time supporting 'Souths Cares' projects, focusing on improving the lot of Indigenous people.

"My key message is that if there is an opportunity there, just to grab it," Beau said.

"A lot of people aren't fortunate enough

South Sydney's Beau Champion celebrates with high fives with Chris Sandow and Nathan Meritt (right) after scoring a try during the round five National Rugby League (NRL) match against the Newcastle Knights at Bluetongue Stadium, Gosford, on Saturday 10 April.

– AAP Image



to get opportunities, or don't know the opportunity is there until it's gone."

A lot of people can talk the talk, but Beau certainly put his words into action during the All Stars.

He was involved in every aspect of the week and made a positive contribution to every training run, community activity and team event.

It came as no surprise to the players that 'Champ' was one of our best on the night.

His defence was outstanding and I believe that in attack he is one of the best players in the NRL for 'running lines' and timing his run top perfection.

### Came up trumps

Up against some of the best players in the game, he came up trumps, but was typically modest when assessing his own performance.

"The game itself was so fast, the whole week (of community promotional activities) building up for just an 80-minute performance," he said.

"I was just happy to be a part of it, and to get the result in the end to win.

"I felt that I could have got involved a little more, but I did my job and I contributed to the team.

"The goal was to get the result and somehow we got the result and we did a lot of people proud that night."

Beau attributes his success to ambition and family support.

"I had a dream to one day play NRL and I knew if I took this path or that path, then I wouldn't be able to achieve my dream," he said.

Along the way, I had to make sacrifices and my family were very supportive all the way."

It is this ambition which continues to drive Champion.

Modesty should not be confused with lack of confidence, but just like he times his runs, for Beau it is all about timing.

That is why he has little to say when it comes to being mentioned as a possible NSW Origin player – but his statistics speak volumes.

Following his great All Stars display, Champion has had three try-scoring doubles in his games for the Rabbitohs.

Champion's name is now in the mix alongside the likes of Manly skipper Jamie Lyon, Wests Tigers youngster Chris Lawrence, Bulldogs' Josh Morris, Panthers' Michael Jennings and St George-Illawarra tackling machine Beau Scott for the right to line-up against Queensland.

But Champion said talk of representative jumpers was still a bit premature.

"I still think I'm a while off playing any sort of representative football, but if I can keep doing it, then my time may come," Champion said.

"I've got to keep proving myself; it's only been a couple of weeks.

"(Someone like) Josh Morris has been doing it for a long time – last year he scored 20 tries or something in the season and I've just started this season off really well.

"I'll just continue doing my job and if people want to talk they can talk."

### Being realistic

Asked if he had set himself the goal of playing Origin footy in 2010, Champion said: "Realistically probably not – there's a lot of great centres in our competition and I just wanted to start the season off really well for the Bunnies.

"There's a lot of hype around our forward pack and we wanted to go out and also perform as backs and not let our forwards down.

"I don't want to talk up any Origin selection – if I get even mentioned for a City jumper, I'd be really happy."

Speaking from personal experience, it is probably best for Beau to take this approach.

However, I believe that he would rise to the occasion if given the chance.

A key factor in Beau's performance this year has been the confidence shown in him by new

coach John Lang.

Having been coached by Langy, I can fully understand what Beau means when he says Lang has changed a culture that had Rabbitohs players fearing for their positions.

"Johnny Lang has come in this year and given us freedom. Every week you can go out there and not have to worry about your spot," he said.

"It took the pressure off and let us concentrate on football – we didn't have to worry about 'if I do this or that, my spot will be up for grabs'."

Champion is the type of player you like to play with.

His commitment to youth off the field also makes me proud as a fellow Aboriginal player.

He deserves every opportunity that comes his way.

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## Teams decimated by flooding rains



HEAVY rain took its toll on the playing strength of community teams taking part in the opening round of the Alice Springs-based Central Australian Football League (CAFL) competition. The season opened on Friday 9 April and some of the

results were lopsided because many players from remote community teams were isolated by swollen creeks and rivers. In the season opener at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, town team Federal 19.13 (127) beat Ltyentye Apurte 5.5 (35). The next day, Rovers 25.25 (175) beat Yuendumu 3.3 (31) and Pioneer 21.11 (137) beat Anmatjere 3.9 (27).

Then, on Sunday 11 April, Hermannsburg 13.16 (94) defeated South 8.6 (54), and West 14.8 (92) beat MacDonnell Districts 10.6 (66). The competition was to continue last weekend, with Pioneer playing Federal, MacDonnell Districts up against Rovers, Yuendumu playing Hermannsburg, West against Anmatjere, and

Ltyentye Apurte and South locking horns. The qualifying final will be played on Saturday 14 August, followed the next day by two elimination finals. The two semi-finals will be played on Saturday 21 August, with the preliminary final on Saturday 28 August, and the grand final on Saturday 4 September.

# Principle before passion

OVER the past few years, sport has been put under the spotlight over a number of social issues. Illicit drugs, attitudes to women, binge drinking, vilification and gambling are issues that have all been linked to sport, with most of the coverage focusing on the negatives.

The Australian Football League (AFL) has not been immune from these issues and over recent weeks we have seen the game embroiled in a number of controversies.

My position here is not to defend the game because there are certain times where you need to acknowledge that wrong has been done and act accordingly.

I think the game has a strong record in this area over the years and I am particularly proud of how the game has led the way in education and preventative programs across a number of these issues.

The issue of racial vilification was addressed in a manner that saw the game lauded as a pioneer in this area and this has paved the way for the growth of Indigenous involvement in the game.

But recent events have caused me to pause and think about how we can reconcile the pressures of AFL being a profession where results can sometimes dictate a person's employment and the fact that for the majority of people who play the game, AFL is their sport.

Geelong football manager

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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Neil Balme created a debate around this issue when commenting on the Mick Malthouse incident.

Before commenting on this, let me say from the outset that I have the greatest respect for Malthouse's record in the game.

The Collingwood coach has endured a hellish time admitting to admitting to calling St Kilda player Stephen Milne a rapist in a heated exchange on the ground.

I cannot condone his actions, but when a fellow coach in Kangaroos coach Brad Scott has

gives a strong endorsement of Malthouse as his former boss, I tend to believe in the long-term reputation of the person.

Scott was an assistant under Malthouse for three years before taking the North Melbourne job in the off season.

"Mick's been a fantastic mentor to me and I can't speak highly enough of him. He's a terrific family man and a terrific mentor to young footballers and young coaches," Scott said.

"What he is, is a passionate individual who, like a lot of us, sometimes does things we regret.

"But I can't say enough what a great person Mick Malthouse is."

That aside, his actions towards Milne and initial attempts to cover up cannot be excused.

But where this led was to a wider debate around Malthouse and coaches being 'control freaks'. Balme was drawn into the debate because he was previously football manager at Collingwood before moving to Geelong.

He avoided directly criticising Malthouse by suggesting Geelong coach 'Bomber' Thompson was also an obsessed with the job and that all coaches needed to be that way.

He then got closer to the central issue when he followed up with a comment about coaches being able to delegate.

"It's how well do they trust other people to do their jobs. How well do other people provide something they know is right," Balme said.



The Sydney Swans' Adam Goodes takes a mark during the round three AFL match against Richmond at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday 10 April. - AAP Image

Trust in others is an important value in sport.

It applies equally off the field as it does on the field.

The same goes for respect - again, both while playing the game and away from the paddock.

Where players are placed under the microscope for their behaviour off the field, there is room for the debate as to whether players are role models.

Where there is no room for debate is when we are actually involved in playing the game itself.

Here, the values of sportsmanship should always be upheld.

Here, we are role models in how the game should be played.

At the centre of this is respect for all involved - players, umpires, officials and coaches.

Where trust is replaced by obsession and where winning is placed before game values, then we have lost respect for the game itself.

We cannot go out to kids and preach these values unless we practise them at the highest levels of the game.

Passion is not an excuse.

Principles must always come first.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



MICK MALTHOUSE



Benn Harradine in action.

# Harradine puzzled by theft



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous field event Olympian – discus thrower Benn Harradine – has become the victim of

thieves while in Canberra. Harradine threw the discus in the green and gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

His locked aluminium storage box in which he keeps all his discus gear was stolen from the Australian Institute of Sport.

"I travel everywhere with it and it's just got everything inside, all my tools for throwing, my tape measure, throwing shoes, medicine balls, mini hammers, discuses, tripod," he said.

Harradine lives in Melbourne but was in Canberra for a training camp. After a training session on 10 April, he left the box on the athletes' track and field training area.

But between 5.30pm on 10 April and 10.30am on 11 April, the 40kg

box and its contents was stolen.

Harradine, who holds the Australian and Oceania records for discus throwing at 66m 37cm, says it is more inconvenience than anything else.

He said he would be competing at the national titles and Commonwealth Games selection trials in Perth this week.

"I can't imagine anybody would want them or have a use for these things, and they have a lot of meaning to me," Harradine said of the theft.

The 27-year-old's parents bought him his first discus when he was 14 years old.

"I've been throwing that one since then and I take it all around Europe and to my comps, the Olympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, it's my discus that I compete with," he said.

He estimates the total value of his discus collection at \$15,000.

# Inglis avoids conviction

MELBOURNE Storm rugby league player Greg Inglis has been ordered to attend a behavioural change program and pay \$3000 to a women's health service for assaulting his girlfriend.

The 23-year-old Australian Test representative has avoided a conviction for pushing Sally Robinson with an open hand, but will be subject to a diversion order.

Inglis appeared in Sunshine Magistrates Court on 12 April with Ms Robinson by his side.

He said he accepted the diversion order because it was 'the right decision for Sally's welfare and privacy'.

A charge of recklessly causing serious injury was dropped and the other charge of unlawful assault would be dealt with through the diversion program, magistrate Lionel Winton-Smith said. Inglis was not required to enter a plea as the diversion program allows first-time offenders to avoid conviction. – AAP

# Thunder roars in season opener



THE Northern Territory Thunder made a dream start to the 2010 Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) season, thumping the Brisbane Lions 27.17 (179) to 13.6 (84).

Before 2000 fans at TIO Stadium, Darwin, the Thunder sent a clear message to other QAFL teams that they meant business in 2010.

The Thunder held a strong lead of six goals at the first break, which increased to ten at the main break and 18 at the third.

A solid pre-season was evident from start to finish, with the players gelling together, proven by 11 goal kickers for the game, seven of those kicking two or more.

Kieren Smith and Matthew Rosier made the trip to Darwin from Alice Springs and made an impact, with Rosier named second best player.

The introduction of the 23rd player rule also proved fruitful for Thunder, with Virgil Robertson making the 800km trip from Lajamanu, north of Tanami, to come out

and kick four goals in his debut.

Two players, Cameron Ilett and Kenrick Tyrrell, were reported.

Head Coach Murray Davis said it was pleasing to come away with a great win and such an even contribution from the playing group.

"Every player played his role which is something we've tried to highlight over the pre-season – that and applying lots of pressure and winning the contested ball," Davis said.

"We made 68 tackles and had 25 of those in the first quarter which really set the game up for us.

Rupert Pupungamirri was named best player, ahead of Matthew Rosier, Cameron Ilett, Luke Tyrrell and Zephi Skinner.

The Thunder were to travel to Brisbane last weekend for their round two clash with the Redland Bombers in a match that looked to be a true test. Redland beat the Thunder both times they met in 2009.

For some of the Thunder players, it was their first time travelling interstate.

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# Women's rugby league action

## Maidens a touch too good

By ALF WILSON



CAIRNS Ivanhoes Maidens took out the inaugural women's rugby league competition at far

north Queensland's biggest sporting event – the Suncorp North Queensland Games from 9-12 April.

The majority of the 40 sports at the 27th Games were held at Cairns, with some events at Innisfail, and others on the Atherton Tablelands and further south at Townsville.

More than 4000 competitors took part, and the women's rugby league carnival was a highlight.

The majority of the players from the seven teams were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and the football was held at Petersen Park, Edmonton, a southern Cairns suburb, where the backdrop was sugar cane.

The other teams were Mackay Barbarians, Mackay Pioneers, Edmonton Storm, Mossman, Mareeba Gladiators and Innisfail Warriors.

Many of the women had recently competed in All Blacks carnivals as far away as Rockhampton, Townsville and Thursday Island.

Selectors and the coach of the North Queensland Marlins women's rugby league side kept an eye on the competition, being on the lookout for players to contest the State titles in June at Mackay.

Matches were played in two 25-minute halves, with games directed by younger referees and touch judges.

Women's Rugby League Sports Director Pat Bailey said the competition was of a high calibre, with players proving just as tough as the men.

"It's full contact – they

tackle as hard as the men, let me tell you," Ms Bailey said.

On day one, the Henry Getawan-coached Edmonton Storm beat Mackay Pioneers 24-18, Cairns Maidens rolled Mackay Wests Barbarians 16-4, Mossman defeated Innisfail 26-10 and Mareeba rolled Mackay Pioneers 30-6.

Day two saw Mackay West's Barbarians d Mareeba 46-0, Cairns Ivanhoes Maidens d Edmonton 20-0, Mackay West's Barbarians d Mossman and Mackay Pioneers beat Innisfail.

Mareeba coach Abby Hobbler was delighted with the performance of his mostly young team who were playing together for the first time.

"I thought that all the girls went well," he said.

### Most valuable player

Seventeen-year-old Kaitlin Moss starred as a second rower for the Mackay Wests Barbarians and was named most valuable player of the carnival.

Mackay Wests Barbarians finished second and Mossman third.

The Cairns Ivanhoes Maidens, who also won the women's section of Queensland's biggest All Blacks carnivals held in Cairns last October, proved by far and away the best team again at the North Queensland Games.

North Queensland Sports Foundation Manager Stuart Gibson said the 'friendly games' had lived up to their reputation, with more than 4000 athletes, and in excess of 1000 officials.

"So many sports had bumper numbers, with some events attracting in excess of 400 competitors," he said.

In the Oz tag competition, Wujal Wujal took a silver medal in their debut in the North Queensland Games.

The Wujal Wujal Yindilis were one of six mixed teams to contest the Oz tag competition.

Wannem, from Cairns, beat the Yindili's 14-2 in the final to claim the gold medal, while fellow Cairns team The A Team defeated the Hopevale side to come third overall.

Steamy conditions didn't hamper the enthusiasm of the finals contenders, with the Yindilis scoring the first two tries and putting the Cairns side back on their heels, but the Wannems soon clicked, winning on technical skill and experience.

Oz Tag Sports Director Geoff Byfield said both the Cape teams were outstanding on debut and put in a great effort.

"They really came down here to win," Byfield said.



A Barbarians attacker tackled by the Mareeba defence.



The Innisfail women.



The winning team, the Cairns Ivanhoes Maidens.

## from the N Queensland Games



The Mareeba Gladiators from the Atherton Tablelands.



Runners-up Mackay Wests Barbarians with carnival most valuable player Kaitlin Moss, back row, left.



The Mackay Pioneers.



The Edmonton Storm women.



The Mossman women's team.



Manissa Bourne is on the ground as officials tend her waiting for the ambulance.

## Sickening moment, but all ends well

**A**S Manissa Bourne lay flat on her back after tackling an opponent during a women's rugby league match at Petersen Park, Edmonton, on 10 April, her team-mates and spectators were praying that her injury was not serious.

Their worries were compounded as Manissa did not move, even after an ambulance with paramedics arrived at the ground.

Some feared that because Manissa did not move, she may be seriously injured.

Manissa was playing for the Mackay Pioneers at the Suncorp North Queensland Games held at Cairns from 8-11 April.

Ambulance officers worked on 31-year-old Manissa for at least 15 minutes before attempting to move her.

She was lifted on to a stretcher and placed in the ambulance and taken to Cairns Base Hospital.

But the next day Manissa was back at the ground and although sidelined for the second day, was in good spirits.

She told *The Koori Mail* that she had felt no movement in her left arm as she lay there, but did not lose consciousness.

"I knew everything that was going on and it did worry me that I had no movement down the left arm. I never got knocked out though," Manissa said.

She said that in hospital, she had spent about 45 minutes at the emergency ward before doctors made their diagnosis.

"They said it was caused by damage to nerves and they let me go and I got the movement back," Manissa said.

She praised officials and ambulance staff, who she said acted professionally.

After her ordeal, Manissa said there was one thing about the incident which made her happy.

"I made the tackle," she said.



The day after and Manissa Bourne is all smiles after recovering.

# Gold Coast makes its VFL debut

By PETER ARGENT



THREE Aboriginal players were in the Gold Coast Australian football team

that made its debut in the Victorian Football League (VFL) competition at Southport on 10 April.

The Gold Coast is to become the 17th club in the Australian Football League (AFL) competition in 2011, but this year will 'blood' players in the VFL competition.

In the Gold Coast's debut game against Port Melbourne were Aboriginal players Brandon Matera, Northern Territorian Liam Patrick and pacey Queenslander Rex Liddy.

Matera is the son of Wally – the eldest of three brothers who played AFL football.

Port Melbourne won 15.19 (109) to 15.9 (97)

"It was a high-class and tight game of football," Gold Coast assistant coach and Brisbane premiership player Shaun Hart said.

"We started slowly, but our second quarter was impressive.

"There was only three points separating the teams at the main break, and we were eight points down at three-quarter time. In the end we lost by two goals."



LIAM PATRICK



BRANDON MATERA

Hart described Matera as a clever forward/on-baller with leadership qualities and having an X-factor. Matera was best player in the last trial against the Brisbane Lions reserves and a strong performer in his first senior game for the Gold Coast. He was named as third best.

Liam Patrick, a person Hart said was a 'phenomenal young man who is totally committed to the program', played mainly across the full forward line, with the occasional run across half forward.

## Two goals

He kicked two goals in his initial outing, with his effort being described as solid and serviceable.

Rex Liddy was used as a small forward and he kicked a goal.

Liddy didn't have a huge impact in the contest, and Hart believes he still has a number of levels to step up, but he is noted for his pace and strength for his size.

The Gold Coast have two other Indigenous players on their roster for the 2010 season – Roland Ah Chee and Joseph Daye, who played in the QAFL competition on that weekend.

"Joe was one of the emergencies for the match

against Port Melbourne and is a true athlete," Hart said.

"Roland is diligent and professional in his approach and always looking for ways to improve his game."

Two Indigenous footballers with AFL experience – Cory McGrath and Malcolm Lynch – kicked three goals each for victors in the initial match against the Gold Coast.



REX LIDDY

## Raiders aiming to break Badu Origin mortgage

By ALF WILSON



GOEMU Bau Raiders, with players or descendants from Mabuig Island, will try to break the mortgage that Badu

Island teams have on the prestigious Island of Origin rugby league series.

The 25th Origin will be held on Badu Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. Between eight and 12 teams are expected.

Huge birthday celebrations are planned to coincide with the milestone of the 25th Origin, and Goemu Bau Raiders will be amongst visiting teams hoping to prevent Badu Island having a big party.

Badu side Mulga United took out the grand final of the 2009 Origin at Ken Brown Memorial Oval, on Thursday Island, beating Western Bears 42-22.

The 2007 and 2008 series were held on Badu, with local side Kulpiyam winning both finals from another Badu team, Mulga Tigers.

Goemu Bau Raiders coach George Bagiri said his team was looking good as they prepared for the 2010 Origin.

"We have picked a well

balanced side and have decided to put origin back into origin and play it fair. Every player, from one to 30, is from Mabuig or have family lineage," he said.

"We have players from Mabuig, Thursday Island, Badu, NPA, Cairns and Townsville.

"This team is very capable of winning the 25th Island of Origin. I'm pretty confident that with the calibre of players we have, we can go all the way."

The last time the

Goemu Bau Raiders played in a carnival was in 2007 and that was when they won another big regional carnival, the Torres Strait Cup (now the Zenadth Kes).

"The boys are all pumped and looking forward to representing their island and showing off their true colours," Bagiri said.

"Goemu is our native name for Mabuig and Bau is the area of Goemu where the village is situated."

Bagiri said that for the first time, there would be a women's team from Mabuig. They have called themselves the Bauaw Stingers.

"They have also recruited well. It will be extra special if both teams took out the finals," Bagiri said.



Bruce Joseph after the Rocky All Blacks carnival, where he played a winning role for the Cherbourg Hornets.



Patrick Whap performing the war cry at the Rockhampton Reconciliation Carnival last January.

## Origin rugby league in NZ?

AUSTRALIAN Rugby League (ARL) Chief Executive Geoff Carr has refused to rule out the prospect of a State of Origin game being played in New Zealand at Auckland's Eden Park.

The New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) has previously inquired about hosting an Origin match and Carr said if a financial package could be agreed upon, it could see the interstate rivalry played outside Australia for the first time since 1987 when NSW beat

Queensland in California.

Melbourne has hosted Origin games in recent years, and Carr said the newly redeveloped Auckland's Eden Park, which would host the Rugby Union World Cup final in 2011, would be a perfect venue.

"State of Origin is very popular in New Zealand and although it will always remain an Australian event, Eden Park wouldn't be out of the question, it is just about the money," he said. – AAP

# He's back!

## Krakouer firing on return to action

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



**FORMER** Richmond Australian Football League (AFL) star Andrew Krakouer has started his comeback season

in the West Australian Football League (WAFL) with Swan Districts in scintillating fashion after two years he'd rather forget.

The 27-year-old has lost none of his speed, skill and tenacity, despite almost two years out of the game, in an outstanding start to the season with Swan Districts, where not only is he playing but also working as part of the 'V Swans' program helping Indigenous kids throughout Western Australia.

Krakouer is so far averaging almost 30 possessions, two goals and ten tackles a game in his first handful of WAFL

matches back after he played the opening nine matches of 2008 with Swan Districts after being delisted by Richmond following 102 AFL games between 2001-07.

It was there that he followed in the famous footsteps of his father Jim and uncle Phil on the big stage in Melbourne, but his return to Perth turned disastrous when he was found guilty of serious assault and sentenced to 16 months in prison.

### Back with family

He served that time, was released late last year and as well as reuniting with his family, also rejoined Swan Districts and is delighted to do so.

"Life's good, it's all good. It is great working at the club and I really enjoy it, so that makes me want to do even better out on the

field," Krakouer said.

"It's a very passionate club and working there has certainly put a different perspective on things than when I wasn't working there."

As exciting as Krakouer has been with his kicking, running and goal-kicking abilities shown so far this season, his pressure applied on the opposition and the tackles he's laying are just as impressive, and rewarding for him.

"It's nice to get a kick, but I just have to make sure that every week I am contributing and playing my role for the team in the way that Daws (coach Brian Dawson) wants me to. As long

as I'm doing that, things aren't too bad at all for me," he said.

"Throughout my career I have always liked to put pressure on the opposition and things like that, so I'm just continuing that. I always try to make sure that I'm pressuring up and working hard to keep myself around the footy and supporting my team-mates."

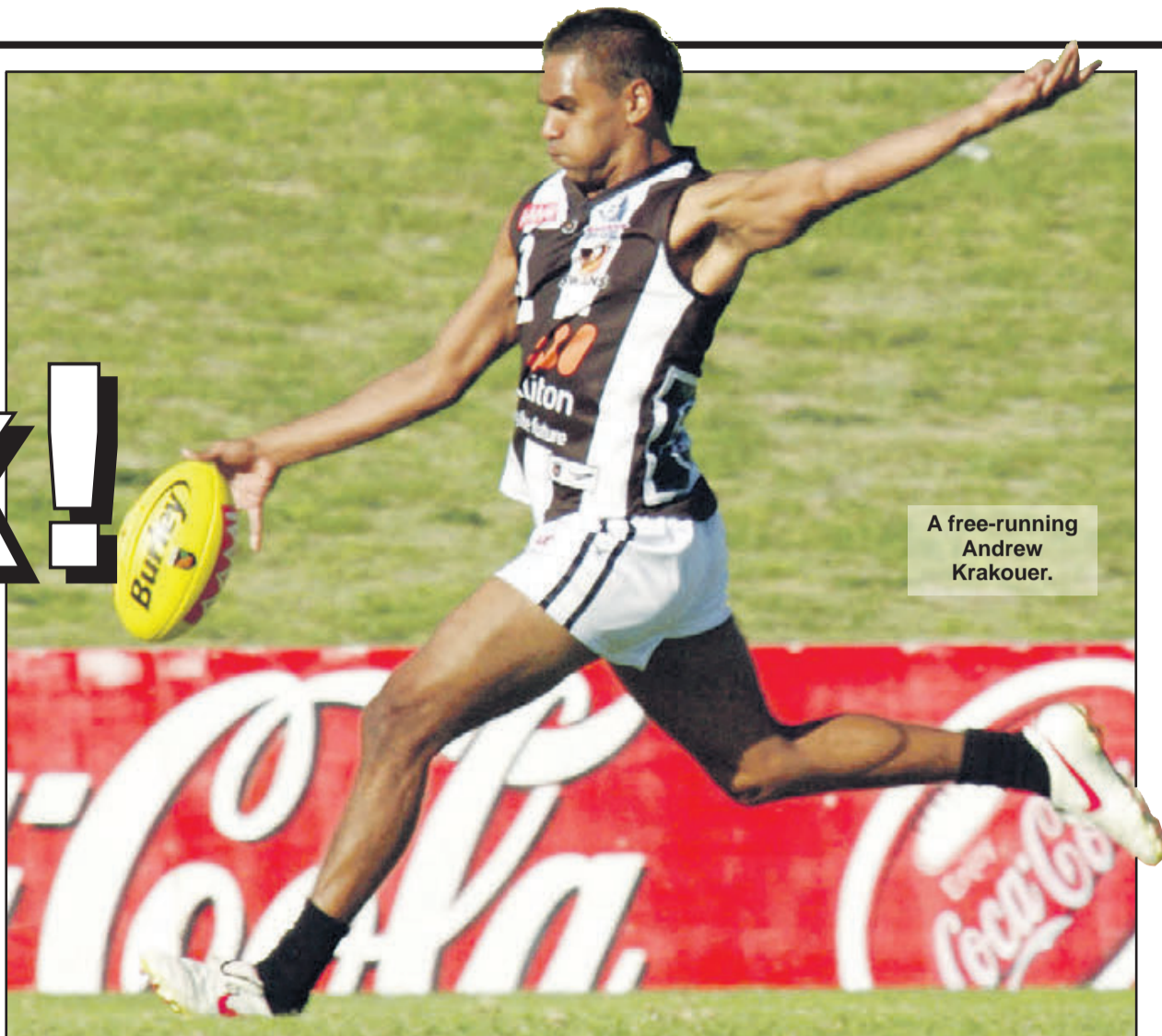
As a team, Swan Districts has bounced back from a slow start to the 2010 season to be on a roll and look capable of having a big year to match the many who predicted them to be premiership contenders coming into the season.

Krakouer is confident the team can continue playing well

for the rest of 2010 to try to reach the potential of the group after it made the 2008 grand final and last year's preliminary final.

"The club has played some good footy the past couple of years, but we know that there is no use being a team that has potential that you don't fulfil. We have to make sure that we do what we know we can and put our best out on the park," he said.

"We just have to make sure that we keep working on the things we need to because it's a long season. We just have to make sure that each week we remain competitive and fulfil our potential on game day."



A free-running Andrew Krakouer.

# US colleges rush to sign up Jesse

## ● From back page

"I never really expected this much attention. I am close to 20 offers now," said Williams.

"Alabama, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Mississippi State, Arkansas, BYU, SMU, Illinois, West Virginia, Iowa State, Iowa, Hawaii and a few more have offered me."

Growing up in a different culture, Williams does not know much about the recruiting process, but he is a quick learner.

"I do a lot of internet research and I talk a lot to my coaches and players around here," he said.

"When I get back home to Australia this summer, I am going to sit down with my family and do even more research."

### Home next month

His father Arthur told *The Koori Mail* last week that Jesse would be coming home to Brisbane in May.

"I am just learning about all of the schools right now, so I have to do my own research. I am going to narrow it down and talk to some of the schools about their programs. I want to come back and take my official visits and then go from there," Jesse Williams told *scout.com*

"I just want to make an impact right away. The atmosphere is going to be important. I am going to take my official visits and get to see the schools this fall. After I do that I will make a decision."

Experts say Williams is one of those special players who only come around every couple of years.

### Strong, fast

He is 6ft 4in (193cm) tall and weighs 330 pounds (149.7kg) and is tremendously strong and fast for his size.

Williams graduated from Cavendish High School in Brisbane in 2007, where he played rugby and basketball.

He then played club (American) football for the Bayside Ravens club team, and later for the Australian national team.

Williams also played for the World Team this past year when they took on Team USA before the Super Bowl in Miami, which was where most scouts had their first look at his raw size and speed.

Yuma Arizona Western College says it could be developing a power in the middle of the desert.

After winning a Western State Football League title in 2009, the college says it now has one of the top recruits in the nation in Jesse Williams, and he has lots early offers heading into the late spring.

It says that Williams is no ordinary player and is about to find out what being a star is all about.

"I never really expected to get this much attention," Williams said.

"I am working on my grades at the moment. I am on track to graduate in December."

Williams said the barrage of interest came after he returned home from the winter break.

"It all pretty much started after I got home from the winter break," he said. "My coaches have been bombarded with people."

### Rarely seen

While there has been an influx of Polynesian players in the college football and NFL ranks, Indigenous Australians such as Williams have been rarely seen in those leagues.

Furthermore, any Australian players (mainly non-indigenous in their heritage) found in those leagues are usually punters and kickers.

Williams is 19 years old and is a descendant of the Wuthathi tribe and Seven Rivers people in far north Queensland and his Torres Strait Island descendents are from Moa Island and Thursday Island.



A recent picture of Jesse Williams in action in the United States, where he plays with Arizona Western in the junior college competition.



**Krakouer is back on the footy field**

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## Gladiator on the run



A Mareeba Gladiator leaves behind a stumbling Mackay Barbarian in one of the women's rugby league matches at the North Queensland Games. The league games were played at Edmonton, on the southern outskirts of Cairns. Picture: ALF WILSON

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## It's over to you, Choc



THE pressure is on Anthony Mundine for a rematch with Danny Green after Green last Wednesday flattened Puerto Rican Manny Siaca in the third round of an International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world cruiserweight title fight in Perth.

Siaca is the man who took Mundine's World Boxing Association (WBA) world super middleweight title in 2004.

Green retained his IBO cruiserweight title after knocking Siaca to the canvas in the second round, and finishing the job in the third round.

Green started the opening round strongly, landing some meaningful blows, and continued in a similar fashion in the second, when he dropped Siaca with a powerful right hook.

The 34-year-old stayed on one knee for several seconds and after getting to his feet, weathered a late flurry from Green before being saved by the bell.

But he couldn't keep out the West Australian's flurry of punches in the third round after being trapped in the corner.

Siaca wore three more right hooks from Green before hitting the deck once again with less than a minute remaining in the round.

Once again he stayed down for several seconds in a bid to regain his composure, but was counted out by the referee.

Green has now defeated Anthony van Niekerk, Julio Cesar Dominguez, Roy Jones Jnr and

Siaca since coming out of retirement early last year.

It improved Green's record to 29 wins from 32 bouts, with 26 knockouts.

Siaca's win-loss record slipped to 22-7.

"I hit him early," Green said.

"He took about 20 or 30 uppercuts and he felt the power and was intimidated by it.

"He didn't want to know about it.

"I'm stoked, I'm rapt.

"All I can do is defeat who's in front of me. Whoever feels my power is going to go."

It was just Siaca's seventh fight since defeating Anthony Mundine in 2004 to snare Mundine's WBA World super middleweight title.

The focus now will be on Mundine for a rematch with Green.

Green's proposal for a multi-million-dollar rematch for a world title on Anzac Day in Sydney – with ten per cent of the purse going to Indigenous youth of Australia – was ignored by the Mundine camp.

But Green is keen to square the ledger after losing to Mundine on points over 12 rounds in Sydney during May 2006.

Meanwhile, Mundine is said to be in the United States, where he has linked with world-renowned trainer Freddie Roach in a bid to shake off cobwebs from a three-month injury lay-off.

Since his scrappy points win over Robert Medley in January, 'The Man' has been laid low by a groin problem that required surgery.

Roach is one of the most charismatic figures in world boxing.

— with AAP

# In hot demand



BRISBANE'S Indigenous American football (gridiron) star Jesse Williams is making rapid progress in the sport in the United States.

Williams plays with Arizona Western in the junior college competition, but looks certain to progress to a higher level as offers for his services coming pouring in.

He would be the first to admit he was not totally sure how he got to where he was, website *scout.com* reported.

Growing up in Australia, the talented Williams dreamed different dreams than the average college football prospect, *scout.com* said.

After an exhibition game that his Australian club football team played in, Williams found himself as one of the most coveted junior college prospects in the US.

"I have only been playing football seriously for about two years," he said.

"I played some a few years before that. I played rugby and basketball back in Australia and I played (American) football in

my club team. I have been at Arizona Western since last August, so it's all still kind of new to me."

While most prospects were learning to adjust to life a couple of hours away from home, *scout.com* said Williams was in a world all his own.

"Adjusting to the schedule has been the biggest shock," he said.

"We practise, lift weights, go to class and everything else. Learning about all of that took some time.

"My club team would practise about

twice a week and sometimes we practise twice a day here.

"Then you have to study and go to class. Learning how to prioritise things took some time."

The talented defensive tackle reports that he hoped to earn an offer or two so that he could continue playing beyond the junior college level.

It is safe to say that objective has been met.

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