



Koori Mail

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE FORTNIGHTLY NATIONAL INDIGENOUS NEWSPAPER - 100% ABORIGINAL-OWNED 100% SELF-FUNDING

EDITION 479

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2010

PUBLISHED SINCE 1991

Phone: (02) 66 222 666

www.koorimail.com

Recommended price \$2 (GST-inclusive)

Staring down racism

THIS is the man whose courageous stand against racism has the nation talking. Timana Tahu's decision to walk out of the NSW State of Origin 2 camp earlier this month because of racist comments by assistant coach and fellow football great Andrew Johns shocked rugby league to its core.

His stance sparked a range of responses – from praise and support, to scorn and abuse.

Tahu, whose mother is Aboriginal, says it was the hardest thing he had ever done. But, he says, he has no regrets.

In a wide-ranging interview with *Koori Mail* Editor Kirstie Parker, Timana Tahu tells of his love for his family and people, his passion for football, and his hatred of racism.

- See Pages 5-6
- Editorial Page 20

Welfare worry



ABORIGINAL and welfare groups, rights activists and the Australian Greens have all pledged to continue a campaign against what they say is ongoing discrimination in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

The Senate last week passed controversial Federal Government legislation enabling the eventual extension of compulsory income management to welfare recipients nationwide. The changes angered many, including the Australian Council of Social Services, which described them as unfair and un-Australian.

The Government will now extend income

Widespread concern as Senate backs reforms

management beyond Aboriginal communities under the NT Emergency Response (Intervention) to a further 20,000 NT welfare recipients – most of them Aboriginal. It will review the scheme next year to determine how to finesse it for roll-out nationally.

Few watching the reforms accepted a

Government assurance that the legislation also reinstated the *Racial Discrimination Act (RDA)* 1975 in Aboriginal communities prescribed under the Intervention.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said income management was a key tool for protecting vulnerable people. She said

reinstatement of the RDA would remove 'a blight on Australia's reputation as the land of a fair go'.

Aboriginal land councils, justice and health bodies were amongst those unhappy with the declaration of some key planks of the Intervention as 'special measures' under the RDA and supposedly exempt from challenge.

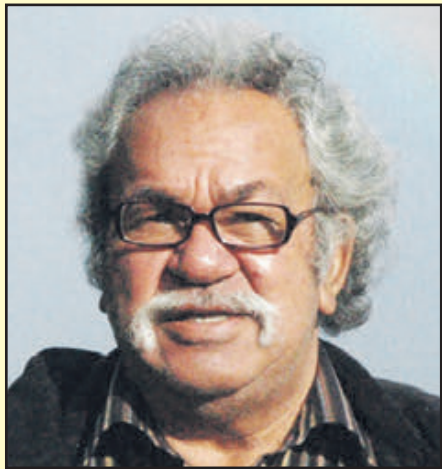
Greens Community Services spokesperson Rachel Siewert expressed extreme disappointment that the reforms had passed the Senate.

A major anti-Intervention gathering is planned for Alice Springs from 6-9 July.

● More, Pages 8-9

● Julia Gillard welcomed as Prime Minister – Page 7

INSIDE



**At long last,
Yagan can rest**

● Page 17



**Hot acts play at
The Dreaming**

● Pages 36-38



**Badu packed for
Island of Origin**

● P 28-29, 92-93



**New York... here
they come**

● Page 94

My FAMILY

JENNIFER GIBBS – Goodooga, NSW



From left, Kylie Holloway, Jamie Gibbs, Jennifer Gibbs holding Caden Holloway-Gibbs (10 months), Mark Gibbs and Steven Gibbs.

GOODOOGA'S where all our family is from. I live in Bourke now, where I work as a nurse at Bourke Hospital. But I travel back to Goodooga on the weekends and visit my mother Patricia Gibbs and my brothers and sisters – the ones that still live there. I've got nine brothers and sisters, so there are 10 of us altogether.

My mother's 84 and she's the oldest person in Goodooga. The second oldest is the town's doctor. Mum's going to have her 50th grandchild this year and her first great grandchild as well.

I've been nursing for six years. I used to work as an administration officer at an aged-care facility, but my boss talked me into going away and doing my nursing studies in Dubbo.

I've got two boys. I sent both of them away for their schooling and they never returned. Mark went to live with my sister in

Orange and went to school there. He's 25 now and lives in Newcastle with his wife Kylie and 10-month-old son Caden and works in a factory. Steven's 21 and he went to boarding school in Forbes. Now he works in Bathurst, for the RTA, but he goes back to Forbes on weekends. He's been six years in Forbes and that's where he likes to be.

Because we live so far apart we don't get to see each other much. This photo was taken at the Indigenous All Stars rugby league game earlier in the year, which was a good chance to all be together. Also in the photo is my nephew Jamie Gibbs who lives in Orange.

Rugby League is the number-one thing that my boys like. I'm not that into it myself. But the game was amazing. It was good to see Aboriginal people get together and enjoy something. It was really great to see all the Aboriginal players, something for the young fellas to look up to.

Share your family with our readers

If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to myfamily@koorimail.com along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

OUR CHILDREN



Brewarrina kids, from left, Daniel, Karrissa, Deondre (front left), Bryce (front right), Rhianna and Bre were exhilarated to meet up with Sydney Roosters NRL player (and member of the 2010 Indigenous All Stars squad) Ben Jones at Bondi Beach last week. The kids enjoyed a day trip to Sydney under the No-Way Campaign Foundation's Healthy Highs program, meeting some of their NRL heroes and learning to surf. For more on the Bre kids' excellent adventure, go to page 48.

Koori Mail

Postal Address

PO Box 117, Lismore, NSW, 2480

Street Address

11 Molesworth Street, Lismore, 2480

Telephone (02) 66 222 666; Fax (02) 66 222 600

STAFF

Editor: Kirstie Parker – editor@koorimail.com (editorial)

Advertising Manager: Stuart Corlett – advertising@koorimail.com

Accounts: Suzanne Deegan – accounts@koorimail.com

Subscriptions: subs@koorimail.com

Advertising Rates

\$17.50 (+ GST) a column centimetre casual rate (discounts available for multiple bookings). Spot and full colour available.

Advertising Format

Page Size: 38 cm deep x 26 cm wide

7 columns per page

Single column size 35mm • 2.5 mm space between columns

Advertising Deadlines

Bookings 5pm on the Wednesday prior to publication.

Material 5pm Thursday prior to publication.

Koori Mail on The Web: www.koorimail.com

Complete details of editorial and jobs advertised in the Koori Mail can be accessed through the State Library of NSW's INFOKOORI service.

INFOKOORI site address

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/infokoori>

The Koori Mail is published by Budsoar Pty Ltd and printed by SpotPress, 26 Lillian Fowler Place, Marrickville NSW 2204.

The Aboriginal flag is reproduced in the Koori Mail by permission of its author, Harold Thomas.

The Koori Mail is owned equally by Nungera Co-operative (Maclean), Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore), Kurrachee Co-operative (Coraki), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino) and Bunjum Co-operative (Cabbage Tree Island), all on the NSW north coast.

Items published in Koori Mail may be reproduced by Budsoar Pty Ltd on our website – www.koorimail.com

KOORI MAIL – 100% ABORIGINAL-OWNED 100% ABORIGINAL-CONTROLLED



Hundreds gather to talk healing

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



SHARING stories, listening and being listened to are important parts of any healing process, and arguably never more so than during the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing

Foundation's first national gathering held in Townsville at the weekend.

Amongst those attending the four-day 'Let's talk healing' forum were Lorraine Peeters, who heads up the Marumali/Winangali Healing Program in NSW, and Daly River artist and educator Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann.

Both respected Elders gave presentations on aspects of healing in their communities on Friday and Saturday, with audience members visibly moved by their stories.

Reflecting on death and trauma in communities, Ms Ungunmerr-Baumann also spoke of what her people call 'Dadirri' – inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness.

Hundreds of Indigenous leaders and other people attended the inaugural conference from 24-27 June.

Healing Foundation Chairwoman Florence Onus commended her fellow board members who she said had worked tirelessly to put together a national gathering within a short timeframe and with mounting Government pressure to roll-out funding.

● We'll have a wrap-up of the Let's Talk Healing gathering in our next edition.

NSW Elder Lorraine Peeters and Daly River Elder, artist and educator Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann at the Let's Talk Healing gathering in Townsville on Saturday.

New public servants show way



SIXTY-TWO Indigenous people started careers in the Australian Public Service last week, beginning employment with various Commonwealth departments and agencies.

The new recruits were part of the inaugural intake of the Indigenous Australian Government Development Program (IAGDP).

On Thursday, the group visited Parliament House, where they were welcomed by Employment Participation Minister and Labor Party number-cruncher Mark Arbib.

The participants met up with some of the 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students who were in Canberra last week for the Learn. Earn. Legend! Work Experience in Government program (see

separate story, Page 65).

The IAGDP provides the opportunity for Indigenous people to gain training and work experience in the public sector, and is part of the Government's commitment to closing the gap on Indigenous employment by 2018.

Program

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) established the year-long development program as a component of its Reconciliation Action Plan.

Senator Arbib said participants were selected from across Australia, and ranged in age from 17 to 63. Participants will take up positions in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations or one of nine other Partner Agencies – the

Australian Federal Police; Centrelink; Defence; Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Finance and Deregulation; Human Services; Resources Energy and Tourism; Veterans Affairs; and Infrastructure.

Senator Arbib said that while 62 people had started orientation and training last week, a further 15 to 20 people would join the program in September.

"I am pleased to say that through this program and other Indigenous employment initiatives, the department has achieved its target of having 330 Indigenous staff by 30 June 2010," he said.

"The department has 349 Indigenous staff, representing six per cent of its workforce – the second highest employer of Indigenous staff in the Australian Public Service."



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Temporary Affordable Accommodation

Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation. This is to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who are travelling to the region, to access accommodation for a range of reasons including:

- seeking medical treatment
- visiting family in hospital
- attending secondary and tertiary education
- looking for work or housing
- visiting legal or other services in the area
- undertaking substance use rehabilitation

For more information contact the Regional Office in the area you are travelling to.

PERTH
Western Australia
08 9349 2548

CAIRNS
Northern Queensland
07 4051 4588

SYDNEY
New South Wales
02 9310 2777

ADELAIDE
South Australia
08 8342 6950

DARWIN
Northern Australia
08 8981 4388

BRISBANE
Southern Queensland
07 3221 3866

MELBOURNE
Victoria and Tasmania
03 9642 2775

ALICE SPRINGS
Central Australia
08 8952 6544

www.ahl.gov.au



‘It is the hardest thing I have ever done ... but I’m happy with it’

WHEN news first broke that Parramatta Eels star Timana Tahu had walked out of the NSW Origin team camp at Kingscliff on 12 June because of comments by the team’s assistant coach Andrew Johns, the rugby league rumour mill went into overdrive.

What had Johns said a few days earlier? Inevitably, because the incident involved a staunchly proud Aboriginal Australian, thoughts turned to the possibility that the comments were racial in nature.

They certainly had to have been bad. Representing at Origin level is a highly coveted honour that many outstanding players will never know. So, what was that big?

Fans and players didn’t have to wait long, in fact just hours, to learn that Johns had admitted making ‘inappropriate and offensive’ comments about several Queensland Origin opponents, including the mercurial Greg Inglis.

As more detail of the slurs emerged, a ‘shattered’ Johns stood down from his role with the Blues.

“I should have thought more what I was saying about a player whom I have always admired and respected and I hope to speak with Greg (Inglis) soon to explain what happened,” Johns told reporters, although denying that he was racist.

“I only hope that by stepping aside I can show others how seriously I am taking this issue and hopefully others may learn from it as well.

“It is something I deeply regret and I will do all I can to repair my friendships with both Greg and Timana and to regain the respect of those I have let down.”

It’ll be a long road back for Johns, and rightly so. His words – still not known in their entirety but confirmed as having included ‘that black c***’ – will echo again and again.

They were on many people’s minds on 16 June, when Qld smashed NSW 34-6 to seal an historic five series wins in a row. And again on 21 June when Tahu returned to the field for the Eels against his old team the Newcastle Knights, only to charged with a reckless high tackle over an incident just eight minutes in.

Two days later, Tahu learned that his early guilty plea to the NRL Judiciary hadn’t been enough to stave off a four-match suspension, putting him out of contention for Origin 3 next Wednesday, 7 July.

Door-stopped at every turn by the media, he remained resolute: “We need to stamp out racism in the game.”

Debate raged in front bars, around watercoolers, in dinghies, on talkback radio and online around such comments as ‘NRL is more racist than the AFL’, ‘NSW rugby league is more racist than Queensland’ and ‘Tahu should just toughen up’.

Reports of two other fresh, offensive incidents in sport



Timana Tahu at last week’s Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council meeting in Sydney.

emerged, involving old AFL war horse Mal Brown and Robert ‘Dipper’ DiPierdomenico, both of whom apologised. Brown confirmed what many others thought and declared himself ‘a dickhead’ but not racist for describing Aboriginal players as ‘cannibals’.

After publicly describing fellow Brownlow Medallist Gavin Wanganeen as ‘not too bad for an Abo’, DiPierdomenico was swiftly dumped from his role as an AFL Auskick ambassador.

While all this went on, Timana Tahu spent time with his young family and waited to see how the matter would evolve.

Aboriginal leaders and organisations including the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) issued statements of praise and thanks for his stand. Comparisons were made between Tahu and the likes of former AFL great Nicky Winmar, who exposed Australia’s racist underbelly back in 1993 by bearing his own, lifting his St Kilda jumper in front of racist spectators to point proudly to his black skin.

Talk of Tahu’s stand reminded some of that taken by Aboriginal rights campaigners like the late Charlie Perkins, who led the 1965 Freedom Rides throughout outback NSW. And even of the late Rosa Parks, an African American woman who, exhausted after a long day’s physical work, refused to obey a bus driver’s order that she give up her seat for a white passenger; a person who sat down so that her people could stand up.

It wasn’t lost on some people that Australian sport’s latest racism

scandal broke as the Senate considered legislation surrounding reinstatement or, some argue, not of the Federal *Racial Discrimination Act* under the Northern Territory Intervention.

The NRL spoke of its efforts to promote reconciliation within the game, and negotiated what it has called ‘mediation’ between Johns and Tahu, to be assisted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

That mediation was due to be held in Sydney on Monday as *The Koori Mail* went to print.

Last Thursday, Tahu, his wife Kasey and his management met with the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council at NSW Rugby League HQ in Sydney.

At the end of a meeting that went well over time, the council issued a statement of complete support for Tahu and backed a ‘zero tolerance’ approach to racism (see our back page for what is planned for the road ahead).

At the weekend, Andrew Johns was hunkered down with his family, and not up for interviews. Tahu was with family and friends in Newcastle. As he prepared to face the man whose words shattered his Origin 2 hopes, Indigenous Australia’s new favourite son agreed to speak at length with *The Koori Mail*, reflecting on the past two weeks. Editor KIRSTIE PARKER began by asking him whether he would do it all again. Here’s what he said...

Timana Tahu: Yes but it hasn’t

go into detail. What was said was racist slurs about Aboriginal people, Chinese and white Australians, and they’re three parts of my background.

Is Andrew Johns racist?

That is something we will talk about on Monday; I think that is when I’m meeting with him. It really comes down to what he thinks; if he admits it or not. Everyone is talking about it and some people have been saying he’s not racist. Some people seem to think you have to be in the Ku Klux Klan or a Nazi extremist group to be racist, but my view is that if you are being racially vicious in your remarks about other races, that’s racist.

A lot of people from all over Australia have given me positive feedback; people from Victoria, WA, SA and the top of Qld who had never heard of me. I think in Victoria, SA and WA, they’re all really AFL dominated and not everyone knows who I am, but they’ve heard about it on the news.

The feedback I’ve gotten from family and friends and their family and friends from other states makes me feel stronger in my stance and what I am doing for my people. There’s a lot of kids out there who probably can’t handle this sort of thing and aren’t able to fight back because they are risking their job or are risking their reputations in rugby league.

I understand that but, for me, it’s not really the right way. I haven’t had a chance to talk much to my family or friends out west because it has been a rough and stressful couple of weeks. Being called racist slurs is hurtful.

People talk about Joey Johns sitting there depressed and sad and how he might lose his job, but the way I see it is he’s only felt two weeks of the kind of pain that our parents and grandparents have felt since day dot.

Those stories about Joey and how he has been sounding on the radio... I’ve been feeling the same way, I’ve been down in the dumps too but no one has worried about how I’m feeling. We’re meant to be toughened against these things, but you do feel small being called a racist slur.

They’re not just talking about you, they’re talking about your family and your whole race.

What do you say to people who say toughen up?

I think those people are just plain ignorant. Some people say ‘Pick your dummy up, Tahu’ or ‘You’re being a big sook, Tahu’ but that’s just plain ignorance.

These are people who have never been put in that situation and don’t know how it feels. These are names we were called when we were nothing – in the government’s books – when we were graded lower than animals.

When you are called those

● Continued next page

How are you and your family bearing up now?

It has been a tough couple of weeks ever since the incident happened, but it needs to be addressed. It’s still happening today; in 2010 we are still hearing the same things that my mother (an Aboriginal woman from around Wilcannia) was hearing when she was little and my grandparents too.

Was this the first time you’d experienced racism like this in sport, or were Andrew Johns’ comments just the straw that broke the camel’s back?

Racist comments have always been around. When I started playing football in my first grade career, it was there. When I was a young bloke and had no older person around to say ‘cut that out’ or to stand up for me, it was tough. Now that I am older and wiser and can hold my own, I have started to take a stand. I don’t want this kind of thing happening to the younger generation. I don’t want it happening to my kids or any others.

What was actually said?

I don’t want to go into detail because people really do know what was said. It’s out there. That’s the thing, I guess. Everyone is hearing stories but I don’t want to

'It needs to be zero tolerance to racism'

● From previous page

words, they're very hurtful. In our grandparents' day, we had to go to the back of the line and weren't allowed to go into places like swimming pools or cinemas. But, today, we live in a multi-cultural society and there are other races here; probably half of our community came originally from another place.

Australia was brought up on a lie, but a lot of people who have come in more recent times probably don't know this. If it's not taught through the schools, how are we supposed to talk about this stuff? If we don't know about other people's races?

When I went to school, most of the kids studying Aboriginal history were Aboriginal. It wasn't compulsory. Not everyone wants to go into those classes because they don't want to know about this stuff.

Is Rugby League more racist than the AFL?

I don't think there's any more or less racism in Rugby League. It happens in every code and it's going to take a while to get right because people are going to deny there are racists. That's happening now. It's a matter of being aware of it and, hopefully, having harsher penalties like fines and suspensions. Hopefully these sorts of things will be put in place.

Will this damage the game in the long term?

It's not going to damage the game. There's a lot of Indigenous and Polynesian players and that number is probably only going to get bigger. It's just a matter, because we live in a multi-cultural place, that there needs to be cultural awareness and education on other cultures so we know where to draw a line in the sand and so we know what's going too far.

A lot of players don't know what to say to Polynesian or Aboriginal players. I think the kids are coming up with these racist slurs and thinking they are being playful. They don't realise the words are racist. I think they think they are more slang than racist. We need to educate kids about this issue.

Does the spread of American gang culture, communicated in music with language like 'bitch, ho, and nigger' worry you?

I don't think it would happen here with us calling each other 'Abos' and 'Coons'. We don't really talk like that. A lot of kids try and imitate that American stuff and be 'gangsters', but it comes down to parents and how they deal with it. My kids listen to R&B and rap. Fifty Cent is one of my favourites and I'll sometimes have his music cranked up, but I let my kids know that those words are bad and racist words; they're words you just don't say.

Does racism ever put Indigenous players off their game?

Not really on the field but, off the field, I have had altercations over the years. Yes, I have gotten angry and nearly start fights with players in my team from time to time but, that's the thing, I stood up and put them in their place.

A lot of kids don't know how to react... I didn't know at first, but I got sick of it and then I stood up. I walked out of the NSW Camp and it became a big issue, but it was over something important.

A lot of older players have been called that in that past and have been too scared to complain because of their reputations and



Timana Tahu running with the ball during an NRL game earlier this year against the Wests Tigers. AAP Image

their families, but that's not the way I think.

How do you feel about Anthony Mundine's comments calling some Indigenous former players, including some of his rellos, 'coconuts' for not coming out publicly?

We all have issues with people that sit on the fence. A lot of those people Choc is talking about are in high positions in politics or on boards or big jobs. They're the people we look up to.

We think 'Wow, we have our own race in those high positions. Maybe we can go to them and they can help us and lead the way'... but when they don't, it does make me angry.

There are some coconuts out there, and if we can clear them out, it'll be to our benefit because they're really not doing their jobs. I don't expect people to come out if they feel

a bit and start concentrating on football, which is what I am paid to do.

How did your NSW team-mates feel when you left the camp? I read somewhere that some thought you'd put yourself ahead of them.

I think some of the players got put into a tough position at the time, but I got positive feedback from my team-mates. Some people said it was a bit selfish, but I don't think they understood what's been happening between me and Joey in the past ten years.

We weren't best mates, but we were team-mates and I played a lot of my football with him and made a lot of my rep teams with him. I didn't have the closest relationship with him, but I have known him for a while and it was all a big disappointment.

I would have thought he would have changed. That's the thing, it's not something

asking me what I would like them to do to help fix the situation. I wanted harsher penalties and hopefully we can get welfare officers on board in the NRL.

Could that be an unfortunate choice of words, given Aboriginal people's experience with Welfare Boards and the like?

Yeah, maybe we need to call it something else. But it's not just for blackfellas; it's for all cultures. It doesn't matter what race you are, if you're getting racially slurred and it makes you feel uncomfortable you need someone to talk to. I think the fines are supposed to go up to \$50,000 but rarely do. With Paul Gallen (the then Cronulla Sharks captain found to have used the same slur as Johns against St George Illawarra forward Mickey Paea), the fine only went to \$10,000, but it really needs to be zero tolerance to racism – not just for the players but for the coaches – everyone.

What about cultural awareness? Is it time to ramp it up?

People are going to disagree, but it's just a matter of how the NRL looks at it. I am just a footy player. I took this stand but I don't need to get into those issues. I get paid to play football.

Is there any reverse racism in the NRL. Have you ever heard of a white player racially vilified?

There is no problem with that that I am aware of. I've never heard a black player use the same language (as Johns used) about a white player.

What of (Melbourne Storm and Queensland Origin player) Greg Inglis's comment that Andrew Johns shouldn't be involved in NRL at all? I mean, he's one of the people Johns vilified...

That's Greg's opinion. He feels very strongly about that. It's not up to me to decide; it's up to someone in a higher position, the NRL or Channel Nine, if they want to do something about it.

Koori Mail columnist Preston Campbell says this week that he supports you 100 per cent, but hopes that you will be able to move forward. Do you think you will be able to do that?

I think I will be looked at differently by everyone now, but that's the stance I took. I think a lot of people will keep a really close eye on me to see if I do anything stupid and they'll probably try to make me out to be a bad person.

But I'm a family person and I have no problems at all coming back to the community. No one is perfect and I'll probably make mistakes in my life, but it's a matter of how people perceive it.

Is this the hardest thing you have every done?

Yes, it is the hardest thing I have ever done. I feel that I am standing up for a whole race – in fact, Aboriginal people, Polynesians and white Australians too. So, it has been hard. I'm not just doing this for myself; I'm doing it for my family, my kids and my ancestors. It was a hard thing to do but I am happy with it.

What would you say to any Koori Mail readers experiencing racism?

I would say for them to do what they feel they must. It's about the way they have been brought up. If you are strong inside and you're a good person, you don't need to put up with it.



Council backs stance

AUSTRALIAN Rugby League Indigenous Council Chairman William 'Smiley' Johnstone (pictured) has backed Timana Tahu's call for zero tolerance on racism. "We need to do all we can to ensure that

the zero-tolerance message is a reality," he said.

"(Timana) has made an important stand and has received the support of people across the game, but we now need to move forward and develop a

legacy from that stance."

The council is investigating a range of measures (listed on our back page) to target racial abuse and will report back to its parent body with recommendations.

other people are doing the job well... that's fine because at least they're supporting the cause.

But, when people sit on the fence... I mean, we're a struggling race, just two or three per cent of the population and we need to be moving forward. People in those positions in society need to lead the way.

Are you disappointed you won't be playing in Origin 3 on 7 July?

I would have loved to be playing for NSW in Origin 3. I'm very passionate about playing for my side and to miss out on the third game... if I did get selected, it would have been an honour. But I copped a four-game suspension and it's probably a blessing in disguise because I guess I can clear my head

that just came out of the blue. And I had been abused in the past by previous team-mates.

Would you back or play for an all-Indigenous team in the NRL?

I don't think there needs to be an all-Aboriginal team in the NRL. I think just representing the older clubs is enough. We're a multi-cultural country and to have an all-Aboriginal team or all-Polynesian team or all white team would be getting out of hand.

Where you pleased with the outcomes of Thursday's meeting with the Council?

It was a long meeting, but I think what Smiley Johnstone and the Indigenous Council and my team talked about on Thursday, there were some positive outcomes. They were

Gillard welcomed as Prime Minister

By DARREN COYNE



THE peak body for Aboriginal health and others have welcomed Prime Minister Julia Gillard's ascension to the highest political office in Australia.

But there have also been words of respect for Kevin Rudd, who has been remembered for his poignant Apology to the Stolen Generations in February 2008.

On 23 June, after meetings throughout the evening between Ms Gillard and Mr Rudd, the PM announced that his deputy had asked him to resign or hold a leadership ballot.

Mr Rudd initially said he would challenge her in the caucus. However, hours before the vote, he resigned as leader when it became apparent that he did not have enough support.

She thus won the election unopposed.

Great advocate

Chairman of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Justin Mohamed welcomed the change, saying 'we look forward to Julia Gillard being a great Australian Prime Minister and a great advocate for advancing Aboriginal health'.

"Ms Gillard's time in opposition as shadow health minister is well remembered by Aboriginal people involved in health issues, especially in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services she visited," Mr Mohamed said.

"Her willingness to listen to people working on the frontline of Aboriginal primary health care and her appreciation of their valuable work was much appreciated.

"We hope to see Prime Minister Gillard continuing Kevin Rudd's commitment to closing the gap in Aboriginal health, including his annual Closing the Gap report in the first sittings of each year.

Mr Mohamed also had words of praise for the former PM.

"We will remember Kevin Rudd for his moving apology to the Stolen Generations and for his focus within his government and the Council of Australian Governments to closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia," he said.

Another to remember Mr Rudd fondly was Matilda House, the Ngambri Elder who performed the Welcome to Country at the first sitting of the current government.

Ms House issued a statement saying 'sorry' to Mr Rudd.



Matilda House, the Ngambri Elder who performed the Welcome to Country at the first sitting of the current government.



Australia's first female Prime Minister Julia Gillard is flanked by Marion Scrymgour, who was the first Indigenous woman to be elected to the Northern Territory Parliament. (file picture)

Ms House said that she was very moved by the emotion shown by Mr Rudd when he acknowledged in his final speech that he was most proud of the fact 'that it was about here that we greeted the Stolen Generation and our job was to make them welcome and that the apology was unfinished business for our nation'.

"I would personally say sorry to Mr Rudd and the family for the pain and suffering that they had to endure but that is harsh realities of politics," Ms House said.

She also noted the irony that on the day Mr Rudd stepped down, the Leader of the House in the Federal Government moved to ensure an Indigenous Welcome to Country ceremony was held at the opening of future parliaments.

"It was Mr Rudd who in consultation with Indigenous Elders and leaders personally instigated the review of how the opening of

each new parliament was conducted and a majority of Indigenous people have acknowledged his role in honouring the traditional owners of the land, now occupied by Parliament House, as well as the traditional owners of all lands across Australia

'All the best'

"I am sure many Indigenous people across this nation would join with me wishing Mr Rudd and his family all the best for the future," she said.

Meanwhile, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement chief executive Neil Gillespie also welcomed Julia Gillard's ascension.

"This marks a new beginning for Australia. I am confident that compassion and a fair go will be a characteristic of the Gillard Government," he said.

"This is a huge win for women

in Australia and demonstrates that to be Prime Minister you do not have to be a white male of Anglo-Saxon heritage."

"One day we may even see an Aboriginal person leading this wonderful country of ours," Mr Gillespie said.

"Whilst ALRM applauds our new Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, we should not forget as a nation the promises honoured by former PM Rudd such as the national apology to the Stolen Generations and his support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," he said.

"ALRM calls upon Prime Minister Gillard to follow through on the good work of Mr Rudd and introduce a compensation scheme for the Stolen Generations, and assist Aboriginal peoples to seek compensation from the UK Government as victims of the nuclear tests in SA."



Kevin Rudd gives his final speech as Prime Minister, flanked by members of his family.

Concern aplenty as welfare reformed

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government may have won Senate backing for its welfare reforms last week, but it copped an almost universal kicking over them from welfare groups, Aboriginal organisations, rights advocates and the Australian Greens.

The Greens were the only party to oppose the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009, which paves the way for compulsory income management – previously only applicable in Aboriginal communities under the NT Emergency Response (the NT Intervention) – to be extended to welfare recipients nationwide.

The Government says the new legislation also reinstates the *Federal Racial Discrimination Act* in NT Aboriginal communities under the Intervention.

The legislation was passed last Monday, the third anniversary of the Howard Government's announcement that it would take over NT Aboriginal communities in response to the Little Children Are Sacred report on child sexual abuse. Critics of the Intervention have consistently rejected the notion that the controversial strategy – encompassing alcohol and pornography bans, compulsory five-year leases over communities, greater police powers and income management – is about improving women's and children's lives.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin described the passage of the legislation as 'an important achievement', insisting that it delivered on a Labor pre-election commitment to reinstate the RDA.

"The legislation removes what has been a blight on Australia's reputation as the land of a fair go," she said. "We recognise the importance of dignity and pride for Indigenous Australians."

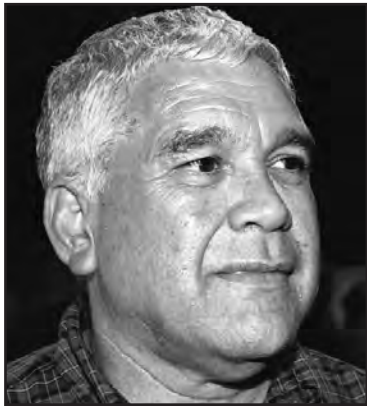
"...The suspension of the RDA left Indigenous people feeling hurt, betrayed and less worthy than other Australians."

"Re-instating the RDA restores dignity and helps Indigenous Australians to take ownership of their lives and to drive change in the NT."

But Ms Macklin's comments were howled down by a variety of critics, who countered that re-classification of some Intervention steps as 'special measures' under the RDA, therefore rendering them immune to challenge, was not the same as ensuring they were non-discriminatory.

The Intervention's alcohol and porn bans, five-year leases, greater police powers, as well as community store licensing are all now deemed 'special measures', with the Government maintaining that they're beneficial to Aboriginal people.

Many of those agitating for full reinstatement of the RDA were also



MICK GOODA



RACHEL SIEWERT

appalled at the welfare reforms, which the Government says introduce 'a new non-discriminatory income management scheme'.

"The reforms aim to increase parental responsibility, fight passive welfare and protect vulnerable people, especially children," Ms Macklin said.

"...Income management is a key tool for protecting vulnerable people, especially children. It ensures that more welfare is spent in the interests of children on life essentials, including food, clothes and housing costs, and less welfare goes to problem behaviours like gambling and alcohol abuse."

20,000 more

Come tomorrow, a further 20,000 NT welfare recipients – most of them Aboriginal – will become subject to income management. They, too, will be issued with BasicsCards to use to buy food, household goods and other 'essential' items. Age and disability support pensioners won't be automatically income managed but can be forced into it if deemed by Centrelink social workers to be neglecting children in their care or 'vulnerable' to humbugging or other pressure.

The Government plans to review the expanded NT scheme in a year before deciding how it should be finessed before expansion to hundreds of thousands of other welfare recipients across the nation.

The Australian Council of Social Services labelled the welfare reforms as unfair and un-Australian. NT Council of Social Services Executive Director Wendy Morton said Territorians were being used as 'government guinea-pigs' for something that had no evidence base.

"The Federal Government needs to stop pushing people around and



NIGEL SCULLION



ALASTAIR NICHOLSON

start to provide them with some real assistance," she said.

Amnesty International's Indigenous Rights Campaigner, Rodney Dillon, was critical of what he said was race-based welfare quarantining – i.e. just in the NT, to continue for another year, as well as the Government offering no redress for discrimination already suffered by Indigenous peoples.

"The evidence being used by the Government to justify not only the continuation of compulsory income quarantining but its expansion across the country is completely inadequate," Mr Dillon said.

Greens Community Services spokesperson Rachel Siewert lamented the passage of the legislation, despite an extensive community campaign against it.

Senator Siewert said most Australians would still be unaware that compulsory income management could now be applied nationally, and the Minister's claims that the measure was 'all about human dignity' was 'nothing short of hypocrisy'.

"A look at the on-the-ground impacts of the policies on Aboriginal people in the NT shows that this is anything but the case," she said.

"There is no dignity in being subject to compulsory income management and having control of your day-to-day finances micro-managed by Centrelink."

Administration of income management will cost taxpayers in the order of \$350-400 million over the next four years. While the Opposition didn't oppose the Government's reforms, Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister and NT Senator Nigel Scullion said afterwards that income management would deliver no benefits and was being expanded purely to satisfy a Labor Party election commitment.

He said the cost of the scheme's



ROD DILLON



JENNY MACKLIN

administration totalled nearly two-thirds of the \$678 million allocated towards remote Indigenous housing under the highly-troubled Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Projects (SIHIP) Program.

"Where are the houses our First Australians were promised?" Senator Scullion said. "Instead of spending \$400 million to satisfy a symbolic promise, the (then) Rudd Government should focus on delivering tangible benefits to Indigenous Territorians by building the houses the Prime Minister claimed were so essential in his apology speech."

The WA Council of Social Services said the cost to administer income management would be about \$4000 a person a year – about eight times the amount provided to employment services to help job-seekers.

Some commentators were slightly more conciliatory than others.

Protections

The Australian Human Rights Commission said the passage of the legislation would end a lot of community uncertainty, misinformation and conflict, but the changes should be seen as only 'the first step' in restoring protections for communities affected by the NT Intervention.

Commissioners Mick Gooda and Graeme Innes said they were still concerned that compulsory five-year leases were excluded from protection under the RDA, and that income management could still impact disproportionately on Aboriginal people.

They said the Government must properly inform affected communities about the changes and ensure full reinstatement of the RDA.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) said the legislation offered some improved protection against racial discrimination in the NT, but didn't go far enough.

The Northern and Central Land Councils, the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT issued a joint statement saying the Government had failed to deliver on its promise to fully reinstate the RDA, and calling upon it to rectify the situation.

They said the RDA must apply to all NT Intervention measures, including compulsory five-year leases, additional powers for the Australian Crime Commission, and public access to Aboriginal land.

"We are also disappointed that many concerns raised by communities during the Government's consultation process have not resulted in positive, evidence-based improvements to the NTER," they said.

They said the millions of dollars earmarked to expand income management should be used instead to provide welfare recipients with opportunities and resources, instead of 'undermining their ability to exercise responsibility and sustaining dependence'.

Meanwhile, a group of concerned Australians, including former Family Court Chief Justice Alastair Nicholson, said the Intervention special measures could still be subject to legal challenge. It said the Government had broken a promise and legislation that had been racially discriminatory had now become class discriminatory.

In the week leading up to the passage of the legislation, Minister Macklin and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon released the Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory Monitoring Report.

The report showed that, according to police data, child abuse and neglect reports had more than doubled to 275 in 2009, with three-quarters of the increase in 18 communities which had no police presence before the Intervention.

The report also revealed a 75 per cent increase in the number of domestic violence incidents recorded by police in Intervention communities from 2007 to 2009. Convictions for assault across the NTER communities were also up by 28 per cent. "Greater numbers of police in remote communities means that people are more likely to report crimes," Ms Macklin and Mr Snowdon said.

The Government also said that more than half of its Government Business Managers in Aboriginal communities thought income management was growing in popularity, with women with children most inclined to support it.

However, other reports indicate that school attendance levels have not improved in Intervention communities, the sale of junk food and sugary soft drinks may have increased, and people under income management are feeling severely demoralised.

Rally blasts Intervention

By NEELIMA CHOHAN in Melbourne



FOR Jenna Tipuamantumirri, even Melbourne wasn't far enough away to escape the Northern Territory Intervention. The single mother of three and full-time student broke down in tears while speaking publicly for the first time about her experience on income quarantining management.

The 25-year-old was amongst a dozen or so speakers at the picketing of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Melbourne offices on 18 June held to mark the third anniversary, several days later, of the Intervention.

Ms Tipuamantumirri, who two-and-a-half years ago moved to Melbourne from the Tiwi Islands, spoke of her shame at being lumped with gift vouchers as part of her single parent payment in Victoria.

"I was living in Melbourne for a year and I noticed that half of my payment had gone from my account," Ms Tipuamantumirri said.

"I immediately called Centrelink and they told me 'because you are from the Northern Territory we have to take half your payment'."

'Right way'

Ms Tipuamantumirri, who doesn't smoke and rarely drinks, said a Centrelink worker told her the quarantining was to help her spend the money 'the right way'.

It took five months of taking her three young children, including a toddler, on the bus for weekly visits to the local Centrelink office before the young mother's benefits were fully restored. However, Ms Tipuamantumirri has received a new Centrelink notification threatening to review her case early next year.

Organised by the Melbourne Anti-Intervention Forum, the FaHCSIA picket lasted for nearly two hours and saw about 80 people march, chant anti-government slogans and burn a mock-up of the BasicsCard.



Adam Brandt, the Australian Greens' candidate for the Federal seat of Melbourne, speaking at the picket of FaHCSIA's Melbourne offices.

Activist Robbie Thorpe also spoke and told picketers the BasicsCards reminded him of 'dog tags' that the Aboriginal people were forced to endure until the 1950s.

"What's going on in the Northern Territory is part of what went on in 1770 – the premeditation of the genocide of the first people of this country," Mr Thorpe said.

"The Intervention is a crime against humanity."

The demonstration came three days before the Senate passed the welfare reforms legislation enabling the Federal Government to extend income quarantining nationwide and, in part, reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act* in the NT. The new

legislation was supported by all but the Australian Greens.

Asking people to vote for his party in the upcoming Federal election, Melbourne Greens candidate Adam Brandt said he hoped to celebrate the demise of the Intervention next year. However, he refused to be drawn on whether the Greens would withhold preferences to the Australian Labor Party over the issue.

Preferences

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert told *The Koori Mail* afterwards that preferences were ultimately an individual's choice.

"I am equally despairing of both major parties, because they combined to support

this disastrous legislation through the Senate," Senator Siewert said.

"For us the most important issue is that Australians vote 1 Green, and after that they should direct preferences as they choose."

Meanwhile, adding further fuel to the fire, Melbourne Anti-Intervention forum activist and picket MC Joe Lorback was head-butted by a man who said 'his day was ruined by the protest'. The man ran away but was chased by police on bicycles.

A Victorian Police spokesman said the 26-year-old was interviewed at the scene for unlawful assault and would be charged upon summons once all evidence was collated.



Single mum and full-time student Jenna Tipuamantumirri wept as she recounted her experiences in finding herself on the welfare quarantining management while living in Melbourne.

Men's forum call for race law protection



A NATIONAL men's leadership forum has called on the Federal Parliament to fully reinstate race protection

laws in Aboriginal communities affected by the NT Intervention.

The group, comprising about 140 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men of different backgrounds, ages and from communities across the nation, sent a strongly worded open letter to the Parliament last week, after the passage in the Senate of the Government's welfare reform legislation.

The Government argues that the legislation reinstates the *Federal Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, but the latter won't apply to Intervention measures reclassified as 'special measures'.

The open letter expressed frustration and concern over ongoing suspension of the RDA



Participants in the national men's leadership forum, held in Cairns.

and the *NT Anti-Discrimination Act 1992* as they applied to the Intervention.

"We believe that the suspension of Acts is both demeaning and unjustified," the

letter read. "Furthermore, we see it as an attack on our basic human rights as Indigenous

Peoples and further erodes the rights of every citizen in the NT who is subject to the suspension – both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

"We believe there is no excuse for the suspension of these Acts under any circumstances. It is an insult to every Australian citizen and leaves us all vulnerable to the excesses of government – excesses which these laws are aimed to prevent.

"When these measures are taken without negotiation or prior consent of the communities who are affected by them, it stains the fabric of our society and goes against the very principles of democracy and the rule of law."

The letter said the suspension of race laws contravened Australia's international obligations, and called on all Australians to support the protection of Indigenous people's human rights.

ALRM's victimisation suggestion rejected

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE office of Attorney-General Robert McClelland has rejected a suggestion the Federal Government has denied an Aboriginal legal service its fair share of funding as punishment for speaking out against it.

Under the May 2010 Federal Budget, Mr McClelland announced an extra \$154 million over four years for legal assistance programs, including \$34.9 million to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS).

He said the funds were an investment in improving access to justice in the community, especially amongst disadvantaged Australians. The money would help ATSILS to meet 'the rising demand for Indigenous legal aid services', he said.

But Chief Executive Officer of Adelaide's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) Neil Gillespie said on Friday that the breakdown of the extra \$7.9 million for ATSILS in 2010-11 seriously disadvantaged South Australia.

SA has been allocated a 3.13 per cent increase (a variation of just \$118,494) compared to, at the other end of the spectrum, Northern Territory (NT) South, which will get an 85.7 per cent increase (a variation of \$1.7 million). The remaining ATSILS received varying increases, including around ten per cent for NSW including the ACT, and Victoria, and Western Australia, 27 per cent for NT North and six per cent for Tasmania. Queensland's increase was about 14 per cent.

Mr Gillespie told *The Koori Mail* he'd expected ALRM's extra entitlement under the Government's funding allocation model to be around \$800,000 (or about 23 per cent of the total), so either the funding allocation model was deeply flawed – seriously disadvantaging people living in urban areas such as Adelaide compared to those living in remote and rural areas – or something more sinister was afoot.

"I'm suggesting that ALRM is being victimised because of our strong stance on the continuing denial of access to justice for Aboriginal people, and for our formal complaint to the United Nations (about that



NEIL GILLESPIE

denial) under the CERD convention," he said. "This is an unpalatable turn of events by a Government that appears to be victimising an organisation that exists to pursue and advocate for the rights of Aboriginal people."

Last October, ALRM asked the UN to investigate 'racist policy and practice' by the Australian and state governments in starving ATSILS, including ALRM, of funds.

Backed by other ATSILS, it has insisted that funding for Aboriginal legal aid has been static for more than a decade (effectively a 40 per cent drop in real terms) while mainstream legal aid funding had increased by 120 per cent.

Incarceration

Mr Gillespie said there was no doubt that ever-increasing incarceration rates in SA – up to about 30 per cent compared to about 20 per cent a decade ago – were directly linked to the underfunding of the legal services.

He said he would now write to the Attorney General seeking an independent review of the Government's funding allocation model.

However, a spokesman for Mr McClelland insisted that the allocation of additional, ongoing funding to ATSILS in 2010-11 was part of 'a transparent and objective process'.

He said the Government had used a



ROBERT McCLELLAND

revised funding allocation model that distributed available funding according to the size of the Indigenous population in each area, adjusted for a number of weighted factors which consider the demand for services and the cost of their delivery.

"The general effect of the model is to allocate more funding to regions where demand for legal services and the costs of delivering those services is likely to be higher," the spokesman said.

"The allocation of funding to ALRM has been based on this transparent and objective process and has in no way been influenced by their advocacy to the United Nations."

Mr Gillespie said that ATSILS would discuss the funding allocation model this week.

"It disappoints me that I'm having to express concern about this allocation of funds – especially given that, if there was a reallocation of funds, those funds would no doubt be taken away from other ATSILS," he said. "I would feel very bad about that but what choice do I have?"

Mr Gillespie called on new Prime Minister Julia Gillard to review and overhaul funding to ATSILS 'so some sanity comes back into the allocation of Aboriginal legal aid and improvements in accessing justice for Aboriginal peoples'.

Qld CMC suspends two staff



QUEENSLAND'S Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) has suspended two staff over questions asked of young

children as part of a sexual abuse study at an Aboriginal community in Queensland.

The CMC confirmed last Monday that two officers were released from their duties on full pay pending the completion of an investigation by the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee (PCMC) into the research project at Cherbourg, an Aboriginal community north-west of Brisbane.

A statement from the CMC said that due to legal restrictions it could not comment on details that relate specifically to the project and the subsequent investigation.

The CMC said it had reported its concerns to the PCMC in early February.




"As a consequence, an independent investigator was appointed and that person is being supervised by the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner," the statement said.

"The CMC has suspended the research project and two of the officers involved have been released from their duties on full pay pending the outcome of the investigation."

"Pending the results of the investigation, it will be open to the PCMC to make a decision about a disciplinary process."

The matter was also referred to the Queensland Police Service, but a spokesperson said no action would be taken.

All research projects are now being monitored by a new, high-level oversight committee within the organisation, the CMC added. –AAP

Nation Building Program

Upgrading the Pacific Highway Kempsey bypass

Proposed design refinements

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is forming an alliance with Leighton Contractors, AECOM and Coffey Geotechnics to design the Kempsey bypass.

The 14.5 kilometre Kempsey bypass involves building a four-lane divided highway that bypasses Kempsey and Frederickton.

The alliance is investigating a number of possible design refinements to the approved concept design.

Community input is being sought to enable the alliance to prepare the detailed design for construction.

The design refinements will be on display for comment until **Friday 23 July 2010**.

For further information and staffed display locations, phone the project or visit the project website (see contact information below)

Project information line 1800 306 004 (toll free) or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific or email enquiries@kba.incite.com

Call to rally at Alice Springs



ORGANISERS of an anti-NT Emergency Response (NT Intervention) gathering in Alice Springs next week are calling on unions, human rights organisations, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people everywhere to attend.

The main purpose of what has been dubbed 'the Alice Springs Convergence' will be to call on the Federal Government and Opposition parties to abandon the NT Intervention and to immediately reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA) with no conditions. However, it will also highlight other issues of concern to Aboriginal people, such as deaths in custody and employment.

One of those behind the gathering is Richard Downs, who led his Alyawarr people off their central Australian community of Ampilatwatja a year ago

after it was 'prescribed' under the Intervention and, they said, completely neglected by the Government.

"It's time to let the world know what Australia is doing to the oldest living culture on Earth," Mr Downs said, in the days before the Senate passed a Government bill to enable income management – a key plank of the Intervention – to be extended Australia-wide. The Government says the new legislation reinstates the *Racial Discrimination Act* under the Intervention, but there's been almost universal rejection of that claim (see separate story on page 8).

Mr Downs said next week's gathering had echoes of the famous 1965 Freedom Ride, with eastern states students planning to travel to Alice Springs by bus, passing through various Aboriginal communities on the way. Jimmy Wave Hill, one of the

stockmen who took part in the historic Gurindji Walk-off from Wave Hill Station a year later in 1966, is expected to travel from Darwin to attend next week and join the call to end the Intervention.

"We believe these (Intervention) measures by the Government have caused immeasurable suffering and hardship to Indigenous peoples in the affected areas and have, in fact, proven to be counter productive," Mr Downs said. "Furthermore, these measures impinge on the human rights of Indigenous people and disregard the principles of social justice."

"We welcome all our brothers and sisters to Alice Springs. Together we will send a strong message to the Government that these unjust measures must end immediately."

For information on next week's gathering, contact Richard Downs on (0428) 611 169

APRA honour for Jimmy Little

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ICONIC singer Jimmy Little believes music is the universal language of love. And as a self-confessed 'incurable romantic', Little still believes in the old-world glamour and charm of days gone by.

He is, in a sense, the quintessential gentleman. And after more than 50 years in the industry and countless accolades and awards, he has taken out yet another top honour for the Australian music industry.

Last week, Little received the Ted Albert Award for Outstanding Services to Australian Music at the annual APRA awards. He was, he confessed, a little surprised but humbled nonetheless.

"I always felt drawn to this career and almost everything I've thought about doing in the industry has come true. I didn't start out to be a role model, I just wanted to make my family proud and achieve things with my life," he said.

And a long list of achievements they have been. Among the biggest, according to the man himself, were his performances for the late Queen Mother and Pope John Paul II. Then there were his roles in films like *To the End of the World* and his honorary doctorates that have made him, he laughs, into Dr Little.



Jimmy Little, pictured with children from Ramingining in Arnhem Land.

But, as decorated as he has become, he still attributes his most important role in life to being a good father, uncle and grandfather.

And to that end, he believes the most important thing has been to remain true to himself.

While recent health concerns may have temporarily slowed him down, there is just

no stopping the entertainer.

"I am an eight-day a week man, and I want to help people," he said.

"Life is full of opportunities, but you have to do the right thing. I meet people with a handshake and a smile, and if they don't respond that's their loss."

Having lived what he would describe as a blessed life, Little has been, for some

time, giving back to the community that has supported him through his long career.

He now spends much of his days singing to the sick in hospitals, in nursing homes and prisons and promoting his messages of health and well-being to communities across the country.

And he shows no signs of slowing down yet.

"I'm just a forever entertainer.

Sometimes a life time itself isn't enough to do everything you've got to do," he said.

"Someone asked me recently, 'When do you think you'll retire Jim?' and I said I think probably 50 years after I'm gone."

Four key things he believes sum up his approach to life and all its people – trust, honesty, sincerity and belief – but there are two other equally important factors that have played their part.

"There is another power that is called destiny – and Lady Luck, they are the two beauties," he said.

"Life is full of opportunities but you have to pay your dues and do the right thing. You've got to be a gentlemen, kindness has a way of getting through steel walls.

"I sometimes feel like I've been over-rewarded. If my achievement can help to further the life of someone else, then I'm happy.

"Happiness is something that comes to you secretly without realising it."

Showdown over Kimberley gas

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



ALL eyes will be on the Federal Court in Perth on 15 July as the next step in the decision-making process of whether the proposed industrial gas complex at James Price Point, north of Broome, will go ahead.

The gas development proposal was thrown into chaos in early April when native title claimants over the site, the Jabirr Jabirr and Goolarabooloo peoples, decided to split, with the Jabirr Jabirr planning to lodge their own claim.

WA Premier Colin Barnett threatened to secure the land at the site by compulsory acquisition by 30 June if no agreement had been reached over the gas hub proposal between the traditional owners, the WA Government and energy giant Woodside, the proposed principal tenant.

But there can be no agreement until the Federal Court rules on a matter between Goolarabooloo law man Joseph Roe and the Kimberley Land Council over Mr Roe's claim that he is the rightful speaker for Walmadany (James Price Point).

The KLC has lodged an objection with the court and, even if the Federal Court rules in Mr Roe's favour on 15 July, the issue of traditional ownership of Walmadany will have to await the outcome of the Jabirr Jabirr native title application.

Mr Roe has stated publicly many times that he is against any gas hub proposal because it would destroy Indigenous culture, including songlines, no matter whether it was at James Price Point or other parts of the Kimberley coast.

Doubts have also come up with others in the Broome Aboriginal community, including Yawuru leader Peter Yu, speaking about the Yawuru agreement during a speech at the Broome campus of Notre Dame University on 16 June.



Jabirr Jabirr traditional owner Neilo McKenzie.

Delivering the annual Barrgana Lecture, Mr Yu spoke about the inevitability of heavy industrial development in Broome because of the global attention by mining and oil companies on Kimberley resources, especially the huge gas reserves off the coast.

"In the Pilbara, Aboriginal people have fared very badly," Mr Yu said. "We don't want to repeat that experience in Broome."

"In a place like Roebourne, you have to ask yourself why the despair and disadvantage continues for the local population amidst one of the wealthiest regions in the world, and why 20kms down the road you have a prison full of black faces."

Save the Kimberley Co-chairman and Jabirr Jabirr traditional owner Neilo McKenzie insists that Kimberley Aboriginal groups will unite against any attempt at compulsory acquisition.

Mr McKenzie said the BP oil spill disaster

in the Gulf of Mexico was a warning to those rushing to bring onshore gas processing to the Kimberley coast, and accused the Premier of giving monetary support to the pro-gas lobby and ignoring those opposed to it.

"He does not need to do this, the Premier has ignored the alternatives that Kimberley Aborigines all want to discuss," Mr McKenzie said.

"There is another way to get gas royalties for all Australians without wrecking one of the last great wilderness areas left on the planet like the Kimberley region, let alone threatening Indigenous culture by taking away our land for industrial precincts.

"The Premier appears to have no appreciation for the region and the irreversible environmental damage industrial activity could cause to our home where we practise our culture.

"He prefers instead to bully us all into deadlines to say yes to his plans by convincing us we might miss out on benefits for our people if we said no."

The split between the Jabirr Jabirr and Goolarabooloo has also put pressure on the KLC, which led negotiations over the gas hub with the WA Government and Woodside.

There are questions over whether the KLC properly represented traditional owners in those negotiations, or whether its Executive went into the negotiations with an outcome in mind.

KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergman has stated that he felt under enormous pressure from the WA Government and Woodside to reach an agreement to allow the gas hub to go ahead, and also articulated the mixed feelings of the claimants on the cultural compromise for the agreement.

Despite the deadlines set by the Government and the coming hearings in the Federal Court, there seems little prospect for the go-ahead on the gas hub agreement in the immediate to medium future.

NITV unfazed by council legal threat



NATIONAL Indigenous Television (NITV) has shrugged off the threat of legal action by the Kimberley Land Council over a documentary about

the Kimberley gas hub.

Aboriginal journalist Julie Nimmo's film *Divided by Gas*, screened earlier this month on Foxtel, NITV and Broome-based Goolari TV, prompting KLC lawyers to demand its withdrawal because of allegedly defamatory statements made by former Federal Court judge Murray Wilcox.

The film, which was re-screened by NITV last week, also includes interviews with KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann, Woodside boss Don Voelte, WA Premier Colin Barnett and native title claimant Joseph Roe, who opposes the gas proposal on cultural and environmental concerns.

NITV Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner last week strongly backed Julie Nimmo, a Walkley Award-winning journalist who presents and produces NITV's *Momentum* program. Ms Turner said NITV produced unbiased news and current affairs 'without fear or favour'.

She said the KLC's position was clearly presented throughout the program and she believed that no liability to the KLC arose from the program.

"It shows the different opinions about the whole process surrounding the gas project," Ms Turner said.

The program features two groups of traditional owners advocating for their respective positions, one being critical of the KLC, the other fully supporting it.

"The KLC's conduct is endorsed by both the Government and Woodside in the program," she said.

"At NITV, we consider any criticism of the gas negotiation to be within the bounds of ordinary public debate on a matter of major importance to the region and the Indigenous community."

Qld Police blasted over



MARTIN MOYNIHAN



GRACELYN SMALLWOOD



LES MALEZER



SAM WATSON

Top cop ordered to take action

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) has slammed the integrity of the Queensland Police Service, but fallen

short of recommending criminal charges for the six police officers involved in investigations into Mulrunji Doomadgee's death in the Palm Island watch house in 2004.

In the CMC's report on those investigations, handed to State Parliament on 17 June, the corruption watchdog's Chairman, retired judge Martin Moynihan, directed Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson to report back within 14 days on what action he intends to take against the officers involved.

At a broader level, however, Mr Moynihan acknowledged that a systemic problem within the Queensland Police Service (QPS) had allowed the investigations to become tainted, and therefore seriously flawed.

"Without integrity the police service is lost," he said. "We are entitled to expect that police officers will be supervised and brought to account if they don't act in accordance with the service's high standards when dealing with all Queenslanders.

"Public trust is based on the integrity of the police service and relies on its members acting impartially."

Mr Moynihan said that all Queenslanders should expect to have confidence in the police service, whether they were from Brisbane or Palm Island.

"Neither the original police

investigation into the death in custody of Mulrunji on Palm Island nor the QPS review team acted professionally," he continued. "This lack of professionalism and substandard actions of those officers impacted badly on Palm Island's tragic history and its people."

Mr Moynihan said that if the officers investigating Mulrunji's death had complied with QPS standards and policies, the history of the events could have been very different.

"We would not be here now if the QPS review of the original investigation had adhered to high ethical standards, their failings compounded the failings of the original investigation," he found.

Many Aboriginal leaders were swift in condemning Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson over his handling of the affair, saying justice would be served only when criminal charges were laid and fundamental changes made to the culture of the QPS.

Activist Gracelyn Smallwood, who was in Brisbane for the handing down of the CMC report, said she was disappointed but not surprised that criminal charges weren't recommended.

"We're still calling for criminal charges," she said. "The Queensland police have been fabricating evidence for six years, the top person has to be made accountable for their staff.

"It's crystal clear... if the Queensland Police and the Government have any credibility

whatsoever, the disciplinary action must be very serious. The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) had 339 recommendations and if Government was serious about reconciliation we would not be standing here today in total frustration of yet another whitewash."

Ms Smallwood said that while she believed Queensland policing and its attitude toward Indigenous communities had gone backward since the Tony Fitzgerald inquiry, there was still some hope that justice could be served.

'Neither the original police investigation into the death in custody of Mulrunji on Palm Island nor the QPS review team acted professionally ... This lack of professionalism and substandard actions of those officers impacted badly on Palm Island's tragic history and its people.' – CMC head Martin Moynihan

"We need another Tony Fitzgerald to come in and investigate the Qld Police, again," she said. "We're waiting on Bob Atkinson, the Commissioner, to do this disciplinary action and hopefully there will be criminal charges laid.

"If that was a white man killed in custody we believe as black Australians that would have been a very different story, and until they start treating us as human beings, we're not going to get any justice."

Rights campaigner Sam Watson also rallied at Parliament House and, along with Ms Smallwood and Les Malezer, met with Mr Moynihan in a private

meeting to discuss their concerns.

"Mr Moynihan understood our concerns, we expressed concern that there is no opportunity for closure for the families that have been traumatised," he said afterwards.

Mr Watson said the trio was able to clarify an important point; that the CMC had some of the powers of a royal commission. That is, while it could not find someone guilty, it could formulate an opinion as to what had happened.

"Mr Moynihan committed to look at appropriate ways to engage with

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives, to involve in discussions," Mr Watson said. "He showed he had an understanding of where we're coming from and our concerns and also showed a willingness to try to look for solutions."

Mr Watson

expressed disappointment that criminal charges were not recommended, but said he still had hope that with political pressure from Aboriginal groups and the CMC's recommendations, some level of justice would be achieved.

Mr Watson said he had relayed to Mr Moynihan the imperative that all deaths in custody had an independent agency to take charge of investigations.

"Too often, it's the cops that have control of the operations, that's one of the main problems," he said.

"Our men and women are being murdered, brutalised and terrorised in police custody, and until those

cops face justice, are convicted and go to jail then we will not rest.

"The people of Queensland and the family of Mulrunji, the community of Palm Island can no longer have any confidence in the QPS, the Police Commissioner and the Queensland Police Union.

"Aboriginal people don't have a voice in this Parliament and the only way we can move forward is take it back to the streets."

Fellow rights campaigner Les Malezer said the CMC report had its limitations, and failed inherently to address the concerns Aboriginal people had about the administration of justice in this country.

"It doesn't address the actions of (Mulrunji's arresting officer, Snr Sergeant) Hurley, and it doesn't address whether police officers should be charged for their part in the killings. Nor does it put this in the context of continuing Aboriginal deaths in custody," he said.

Mr Malezer said nothing had changed since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 20 years ago. He called for Commissioner Atkinson's sacking, and for others, including the police union, to be held accountable.

"The police union has interfered as much as possible with the administration of justice in this state," he railed.

"They have a responsibility not to control the administrations of justice, not to protect police officers from being charged or investigated, to support the efforts of police in bringing in a different style of policing in this state," he said.

● Continued facing page

Mulrunji investigation

Sack the lot of them – sisters

CMC finds police probe was flawed

● From facing page



TWO sisters of Mulrunji Doomadgee, the man who died in the Palm Island watch house in November 2004,

say the six police officers involved in two investigations surrounding their brother's death should be sacked.

The *Koori Mail* visited Palm Island on Monday last week and spoke to one of Mulrunji's sisters, Valmai Aplin, who said the family were united in that view, following the release of the CMC report.

"We feel justice can only be done if they are sacked and the Police Commissioner (Bob Atkinson) should be as well. Our family is happy that something has been done with these findings and we will be counting the 14 days," she said. Ms Aplin said she was not surprised to hear that two of the officers, Det Snr Sgt Joe Kitching and Det Sgt Darren Robinson, had sought a court injunction on 18 June to stave off disciplinary action.

"I would have expected that



ERYKAH KYLE

and am not surprised," Ms Aplin said.

The *Koori Mail* also spoke by phone to another sister, Jane Doomadgee, who lives at Burketown.

"I reckon they should be sacked (but) don't think any disciplinary action will be taken – it will never happen," Ms Doomadgee said.

Former Palm Island Mayor Erykah Kyle said she was angry and devastated that no criminal charges would be laid.

"Christine Clements (who



VINCE THIMBLE

conducted the second inquest into Mulrunji's death) got it right with her findings... the force by Hurley was terrible and caused horrific injuries to Mulrunji," Ms Kyle said. "I won't be holding my breath for action despite the CMC report. I don't believe in justice anymore."

Palm Islanders Vince Thimble and Alf Clay Senior said the police investigation had been a cover up from day one.

"The police investigation was done to discredit witnesses and protect Hurley. The police



VALMAI APLIN

should be charged and dismissed," Mr Clay said.

Mr Thimble said that if a proper police investigation had been carried out after the death, the subsequent riot and burning of the police station would never have happened.

"It was police investigating their mate and our brother was killed. Then after, the riot police handcuffed our brothers on Palm Island and placed guns at the back of their heads. They should be sacked and charged."

"The police union has to be told to get back where it belongs and to stay out of state politics and to stay out of the administration of justice."

The veteran campaigner said there was a clear message contained in the report: That the culture of the QPS must change.

"We demand to have the same right to fair, impartial practices in the administration of justice," he said. "And when there's a killing, there has to be procedures carried out as if it was a white person and a white family."

While Mr Moynihan was not willing to comment publicly on the racism debate surrounding the QPS, he did share some insights into the events that played out when the initial investigating team arrived on Palm Island.

"I think it's remarkable that when the (police) team went to investigate in the first instance they took up with their own and didn't meet with the leaders of the community, so you can draw your own conclusions about that," he said.

"The pattern that I find most disturbing is the pattern of denial; that if we keep this close, it will go away, we don't face it up."

Mr Moynihan said the culture of the police in Queensland was 'corrosive', and if left unchecked would lead to adverse consequences.

"QPS has come a long way from those dark days (prior to the Fitzgerald inquiry), and there have been significant reforms, but decisive leadership action by the police commissioner and all senior members must be taken now," he said.

"This should never happen again."

The 14-day period for the Commissioner to respond to the CMC report will expire tomorrow.



"I don't know if I would have been a starter at Country Energy if it wasn't for the program. Now I'm one of only six blokes in our centre who do what I do. I'm proud of where I'm at... and being the first in the family to buy a house."

Nathan Cubby, Live Lineworker, Dubbo

Country Energy's Indigenous Employment and Development program is just one way we're working to provide diverse opportunities for long-term employment and career development in local communities throughout country NSW. Find out more at www.countryenergy.com.au

countryenergy

We live here too.



Tommy Ryan, a student at James Busby High School, played the didgeridoo.



From left, *Show Me The Way* secretary/treasurer Eloise Schnierer, NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney and SMTW co-founders Lola Forester and Chris Maguire.

Showing the way

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS students now have a social networking and mentoring site to help guide them through the challenges of their education.

Called *Show Me The Way*, the site was launched at NSW Parliament House last Wednesday by NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney.

After a Welcome to Country by Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor, student Tommy Ryan played the didgeridoo for the gathering of guests.

They heard the website was an online mentoring and social networking site that encouraged students to identify their strengths

and make positive choices about their future careers.

It uses case studies of successful Indigenous people such as Ms Burney, award-winning designer Alison Page and Indigenous composer David Page, as well as 'a plumber, recruitment officer and team leader'.

Ms Burney spoke of the importance of education to Aboriginal people.

"It is the cornerstone of social justice. Education and training open opportunities and empower people to achieve goals no matter their background," she said.

"They equip people with skills, develop their potential and increase self-confidence and motivation."

The Minister said that although there had been improvements in

the number of Aboriginal teachers in NSW, and the number of Aboriginal people achieving university and TAFE qualifications, more needed to be done.

"That's why the mentoring work of *Show Me The Way* has such a vital role to play," Ms Burney said.

"I am especially pleased that it is a community-embedded program and that it will use technology and distance learning to reach remote communities.

Benefit

"The young people who benefit from *Show Me The Way* will be those who shape the future of our country.

"To understand and appreciate the importance of education is to understand what it means if you don't get the chance to have a full

and comprehensive education – particularly for Aboriginal people.

"That's why it is vitally important for our young Aboriginal people to pursue education to the greatest extent possible, and *Show Me The Way* is a great new initiative to make this happen."

Co-founder Lola Forester said the website encouraged Indigenous students to embrace technology, complete high school and progress to tertiary education.

"It is a disturbing statistic that only 43 per cent of Indigenous people complete high school," she said.

"*Show Me The Way* will support Indigenous students and fill the gap where other socio-economic factors may interrupt

their learning pattern."

The site features blogs, webcams and online forums, and will be trialled in three NSW schools next month.

Associate Professor Peter Howard, from the Australian Catholic University, has been an adviser on the development of the website curriculum.

"*Show Me The Way* allows Aboriginal students the opportunity to own what they learn by being able to film and post their own career videos to the website," he said.

The program offers active participation and engagement, which promises significant advantages for the Indigenous students.

To check out the website go to www.showmetheway.org.au



Community Services Minister Linda Burney receives flowers from Tess Herden, of Tamworth.



Dharug/Yuin woman Rhonda Dixon-Grovenor gives the welcome to country.

Greens urge action on cheap grog



THE Senate has passed an Australian Greens motion calling on Health Minister Nicola Roxon to explore

ways to ensure that cheap alcohol is sold responsibly in Alice Springs.

Greens spokesperson for Health and Aboriginal Issues Rachel Siewert said Friday's motion was triggered by concerns that wine was being sold for \$4 a bottle.

"Price regulation is one of the most effective ways to reduce the

health and social impacts of alcohol, there needs to be a minimum price on alcohol," Senator Rachel Siewert said.

"The effects of binge drinking can be felt throughout the community, with the innocent victims frequently being families and children of problem drinkers. The sale of alcohol at this price is irresponsible and dangerous and rightly has met strong opposition from community groups."

Senator Siewert said the motion called on the Health Minister to

convene a meeting of the large supermarket chains and public health authorities to discuss responsible alcohol sales and promotions.

Critical step

"I ask the Minister to convene such a meeting immediately," she said. "By passing this motion, the Senate has made a clear statement that responsible regulation of alcohol sales is a critical step in improving our nation's long-term health."

The *Little Children are Sacred* report identified alcohol abuse as the 'gravest and fastest-growing threat to the safety of Aboriginal children'.

It has been claimed that alcohol bans in communities prescribed under the NT Emergency Response, especially around Central Australia, have encouraged an influx of drinkers into Alice Springs. Much, if not most, of the trauma injuries treated by the Alice Springs Hospital are reportedly alcohol-related.



RACHEL SIEWERT

Justice is the top priority for delegates

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government must address the 'appalling' over-representation of Indigenous Australians in Juvenile Justice centres and adult prisons. That was the primary recommendation, among a list of others, to emerge from the inaugural National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference, held in Adelaide.

Delegates to the conference agreed that the Government would be better off putting money into justice reinvestment programs, as outlined by National Coordinator for Tackling Indigenous Smoking Tom Calma during his keynote address.

Dr Calma argued it made better economic and social sense to invest funds into communities to prevent problems, rather than spending more money on simply locking people away.

Delegates also called on the Government to ensure that 'all current preventative health and chronic disease agendas include a substantial focus, as well as specific funding, for addressing substance use and blood-borne virus issues within Indigenous communities'.

Organised by the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee, the conference brought together about 500 delegates from across Australia. It included keynote speeches from people such as World Vision head Rev Tim Costello, Clontarf Foundation CEO Gerard Neesham and Professor Cindy Shannon, who is director of the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health at the University of Queensland.

As well, delegates took part in more intimate workshops throughout the three-day conference, at which presenters detailed the type of work and programs they were using to tackle

alcohol and drug use in their communities.

NIDAC Chairman Associate Professor Ted Wilkes said the conference had proven a huge success.

Assoc Prof Wilkes told *The Koori Mail* that NIDAC aimed to hold the conference every two years until significant progress had been made in tackling drug and alcohol issues among Indigenous Australians.

"It is clear current initiatives simply

Delegates also called for greater resources to increase the level of trained Indigenous drug and alcohol workers in the substance abuse sector, and more funding for community controlled health groups.

Professor Dennis Gray, the Deputy Director of the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University of Technology, outlined a study showing there had been a reduction in funding to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations in recent years.

He said it was imperative that Aboriginal communities had control over programs or they would not be successful.

World Vision Chairman Rev Tim Costello spoke about the need to address structural impediments to improving the lot of Indigenous people.

"Addictive behaviours, including tobacco, alcohol, drugs and the growth of gambling, obesity, diabetes and other health problems all involve degrees of personal responsibility," he told delegates.

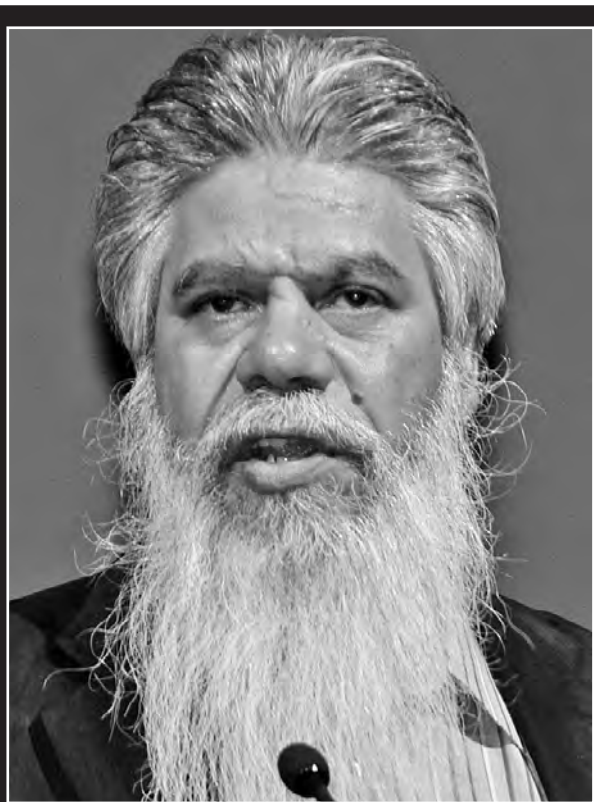
"But we all know that when the human spirit is weakened it is easy to succumb to unhealthy addictions to make poor lifestyle choices, and development projects are needed that strengthen the human spirit so people are more resilient.

"We need to encourage and challenge people's behaviour here, but mark my words, the international experience is that unless you are able to reach a shared understanding with

people of what well-being means, the development pathways that can be taken to get there, you have no hope of achieving anything."

For more information about the National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee, and the conference, go to www.nidac.org.au

● **More on the conference – pages 50-51**



NIDAC Chairman Associate Professor Ted Wilkes.

aren't enough," he said.

"It is widely known that there is a strong link between harmful alcohol and drug use, offending rates and poor health."

Assoc Prof Wilkes said NIDAC urged governments to look at other ways, such as the recommendations to emerge from the conference, to reduce offending and poor health outcomes.

Opal petrol is working – Ministers



OPAL fuel is reducing the incidence of petrol sniffing in some Indigenous communities by up to 70 per cent, with the non-sniffable fuel now available in 106 communities, according to the

Federal Government. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Health Minister Nicola Roxon and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon announced the decrease on Thursday.

They said 106 communities, roadhouses and other fuel outlets were now receiving Opal fuel.

"The Evaluation of the Impact of Opal fuel (2008-09) reported a 70 per cent drop in petrol sniffing across the sample communities between baseline and follow-up data collections," the ministers said.

"In this year's Budget, the Government provided an additional \$38.5 million over four years to strengthen the delivery of Opal fuel including addressing fuel storage and distribution issues.

"This additional funding will provide Opal fuel for a further 39 roadhouses and petrol stations to help 11 communities in Queensland's Gulf Region of Queensland, East Kimberley in Western Australia and the Top End of the Northern Territory, to tackle significant petrol-sniffing issues.

Distribution

"It will also support the voluntary roll-out of fuel by establishing new storage facilities in Darwin and northern Queensland to improve distribution.

"There will be funding for a comprehensive communications strategy to support the roll-out of fuel, and also to develop and implement a monitoring system and construct an evaluation of the impact of the expanded roll-out of Opal fuel."

The ministers said the Government was working with Indigenous communities, non-government providers such as the Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service and NPY Women's Council, local councils and state and territory governments to tackle the impact of petrol sniffing, particularly among young people.

"We are also expanding youth services and activities in conjunction with the introduction of Opal fuel, to support people overcome their addiction," they said.

"This includes the employment of two senior youth workers and local Anangu trainee youth workers in each of the central Australian communities of Finke, Docker River, Imanpa and Mutitjulu.

"Eight youth workers in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands are providing a range of sporting and recreational activities."

They said the Government would continue to work with Indigenous communities and service providers to improve the delivery and co-ordination of youth, rehabilitation and treatment services.

The data being collected will be used as the basis of Government decisions on the benefit of additional legislative approach once the voluntary roll-out of Opal fuel has occurred in 2012-13.

Elder 'proper proud' of her latest honour

By AMY WILLIAMS, courtesy of the *Broome Advertiser*



GIGA Elder and senior law woman Peggy Patrick was proud albeit a little puzzled to be named as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours on 14 June.

Mrs Patrick was born in Western Australia's Kimberley region around 1930, when Aboriginal children were removed from their families and denied equal treatment. She rose above injustice to become a renowned artist, matriarch and senior law woman.

Mrs Patrick said that while she didn't know why 'the white people' chose her for her latest high honour, she felt 'proper proud' about it.

As a leader for her people at Turkey Creek, Peggy was one of the traditional owners who negotiated an agreement with the Argyle Diamond Mine. She also helped initiate and perform 'munta' smoking ceremonies to protect mine workers from harm.

In her mentoring and teaching of 'the biggest mob' of people, not only her seven children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren but countless others, Mrs Patrick stresses the importance of culture.

"The young people (must) keep up their



Peggy Patrick (right), who was named as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in this year's Queens' Birthday honours, with her niece Kathy Watson.

culture, very strong," she said.

"Go hunting and fishing, storytelling and dancing about spiritual and Dreamtime stories – there is meaning in everything."

Mrs Patrick leads by example, heavily involved with the arts and performance, such as *Fire, Fire, Burning Bright*, a corroboree

performance toured across the country during the past decade. She and other Elders formed the play from the story of a massacre of Aboriginal people on Bedford Downs Station in the 1920s.

Mrs Patrick also paints through the Jirrawun Arts Centre at Wyndham.

It's time to nominate for Deadlys



IT'S time to nominate for the 16th annual Deadly Awards – the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music, Sport, Entertainment and Community Awards.

Deadly Award winners are chosen by the community, and readers are being urged to nominate their favourite Indigenous achievers, whether they be singers, sports stars, authors, actors, filmmakers, educators, health workers or community heroes.

Go to www.vibe.com.au/nominations.asp to nominate online – or download a printable nomination form at www.vibe.com.au/deadlys and then mail to 26/28 Burton Street, Darlinghurst, NSW, 2010. Nominations can be faxed to (02) 9361 5850, or emailed to info@vibe.com.au. People can nominate in all categories, or just the ones that interest them.

Nominations close 9 July. Nominations should relate only to relevant accomplishments in the categories from the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

Do you need help to live independently at home?

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres

are here to help.

A Centre can:

- Provide you with information on local aged & community care services available to suit your needs
- Arrange help for carers to take a break from their caring role (respite)

To contact your local Centre call Freecall™ **1800 052 222***

To find your nearest shopfront visit www.commcarelink.health.gov.au

For emergency respite outside business hours call Freecall™ **1800 059 059***

Carer Advisory and Counselling Service

For family carer support and counselling you can contact your state or territory Carers Association on **1800 242 636***



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing



* Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates

Carelink April 2009



My reason for staying safe at work. What's yours?

Workplace safety doesn't just affect you at work. It affects your whole family.

For ways to make your workplace safer, contact WorkCover on 13 10 50 or visit workcover.nsw.gov.au.

To order your **FREE** *Come Home Safely* Kit, SMS 'HOME' to 13 10 50 or call 1300 799 003 and quote catalogue no. WC02331.



making a difference

Yagan to rest at last

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



ONE of the most significant events in Nyoongar history will take place next weekend when the skull, or 'kart', of 19th century Nyoongar warrior chief Yagan will be laid to rest in the Swan Valley, north-east of Perth. It will be the first time the Nyoongar community has had a chance to commemorate Yagan since the return of the skull from England on 1 September 1997.

The skull, which has been at the WA pathology centre since it was returned to Perth, will be buried on the morning of Sunday 10 July at Belhus, off West Swan Road, near where it is believed Yagan was killed.

The sad history of his murder by two young settlers in 1833 and the carriage and display and eventual discarding of his skull by British authorities of the day are well-known to Nyoongar people, and many families have oral histories that tell of him.

The Yagan reburial will bring Yagan's life into sharp focus for the wider community of Perth, and perhaps even nationally, as a hero of his people and the first resistance fighter against British settlement in WA, in June 1829.

Yagan Reburial Committee Chairman and Nyoongar Elder Richard Wilkes said the community had had to wait nearly 13 years for the reburial, but the ceremony would be a unifying and empowering experience for all Nyoongar people.

"It has taken so long because we had to smooth the pathways through the bureaucracy to now be in a position to bury the kart on the plateau where he was killed," Mr Wilkes said.

He said that the committee had undertaken thorough research in finding

Yagan is believed to have been buried, if similar to its present form, would be like an acid and would have dissolved Yagan's bones back into the earth.

He said the ceremony would also help to lay to rest community angst and belief that the warrior's spirit could not rest while his head was separated from the rest of his body.

"The spirits of those other warriors who were there with him on the day he was killed will take his spirit to the place where his body was buried and then he will be complete and whole as he should be," Mr Wilkes said.

He said the reburial ceremony would be a huge healing exercise for the Nyoongar community, especially for those living in the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River region).

"I do believe that when the reburial happens then the true leaders (from the Swan River region) will evolve and emerge and take their rightful place in this part of Beeliar and Nyoongar country," he said.

Mr Wilkes said there were long-term plans for a Nyoongar museum or keeping place at the Yagan reburial site to be constructed and maintained by the City of Swan local government authority.

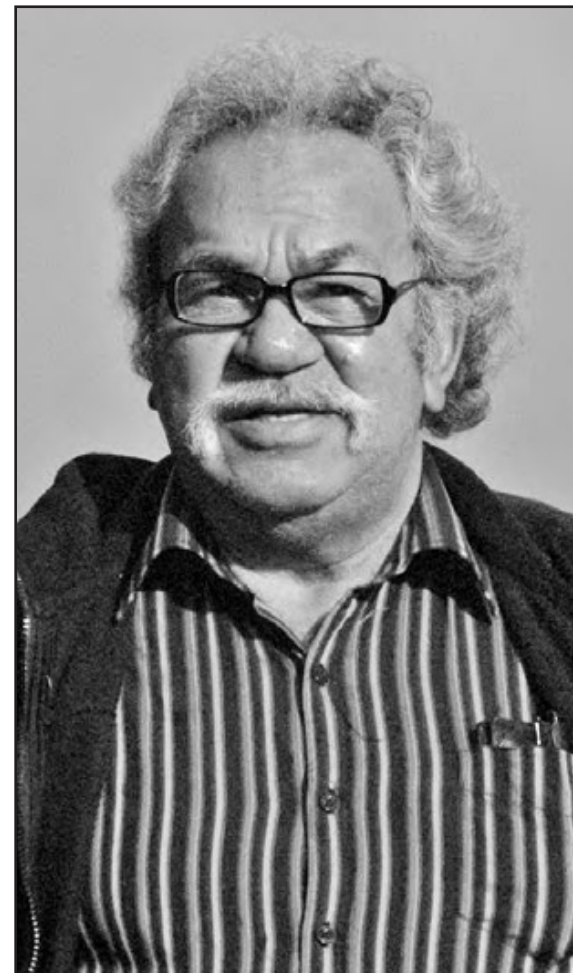
Any inquiries about the reburial should be directed to the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs.

'The spirits of those other warriors who were there with him (Yagan) on the day he was killed will take his spirit to the place where his body was buried and then he will be complete and whole as he should be.' – Richard Wilkes

the most appropriate location for the reburial ceremony and permanent memorial to Yagan.

"We went through all the evidence that we could find to actually locate the exact spot where he was killed and buried, and all of the evidence came back to the location where the reburial will be."

Mr Wilkes said that the committee had also received scientific evidence that the clay in the general area where



Nyoongar Elder and Yagan Reburial Committee Chairman Richard Wilkes.

Australian Framework for Landcare



People with an interest in Landcare are invited to provide feedback on the

Draft Australian Framework for Landcare
the community's view on the vision and goals for Landcare over the next decade.

To view the framework and have your say go to

www.daff.gov.au/landcareframework

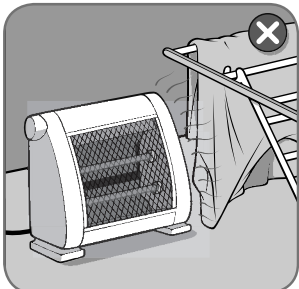
Please submit comments by 30 July 2010.

For a printed copy contact the Framework Reference Group
landcareframework@daff.gov.au
or (02) 6272 5036



Australian Government

adcorp26985



A fire can take hold in 3 minutes.



But it just takes 4 seconds to move the heater.



Prevent a fire in your home this Winter
www.3minutes.com.au

Let's cook up some good

your idea and time

We'll match it, up to \$10,000!

do you have a great idea?

...to improve your neighbourhood.

The City of Sydney supports community initiative through its Matching Grants Program.
If you have a great idea and a group of willing participants, we can help make your idea a reality.

Need help getting started?
Email: laps@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or call us on 9265 9333

cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/matchinggrants

CITY OF SYDNEY
city of villages

WA Govt defends redress scheme

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
Photos by JO MURRAY



THE West Australian Government has defended the Redress WA Scheme, despite being accused of having moved the

goal posts for documentation required from claimants and growing community discontent over delays.

Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said last week the scheme, which has been the centre of controversy since its announcement by the then WA Labor Government in 2007, was on schedule and performing particularly well for Aboriginal claimants.

The scheme aims to compensate and support eligible adults who, as children, were abused and/or neglected in State care in WA.

"Redress WA has access to more databases in order to identify Aboriginal people, and is often finding better care records available for Aboriginal applicants, compared to non-Aboriginal applicants," Ms McSweeney said.

She said that just under two-thirds of claimants processed so far had received ex-gratia payments and, although Aboriginal people comprised 50 per cent of applicants, they represented two-thirds of all the successful claims.

But the Minister's assurances were at odds with the experiences of non-government groups, who said they had been inundated with applicants traumatised by an inefficient assessment process and difficulties supplying documents verifying their time at institutions.

Stolen Generations Alliance honorary board member Mark Bin Bakar said the scheme had been a mess since it started and the Government was not treating claimants and the assessment process with the gravity they

'Redress WA has access to more databases in order to identify Aboriginal people, and is often finding better care records available for Aboriginal applicants, compared to non-Aboriginal applicants' – WA Minister Robyn McSweeney



'People are dying while they are waiting for their Redress cheque to come in the mail ... I think that's what the West Australian Government wants – they want us all to die out.'

– CLAN President Leonie Sheedy

'One (redress scheme) applicant I know with a terminal illness received a phone call telling him to expect his payment in a matter of days; five weeks later he has still received nothing'

– Shadow Minister Sue Ellery



deserved.

Mr Bin Bakar said Alliance workers had been hearing that the complicated and lengthy application and assessment process had exacerbated the trauma applicants already had resurfacing from talking about their experiences.

"It wasn't ever intended to be a witch-hunt," he said of the scheme.

"People are being traumatised by the period it's taken to process and the additional information that's being sought.

"Despite Redress people trying their best, the Government or governments have been messing with their (applicants') heads."

Shadow Child Protection and Communities Minister Sue Ellery said she had lost count of the

number of complaints that treatment under the scheme was 'akin to a continuation of childhood abuse experienced at the hands of the government'.

"This Government took a good and positive scheme and turned it into yet another example of government betrayal for these people," Ms Ellery said.

Originally, Redress planned to

finish payments by late 2010, but the Government extended that date to mid-2011 when the maximum payments were cut from \$80,000 to \$45,000, she said.

"They have also re-done the criteria for payments and have said publicly they expect most applicants will get between \$5000 and \$13,000," Ms Ellery said.

"One applicant I know with a terminal illness received a phone call telling him to expect his payment in a matter of days; five weeks later he has still received nothing."

Minister McSweeney said Redress WA worked as quickly as possible to source claimant care records to confirm they were in State care, "which is required to establish eligibility to receive an ex-gratia payment".

"Any applicant who advises Redress WA they have a life-threatening illness or condition that can be confirmed by a doctor's report is given priority assessment," she said.

Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) President Leonie Sheedy said one of the group's members had been 'in the morgue' for two months before their compensation was finalised.

Network members were both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, and the group aimed to support everybody, she said. However, many were frustrated about the lengthy wait.

Ms Sheedy said every inquiry to the group from Western Australia related to frustrations with delays, and that 'no answers' were available from the Redress Scheme.

"People are dying while they are waiting for their Redress cheque to come in the mail," she said. "I think that's what the West Australian Government wants – they want us all to die out. People want to be over it, they want to move on with their lives and to use the money to improve their old age."

The game is better together

From 11 June - 12 July, four giant screens, three floating in Cockle Bay and one in Tumbalong Park, will broadcast games live at 9.30pm, midnight and 4.30am, along with entertainment and a festival atmosphere offering something for everyone. To enjoy your Sydney International FIFA Fan Fest™ experience, additional train and bus services will be operating to transport you to and from all late night World Cup games.

Visit www.131500.com.au or call 131 500 for all transport information.

www.sydneyfifafanfest.com.au



International FIFA Fan Fest™ Sponsors



Official Broadcaster



FIFA.com 20centres 2010



NATIONAL CONGRESS

OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES LTD

ABN: 47 143 207 587

South Australia	Tasmania	Queensland	Victoria
Port Augusta Sunday 27-Jun 11.00 am Cooinda Hall, Cnr Commercial Rd and Flinders Tce, PORT AUGUSTA Adelaide Wednesday 30-June 6.30 pm Tauondi Aboriginal Community College 1 Lipson Street, PORT ADELAIDE	Hobart Monday 28-Jun 5.30 pm Grand Mercure 34 Murray Street, HOBART Launceston Tuesday 29-Jun 5.30 pm Chalmers Hall 163 St John's St LAUNCESTON	Brisbane Wednesday 6-Jul 6.30 pm Musgrave Park Cultural Centre 121 Cordelia St, SOUTH BRISBANE Townsville Thursday 22-Jul 5.30 pm The Cultural Centre 2-68 Flinders St (East), TOWNSVILLE Waibene (Thursday Island) Friday 23-Jul 12.00 pm Port Kennedy Hall Douglas Street, WAIBENE	Shepparton Wednesday 7-Jul 1.30 pm Rumbalara Football & Netball Club Mercury Dr, SHEPPARTON Melbourne Thursday 8-Jul 6.00 pm Koorie Heritage Trust 295 King St, MELBOURNE
Western Australia	Northern Territory	New South Wales	Australian Capital Territory
Perth Tuesday 13-Jul 6.30 pm Aboriginal Advancement Council Building 201 Beaufort St, PERTH Broome Wednesday 14-Jul 5.30 pm Mecure Inn 1 Weld Street, BROOME	Darwin Monday 19-Jul 5.30 pm St Mary's Football Club Abala Rd, MARRARA Alice Springs Tuesday 20-Jul 5.15 pm Institute for Aboriginal Development 3 South Terrace, ALICE SPRINGS	Sydney Monday 26-Jul 6.30 pm National Centre for Indigenous Excellence 180 George St, REDFERN Dubbo Tuesday 27-Jul 5.30 pm Dubbo City Council Conference Room Civic Administration Building Church St, DUBBO	Canberra Wednesday 28-Jul 6.00 pm Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation Grattan Court, WANNIASSA

Information Sessions

Have your say and become a member of the Congress

The National Congress is recreating a national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Over the coming weeks we are finding offices and setting up the organisation. Now we've incorporated, we can start talking to communities about the Congress and how to get involved. The first of many community meetings have been announced, and we look forward to hosting more soon.

Read more about the Congress on our website.

Kerry Arabena and Sam Jeffries
Co Chairs

FREE Membership 2010

Membership Application for Individuals

Name

Address

Postal Address

Work Telephone No.

Mobile Telephone No.

Email

DOB
(dd/mm/yy)

Gender
(circle)

F

M

Declaration

I confirm that I am a person:

- of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- who identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- who is accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community.

I further declare that the contents of this application for membership have been accurately completed.

Signed:

Date: (dd/mm/yy)

Membership Approval

This application will be considered by the National Executive of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd at its next available meeting. The decision to approve this application for membership is at the complete discretion of the National Executive.

Send your application to:

via mail: National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd.

PO BOX 1446, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

OR via email: membership@nationalcongress.com.au **OR via fax:** (02) 8362 9112

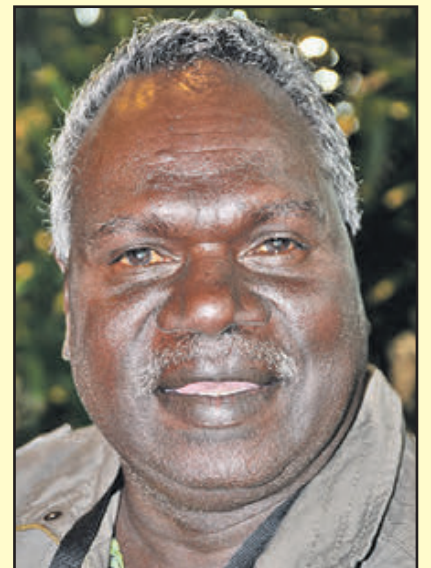
B102716

www.nationalcongress.com.au

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Datjarranga Garwirritja Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation – Elcho Island, NT

Favourite bush tucker?
Yams and long necked turtle

Favourite drink?
Water and diet coke.

Favourite music?
The Shadows, The Beatles.

Favourite sports?
Jogging and weight lifting.

What are you reading?
Anti-smoking literature and adventure books.

What are you watching?
News, current affairs, nature programs.

What do you like doing?
Snorkelling and spearfishing.

What don't you like?
Alcohol.

Who would you most like to meet?
Politicians to talk about Indigenous issues.

Who would you invite for a night around your campfire?
John Howard, Tom Calma, Kevin Rudd and Warren Snowdon.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
I would improve communication because the government needs to listen to Aboriginal people because we know the problems and the situations we face.

Quote



“Someone asked me recently, ‘When do you think you’ll retire Jim?’ and I said I think probably 50 years after I’m gone.”

– Entertainer and singer Jimmy Little

● Report Page 11

Unquote

A strong man tackles racism

EVEN during an extensive interview, there are some things that Timana Tahu won't go into full detail about. But the abbreviated version of what Joey Johns said at the NSW Origin 2 camp about Queensland Aboriginal players is offensive enough.

We congratulate and applaud Tahu for his stance. While he may insist that he is 'only a footballer', there can be no doubt that he is an intelligent and deeply thoughtful man who loves his people. He knows his history, too, especially from a very family-oriented perspective, and there's nothing wrong with that.

Some people are saying that Johns is not racist, that he just used 'racial' language. We think that's a nuance that's not worth making.

Johns is an influential person, an icon of sorts. By using that language, he sends a message that it is okay. And that's not okay.

Some people have even suggested that he was using the words he did so people would know who he was talking about, to differentiate them from their team mates, but that's a furphy. Would he have described a white player as 'that white c***'? We think not.

We saw a lot of insight in academic Colin Tatz's reported observation that 'In 65 years, we have moved from the old situation of exclusion and denigration to today's mixture of



OUR SAY

denigration and adulation. It's a contradiction; in one breath (Andrew) Johns can say 'black c***s' but in the next breath we can all admire our hero Greg Inglis'.

Some of Tahu's own comments to *The Koori Mail* might make some people wince, but after experiencing racism for his entire first grade career, and probably long before, we can understand why he is not prepared to tippy-toe around.

While perhaps a little flattering at first, being the poster boy or girl for any cause brings with it considerable pressure. Perhaps our front page will further entrench unrealistic expectations of Tahu, but we think his gutsy actions are worth making a fuss over.

Make no mistake, Johns' road back to respect will be long and hard, but it will be a true mark of the man if he persists.

Tahu's actions certainly have Australia talking. And, Australia, we need to talk. He stood up for all of us.

Happy NAIDOC Week Timana Tahu, and all of our readers.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Pride in culture

By **DARREN COYNE**

WITH a bone through his nose and intricately painted face and body, Major Sumner displays his cultural roots with pride.

The Ngarrindjeri Elder, from the drought-ravaged lower Murray River in South Australia, is a firm believer that a strong connection to culture allows others to 'understand who we are'.

Growing up in the Raukkan Indigenous community, formerly known as Point McLeay Mission until 1982, Major Sumner recalls a relatively carefree childhood.

"Even though we were on the mission, there was a lot of area to go roaming about on horses, go fishing, hunting and learning about the land," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"We didn't realise until we grew up that so much negative stuff was going on, like the enforcement of Christianity, not being allowed to have ceremonies, or doing any cultural stuff.

"It was a way to control us, to assimilate us."

Those efforts to assimilate, however, obviously failed in his case.

"We learned our culture despite all that. We went fishing, hunting, learned the stories of our area, the creation stories and different parts of the land," he recalled.

"Without realising it, our stories were being passed on and the language was there also, mixed with English. We can speak it fluently."

These days, Major Sumner continues to share the culture he absorbed during his childhood. He teaches traditional dance, is the cultural ambassador for the Aboriginal Sobriety Group in South Australia, and works in prisons helping inmates reconnect with who they are.

"In the prisons we use talking circles. It involves people telling their stories and using that to get the anger out of their bodies and minds, and truly looking at themselves," he said.

"If you keep things like anger inside you, it rots you from the inside."

Repatriation

He is also involved in the repatriation of ancestors' remains from overseas institutions, teaches Indigenous fighting techniques, and takes part in ceremonies which have been passed down for thousands of years.

But the 62-year-old admits he went very close to losing the plot during his early years.

"I was a drinker, but I've been sober for 37 years," he said.

"I made the decision to give up drinking when I was drunk one day, which is a bit weird.

"Part of it was that I was experiencing longer hangovers ... I finished up in hospital and the doctor said 'you better slow down'.

"I knew I couldn't slow down so I gave it up completely and I have no regrets whatsoever.

"If I didn't make that decision, I'd be long gone.

"I came into the Aboriginal Sobriety Group as a client and stayed on. My brother is the head of it, but he came in as a client as well. I ran it for a while, but I work the cultural area now, to keep the culture strong in the program."

After his early years working as a rouseabout, travelling the country with his uncles, Major Sumner also found work in other areas.

"I always had a job. On the railways, building highways... it was always outside work," he said.

It was a trip to Canada in 1995 that changed his direction in life.



"I lived in Canada for 12 months working in an Indian-run prison. I was looking at the strong culture of the Indians and seeing how they used it to bring people back to who they were," he said.

"When I came back to Australia, I started putting on corroborees and then started using culture as a tool to get people to understand, this is who we are, this is the culture we belong to.

"Now we use our culture to heal ourselves."

Dance troupe

Major Sumner began teaching traditional dancing in 1997 and formed the Talkingeri dance group.

"We started dancing around the place and I was getting children and my own family involved, and brought others who were interested into the group," he said.

"When people start doing that (dancing), it puts pride back into them. People feel strong about themselves.

"There are about 30 in the dance group and the ages range from young children through to my age."

Another passion for Major Sumner in recent years has been

his involvement in the repatriation of ancestral remains from European countries.

"I got involved with repatriation after a phone call from a member of the ATSIC committee. They were looking for someone to go to meetings in London and Scotland a

few years ago," he said.

"I went and now I've been doing repatriations for a number of years. In fact I was at a meeting in Canberra just a few weeks ago with people from French museums. There are remains there and in Italy, America and Australia, all around the world.

"When you're over there doing ceremonies, you get a feeling that these people are relatives from your own community who have been laying around in boxes since the 1800s, down in basements," he said.

"When you are there, thinking about them, it feels that they are speaking with you. You're in contact with them and you feel that there's happiness because they're going home.

"A lot of these feelings are coming from their spirits."

He is not the only one to feel those spirits.

"When I was at the Manchester Museum, the director, Tristan Besterman, asked me if I'd smoke him and I asked why," Major Sumner recalled.

"He told me that over the years of being director, he had seen things, images, that he couldn't explain. After I smoked him, he gave up that job and is now helping us identify other remains, and talking with institutions."

Traditional fighting

Another of his passions is traditional fighting.

"For a while now I've been teaching traditional fighting styles with boomerangs and spear throwing.

"I've been involved in a martial arts festival in South Korea which brings Indigenous people from around the world to demonstrate their style of fighting.

"There are indigenous people from India, China, Japan, and Russian, and they all have different styles of fighting. The Maori also attend.

"I teach this fighting style that we use with clubs. I teach people how to make clubs and spears, just as I was taught by my uncles.

"Another thing I've been doing recently is teaching a group of kids and adults how to make a bark canoe.

"There's always something to pass on."

As for the bone through the nose, Major Sumner said it was a tradition for the Ngarrindjeri people, although he admitted it was an aspect of culture which might not catch on.

"Both the males and the females had their noses pierced... but not many females do it these days," he said



WARANGESDA ABORIGINAL MISSION HERITAGE LISTING

CELEBRATION DAY

to be held at Darlington Point

**SATURDAY
10TH JULY 2010**

for further information contact:

Fiona Clarke

Waddi Housing ph 02 69684390

email:

waddihousingcorporation@yahoo.com.au



Call for Submissions

Review of Functions and Responsibilities of Regional Development Commissions

The Minister for Regional Development has created a review committee chaired by Parliamentary Secretary, the Hon. Wendy Duncan MLC, to conduct a review of the functions and responsibilities of the nine Regional Development Commissions (RDCs) in Western Australia.

The committee invites submissions to the review to assist its deliberations before it reports in September 2010.

The RDCs are established by the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*. They are statutory authorities whose role is to facilitate and coordinate the development of the region in which they are based. They have a direct relationship with their communities through their proximity and their leadership by local people and are directly accountable to the Minister responsible for administering the Act.

Submissions are sought regarding the following questions:

1. How should government be organised to improve services and support for regional development?
2. How are the Regional Development Commissions performing?

For more information please see the Issues Paper on the Department of Regional Development and Lands' website, www.rdl.wa.gov.au, or contact Martin Clifford, Executive Officer to the review on (08) 9217 1699 or email martin.clifford@rdl.wa.gov.au

The deadline for submissions is Friday 9 July 2010.

adcorp F43016D



Government of South Australia

Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, The Honourable Grace Portolesi MP is calling for nominations to the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council.

The Council comprises ten (10) members appointed by the Minister, and meets quarterly.

The role of the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council is to:

- Provide the Government with advice on existing programs and policies as they affect Aboriginal people.
- Identify and inform the Government of emerging issues that will affect Aboriginal people from both metropolitan and regional perspectives.
- Provide the Government with advice on the development and implementation of future policies and services concerning Aboriginal people.
- Provide advice to Government agencies about appropriate consultation processes with Aboriginal communities.
- Maintain links with other relevant advisory bodies.

The Minister will be considering Aboriginal people who possess a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, who have standing within the Aboriginal community, who have policy and service delivery experience, and who are able to strongly contribute to the Council.

Application packs are available from the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet by telephoning 8226 8922 during office hours. Alternatively, you may contact Ms Kathryn Stone on email kathryn.stone@sa.gov.au

All Aboriginal people who fit the criteria are invited to apply. Younger Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM MONDAY
12 JULY 2010.**

ABAFRE011078

Looking for love on your mobile phone

I HAVE two sisters and they are completely in love with their mobile phones. I'd be in love with my phone too if I spent \$200 on one.

Mind you, they are poor at the end of payday, but they always got them flashest phones and they always got them credit!

They love their phones so much they sleep with them, they take them to the toilet and they even tap away on them when walking.

Here I was thinking they are sms-ing their friends from back home, but no good they are on this thing called Diva Chat. It's only available on Telstra phones, though. It is a free application kinda like Facebook where you have a profile, can post status updates and pictures, chat privately and even chat free to other people.



Ms KOORI LOVE

mskoorilove@koorimail.com

While one of my sisters chats up to family and friends on it, my other sister is proper looking for a man on there. No good, she has heaps of

fullas sending her messages, posting comments on her pictures chatting her up! She's met fullas from New South Wales and even a fulla from Africa. That fulla from Africa was a bit of a visa-seeker cos after chatting for a week he asked her to marry him. Now that's what I call True Love Australian-visa style.

My sister who's been looking for a man has met up with some really nice fullas she met on the chat. In fact, she is away at the moment for a second meeting with a fulla she's been chatting to for ages. He seems nice but how serious they will get is something only time will tell.

It's not only my two sisters that are on this chat thing. Professional people also are loving the Diva.

The other day I was at this

flash event with finger food and free soft drinks, and there were people there on the Diva Chat. They were tapping away while a speech was going on!

I've had a doris at this Diva Chat and it seems like there are heaps of single people on there – at least that's what their profile says!

So in a few pays' time once I've saved up a couple of dollars, I'm going to buy myself a phone and get on Diva Chat.

If my sister can score a fulla on there I'm gonna give it a go too! Things you do to find love hey, bless.

Are you on Diva Chat? Visit www.mskooreilove.com.au and give Ms Koori Love your profile name so she can add you! Especially all you single fullas living in Sydney.



Students experience high drama in capital



IT would be hard to remember a more dramatic or heady time in the national capital than last week, with Kevin Rudd ousted as Prime Minister by his former deputy Julia Gillard.

So the 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students who undertook work experience at Parliament House in Canberra last week will have some ripping yarns to tell when they return to their home communities around the country this week.

The students, seen here with Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny

Macklin and Senator Mark Arbib (front) and AFL footballer Michael O'Loughlin (back, far left), were taking part in the Learn. Earn. Legend! Work Experience in Government Program, which aims to encourage young Indigenous people to stay in school and training so they can gain great jobs and careers.

While in Canberra, the students were hosted by parliamentarians, watched question time and toured Parliament House, before spending a day in public service agencies and departments. They also toured the National Gallery of Australia (NGA), the National Museum of Australia

(NMA), the Australian War Memorial (AWM), and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

West Australian Shaquille Oakley, in Year 11 at Balga Senior High School, was adamant when he spoke to *The Koori Mail* that he wouldn't ever become a politician, but said his Canberra experience had given him insight into the inner workings of the country that he might not otherwise have known.

"It's been pretty cool," he said.

● **See separate story on the Learn. Earn. Legend! Work Experience in Government Program – Page 65**



Inspirational Tahu

THE events which have transpired over the past couple of weeks relating to the rugby league State of Origin racial slur incident, although appalling, have highlighted what a true hero is, what a true man is, and the lengths that someone with true courage will go to for the good of their family, their mob, and the broader community.

I grew up with my mum, a strong Koori woman who always led by example. She was honest, didn't preach – she just did, and at times came to odds with powers that be because she would stand strong and back her mob, at times to her own detriment.

At the same time, when I would get worked up over racism or injustices in the past, she would

tell me to listen to all the negativity and think about it; that these things are necessary steps if we are to move forward.

Because, until these people show their true colours, they are hard to deal with. When they do show their true colours, like Andrew Johns clearly has, it can be a catalyst for us to unite and move forward.

I like to believe I am a lot like my mum, and I guess the test will be if I can instil these same morals in my own son.

Timana must have faced immense anguish over this stand, having to listen to moronic people flock in support of Andrew Johns who somehow think he is the victim here, and even have the nerve to claim he

'isn't racist'.

But what I want Timana to know is this: Brother, you are a true man.

I'm inspired by your actions and I hope my son's role models as he grows are as strong and principled as you are.

ROBERT MCFARLANE
Via email

Equality still a long way off

AS Australia's soccer team competes proudly on the world stage in South Africa – a country that has courageously challenged its racist past – our country has once again been reminded of how deep our own racist attitudes run.

Only this week we have seen the two major domestic sporting codes of Australian football and rugby league once again being infected by the bile of ignorance.

Denialists, who are generally not members of the specific cultural group being vilified, may wish to explain these examples away as misguided humour or spur-of-the-moment comments, but sadly, hurtful incidents such as these are not isolated occurrences.

Also this week, we have seen the Crime and Misconduct Commission's report damning the Queensland Police investigation and subsequent internal

review of the tragic 2004 Palm Island death in custody.

The report highlighted serious flaws in both investigations, along with the lack of high ethics and the culture of cover-up within the Queensland Police Service. The report sadly and profoundly demonstrates that racism is as prevalent on the sporting field as it is in the justice system.

For a country that espouses the 'fair go' ethos, the goal of equality is still a long way off.

When will Australia's Indigenous kids be free to excel on the sporting fields without the fear of racism?

When, in the tragic circumstance where someone dies in police custody, will the matter be afforded an independent investigation, regardless of their cultural background?

As the world celebrates the magnificent



TIMANA TAHU

spectacle that is the World Cup in a country that has looked honestly into its own heart, many Australians will be wondering when this country will do the same.

Australia may not be seen as racist if you're part of this country's power group, but if you're on the other side of the white boundary line, you may find a different experience altogether.

Let us 'red card' ignorance by tackling the issue of racism head-on. Maybe then we can start kicking some goals in advancing Australia fairly.

DENNIS EGGINGTON
CEO, Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA)
Perth, WA

Racism will always be a part of life

THERE will be racism on this planet while there are human beings on it, but how it is applied is what makes the difference.

It comes in many forms and unless one has experienced it, there is no way to clearly

explain it.

According to the media, the way Andrew Johns used it was in the absolute worst form.

I admire Timana Tahu for taking the stand that he has, and at such a high level. Now that he

has expressed and shown his true strength, I would like to see him re-join his club and play in the State of Origin, and then for coloured people from all sports to get together and lay down some rules for players and

clubs... rules about respect which is what Aboriginal culture is based on.

Johns is reported as saying that he would like to talk with Timana to learn how to deal with such issues.

Well I can tell Johns now: "Anyone with half a brain and two ounces of respect would know what not to say. Never make reference to colour."

I haven't had the privilege of meeting young Tahu, but I went to school with his grandfather Bertie Bates. I also knew Bertie's parents and a more respectable family never trod this earth.

HAROLD HUNT
St Marys, 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

POETRY

Dusk

The sunset
gold upon the water
my spirit
dancing free
upon the clouds...

JONATHAN HILL
Old Errol Bay, NSW



Mail

The Editor, PO Box 117,
Lismore, 2480



Phone

You can reach us
on 02 66 222 666



Fax

Send it to us on
02 66 222 600



E-mail

The address is:
editor@koorimail.com

The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

An Indigenous voice?

The *Koori Mail* describes itself as 'The Voice of Indigenous Australia', but more and more its pages read like a Federal Government publication.

A black newspaper should run under themes of justice, rights and anti-discrimination. Yet the grinning face of Jenny Macklin, key Minister in the (then) Rudd Government for selling the racial discrimination intervention against Aborigines in the NT, is so proudly promoted in every issue that I pick up.

The front page of one edition of *The Koori Mail* showed Macklin in a very positive light, depicted as being so kind and gracious in handing over a couple of houses to people her Government has humiliated and discriminated against and taken away their land.

Hidden many pages back in the same edition was a one-sentence statement by former Family Court head Judge Alistair Nicholson, condemning the Macklin-backed intervention in the NT as immoral and objectionable. The difference in treatment of Macklin and Nicholson by the *The Koori Mail* suggests a lot about the direction of the newspaper.

Newspapers (and other forms of media) are notorious for promoting a bias. *The Australian* backs extreme conservative views in general, and consistent with that position any Aboriginal who denounces 'rights' but supports assimilation and work for the dole gets the newspaper's backing. Hence Noel Pearson and, to a less extent Marcia Langton, are its darlings.

Just about all media in Australia push assimilation and will not publish black voices like Paul Coe on sovereignty or Robbie Thorpe on genocide because the views are seen as outside mainstream white interest. So Aborigines cannot get to hear or read different views of our people who do not peddle the

government line. For that reason, alternative voices must be heard – *Green Left Weekly*, *Socialist Alliance* to name a couple – do their bit.

For some reason or other, Aboriginal media outlets originally set up to try to balance the one-eyed public debate cave in too early.

Living Black started off as the black voice of TV, only to wind up giving then Aboriginal Affairs Minister Mal Brough almost a weekly segment to push his propaganda. He was never criticised on the program.

Anyone left of Warren Mundine was shunned by the program.

I don't know what sort of show *Living Black* is now – I stopped watching it.

The Koori Mail must decide if it will be a critic or extension of Government and therefore rightly be the voice of Aboriginal people.

MICHAEL MANSELL
Tasmania



Our Response

Thank you very much for your letter. I appreciate the time that you've taken to give us this feedback. In responding, I take the opportunity to place on record our editorial policy and approach.

On this occasion, I respectfully disagree with much of what you've said. I do agree that a newspaper such as ours should run under themes of justice, rights and anti-discrimination, but our views part company after that because I believe that *The Koori Mail* does, in fact, do so.

Our choices – indeed those of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media – are not limited to being either a critic of government or an extension of it. There's another choice and it's one that we at *The Koori Mail* make quite consciously: To inform, educate, entertain and inspire our readers by sharing stories about, impacting on or told by Indigenous communities.

Much criticism of governments' past and current treatment of Indigenous people is well justified, and anyone who reads our paper in any depth will know that we give considerable coverage to such views. Although it doesn't make us popular with everyone, we also respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's right to engage with government as they see fit. To us, information equals knowledge equals power. In light of this, some of the stories we publish do relay information about government policies (and inevitably, from politicians, some spin and rhetoric) but many others don't. It is true that smiling politicians – including Indigenous ones – sometimes fangle their way into photographs with one or more of our mob, and that we occasionally run those photos, along with many, many others.

At *The Koori Mail*, we actively choose not to embed our own personal opinions at length in every story – trusting that our readers are savvy and smart enough to form their own opinions when presented with a wide range of information, as much as possible from the perspective of our people. In other words, we strive for sound journalism infused with Indigenous insight.

With regards to your comment about former Family Court chief Judge Alastair Nicholson, I guess you missed the story three editions earlier where we published quite a bit more of what Prof Nicholson

has said on the NT Intervention. And perhaps other editions where we've covered Aboriginal people's articulate views on the same subject, those of Professor Larissa Behrendt and Richard Downs to name a few.

From time to time I'm asked why we give space to the views of certain people – yourself included – along with some of the people you mentioned. We have never shunned any particular Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person's view – from any side of the ideological divide/s. If views are provided or accessible to us in a timely and coherent manner, notwithstanding our limited resources and space, we do our best to publish them. Mature, robust debate represents opportunity, not a threat, and I admire anyone prepared to share space with others they may disagree with.

Of course, people can communicate via any medium they choose, but *The Koori Mail* offers an unrivalled guaranteed audience, most of it Indigenous. We're the only independently audited regular Indigenous publication in the country. We have neither the space nor urge to publish the considerable positive feedback we receive, but are always buoyed by our growing circulation and readership.

Late last year, in *The Koori Mail*, you highlighted an important issue in the decline of mutton bird numbers and possible implications for Tasmanian Aboriginal culture. More recently, you have spoken about the threat to ancient heritage by the proposed Brighton Bypass. I do hope that you'll continue to read and contribute to our newspaper. The more voices that are heard – especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ones – the better.

KIRSTIE PARKER
Editor, *The Koori Mail*

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week 4 –11 JULY 2010

Glebe Family Day, Sunday 4 July, 11.00am – 3.00pm, Jubilee Park (Annandale end).

Woolloomooloo NAIDOC Family Day, Saturday 10 July, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Forbes Street Reserve Woolloomooloo.

Sports and Family Day, Friday 9 July, 10.00am – 6.00pm
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence 180 George Street, Redfern.

4-11 JULY 2010 | Unsung Heroes
Closing the Gap by
Leading Their Way

For more information on the full calendar of events please visit:
www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/whatson or phone 9265 9333

2010

COMMUNITY
BUILDING
PARTNERSHIP

Grants for Community Infrastructure

The NSW Government is continuing the \$35 million Community Building Partnership program in 2010 to provide vital community infrastructure for the benefit of local communities throughout the State.

Last year 1,180 grants were approved for community groups and local councils to build or upgrade local facilities.

This year the NSW Government will contribute a further \$35 million to community projects by investing \$300,000 in each electoral district, with an additional \$100,000 for electorates with relatively higher unemployment.

Community organisations and local councils are encouraged to apply for funding to build and improve community facilities in their local area.

Applications for funding are now open and close on 23 July 2010.

Successful applications will be announced in December 2010.

For more information, and to apply, visit
www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au,
 call 1300 707 155 or contact your State Member of Parliament.

Ms Koori Love, you're the greatest

OH Ms Koori Love, you are the bomb!
Your column has given me so much laughter over the years, and it always brings a smile to my face.

Whenever I get the latest edition of *The Koori Mail*, I always try to spread the Ms Koori Love around with my workmates; sometimes we have the best belly laughs. Some other fellas

just look at me funny and go straight to the rugby league news but I don't say anything 'cause I know that there's something wrong with them!
'Loud and fabulous', yes I

believe you are, and I love it!
Keep up the good work and thank you for being yasef.

GRAHAM
Via email

One bungle too many

I REFER to the NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister's letters 'Runs on the Board' (KM, 2 June 2010) and 'Political Spin of Humphries' (KM, 5 May 2010).

For the second time in as many weeks, I have challenged the Minister to a debate on the various issues engulfing Aboriginal Affairs in NSW, only to see him hide from his failures.

Whether it be his lack of leadership at a Ministerial level which has led his department into disarray, his long list of failed policies, or his lack of advocacy and consultation with Aboriginal communities, Minister Lynch has presided over one bungle too many.

The disarray in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) due to a void in Ministerial leadership can only be described as shameful. Four of the department's six directors that

appear in the 2008-2009 Annual Report (including the Director-General) have been replaced, and I suggest it's time the Minister went as well.

The latest DAA annual report shows that DAA spent nearly \$2 million in 'consultancies and contractors' compared with just over \$700,000 the year before.

More so, the 2010/11 budget for Aboriginal Affairs was slashed by \$4.5 million from the previous financial year to

\$26.9 million.

This comes on top of a \$3.8 million cut to \$31.4 million in the 2009/10 budget from \$35.2 million in 2008/09.

Essentially, this equates to a total cut of \$8.3 million, or around 30 per cent, of the current DAA budget. This is very harsh, to say the least, especially given State Labor's rhetoric on closing the gap.

Given the Minister won't debate on Aboriginal issues and improvements or

lack thereof, I call on him to stop hiding from his failures in the comfort of Governor Macquarie Tower, oblivious to the real issues our communities face and, at the very least, consult with them for a genuine way forward.

KEVIN HUMPHRIES
Member for Barwon
NSW Shadow Minister for
Aboriginal Affairs

Tributes to mother appreciated

I WOULD like to thank *The Koori Mail* for publishing the wonderful letter from Bev Manton of the NSW State Land Council (NSWALC) about my late mother Judy Chester. Thank you, Bev, for those beautiful words.

My mother was a strong woman who had a way with words. She was a funny, loving and caring person who was always there for me. She was the rock that held us together and she'll always be in my heart.

It was great to see Aunty Norma Walford, Aunty Madeline McGrady, Aunty Pat Anderson and Aunty Barbra and Karen Flick coming to Sydney to see Mum before she passed.

My cousin Rodney Ely and his wife Allison come all the way from Brisbane to Sydney so Mum could see their new baby Matilda. Through all the sadness, that baby managed to lighten up the room, make us all smile and will always be a little star in my eyes.

I wanted to express my thanks for all the people that travelled to Mum's funeral. Although it was a sad moment, it was also great to listen to people getting up and talking about my mother and to realise that she has not only touched the hearts of us her family, but many others.

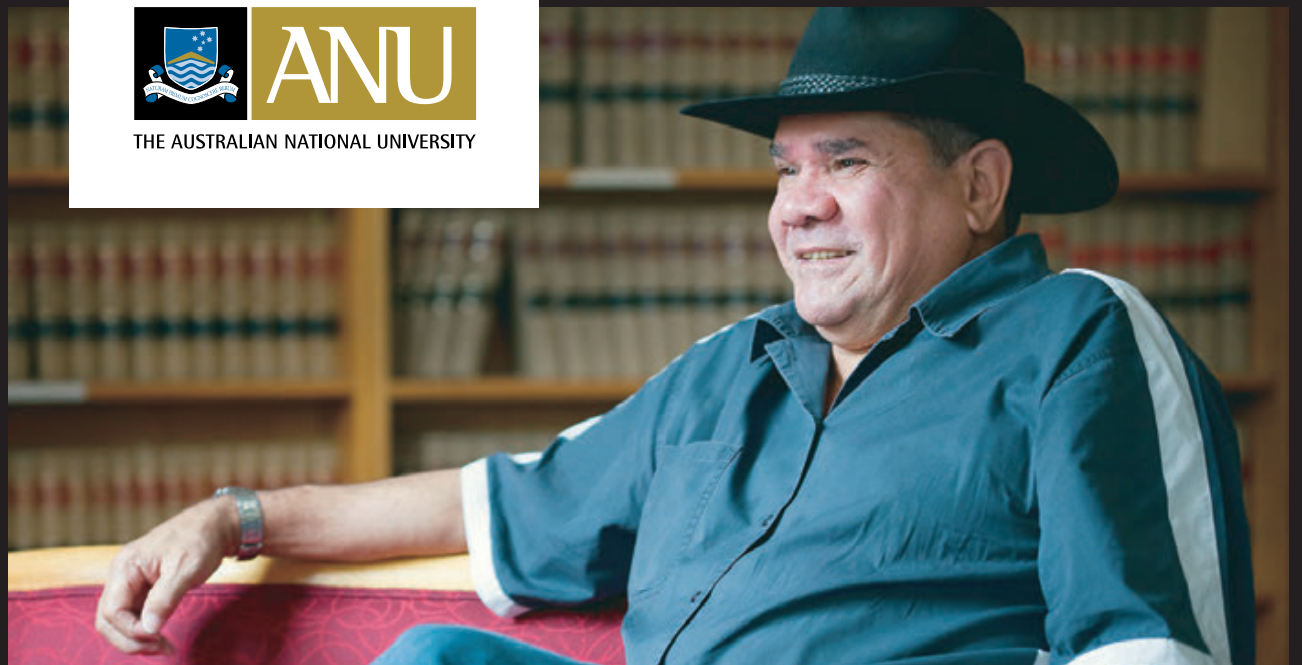
Aunty Sylvia Scott, a Wiradjuri Elder from Cowra, travelled from Sydney to Wellington to speak at the funeral, bless her.

And a special thanks to Uncle David Ross and Uncle Jack Ah Kit. The speech from the Kimberley, Central and Northern Land Councils that Uncle Jack gave was amazing. Those words about my mother were very touching; I will hold them close to my heart. And the cabbage stew and chicken curry that Uncle Jack cooked us was just deadly.

Also Heather Goodall, Paul Torzillo and family, Brian and Cathy Doolan and Joy Steep for all the help at organising Mum's memorial and the help before and after Mum passed.

It's great to know that Mum was loved by so many. Thanks, lastly, to her sister Aunty Janny, Uncle Tom and my cousin Megan for being there for myself and the family.

JANETTE CHESTER
Sydney, NSW



"It's great working at ANU - I love the collegiality, the flexibility and the academic challenges. I feel valued and appreciated here."

PROFFESOR MICK DODSON - DIRECTOR, ANU NATIONAL CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS STUDIES

ANU is an accessible community set in a green and spacious environment. We value diversity of backgrounds, celebrate successes and share a sense of purpose and a passion for high achievement.

We have a unique position as a national resource and our strength is the sum of the talent and spirit of all our people.

POSTDOCTORAL OR RESEARCH FELLOW

ANU College of Medicine, Biology & Environment
The John Curtin School of Medical Research
Division of Neuroscience
Academic Level A - B
Fixed Term of 3 Years
\$55,014 - \$86,482 pa plus 17% superannuation
A238-10TG
Professor Bruce Walmsley T: 02 6125 2039
E: Bruce.Walmsley@anu.edu.au
Sunday 4 July 2010

INFORMATION ACCESS OFFICER

Division of Information
Scholarly Information Services - Library User Services
ANU Officer Grade 5
\$53,880 - \$59,041 pa plus 17% superannuation
G277-10NG
Diane Humphery T: 02 6125 3311
E: Diane.Humphery@anu.edu.au
Sunday 11 July 2010

DEPUTY HR MANAGER

ANU College of Asia & the Pacific
College Administration
ANU Officer Grade 8
\$75,780 - \$81,232 pa plus 17% superannuation
G271-10CM
Melissa Austin T: 02 6125 1684
E: Melissa.Austin@anu.edu.au
Monday 5 July 2010

DEPUTY FINANCE MANAGER

ANU College of Business & Economics
College Administration
ANU Officer Grade 8
\$75,780 - \$81,232 pa plus 17% superannuation
G244-10LB
Georgia Foster T: 02 6125 5910
E: Georgia.Foster@anu.edu.au
Sunday 4 July 2010

See the ANU Reconciliation Action Plan
www.anu.edu.au/equity/_RAP.htm

ANU Indigenous Employment Advisor
Ian.Martin@anu.edu.au or 02 6125 5981

www.anu.edu.au/jobs

Discover what you can do when you work with the best.

CRICOS 00120C 201009VA

Mental health disgrace

HOW many bureaucrats and academics theorise trauma associated with self-inflicted injury without ever leaving the comfort of their university or political offices?

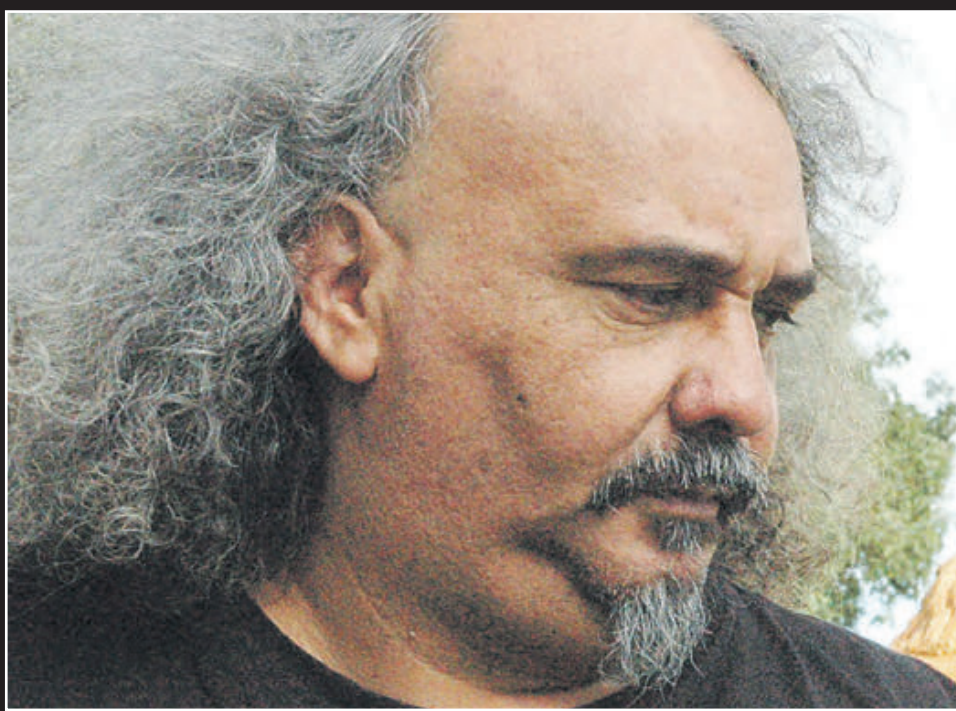
These authorities become armchair human rights advocates articulating and forging our human rights agendas into structures alien to our spiritual and cultural belief systems.

Drug induced depression and psychotic mania reflects the ever-increasing statistics that determine Aboriginal suicide in our young people's lives to be at an epidemic status.

The never-ending grieving process of the Aboriginal community is the trauma that merges from generation to generation activated by the historical policies of genocide.

The mental health of an individual has a shattering effect on all family members who suffer the consequences of their inability to cope with the fears of unknown certainties as genocide changes and shifts without reliance on any formalised government strategies such as past government sanctioned massacres, the forced removal of Aboriginal children, and the hideous laws of the 1905 Native Welfare Act.

The current series of the West Australian newspaper articles titled 'Perth's Dark Underbelly' obviously determines the connection of individuals to the illicit drug trade of substances such as methamphetamine



Dumbarton Aboriginal Corporation Director Robert Eggington:
"The addiction to these drugs creates a living hell of terror and horror for loving parents forced to watch their children torn apart by the severity of the short and long-term conditions of the mental health deterioration of their loved ones."

"... The State Government is currently planning two new prisons in WA to cope with the increasing levels of incarceration."

wide spread effects on all our lives if law enforcement agencies such as the police, customs, and national security agencies such as ASIO continue to profit from their connections to the billions of dollars generated through the decadence of drug trafficking.

The state drug summit held in Perth during 2001 had no impact on the deterring of drug usage as the powder revolution rapidly changed the face of society forever. It miserably failed the devastated families that went on to lose on the frontline against the war on drugs.

Every time a dollar is spent from the profits of drugs, may those responsible who indulge in the affluent luxury of

and heroin.

The addiction to these drugs creates a living hell of terror and horror for loving parents forced to watch their children torn apart by the severity of both the short and long term conditions of the mental health deterioration of their loved ones.

There is a misconceived hype that is often reflected by media and police reports that deliberately creates fear of Aboriginal youth crime, that climbs through your lounge room and bedroom windows, which deters the recognition of a more severe criminal connection that exploits addiction and poverty in Indigenous communities by a higher network of criminal activity.

The reason that crime

statistics indicate high incidents of break and enters is the trade of stolen goods for small amounts of drugs.

In many cases, the individuals who commit these crimes are warding off severe withdrawals that can only be understood by those who are made to witness the hell of cold turkey.

These young children become addicted pawns of organised networks that rely on the distribution and capitalising on the profits of drugs that often cash in their debts by means of human suffering, misery and death.

This real war, that rages outside our front doors – that takes the lives of our children at a rate far greater than any other

social confliction including terrorism – is drugs.

The State Government is currently planning two new prisons in WA to cope with the increasing levels of incarceration – a direct result of drug related crime. Many fraternities and political interests benefit directly from the ills of drugs and, in many ways, drugs have created empires of commercial interests including employment and profits for many institutions including cash converters and other pawnbrokers.

I sincerely hope that the final chapter of the series of 'Perth's Dark Underbelly' tells the truth of the fact that organised crime can only flourish and have such dire,

five-star service be haunted by the thoughts that one day it may very well be their own son, daughter, or grandchild on a cold steel tray in some state morgue where they will have the sheer horror of having to identify the body of their most cherished loved one.

This surely must be stated in the concluding chapter of 'Perth's Dark Underbelly'.

May the spirits of all our young people who have died by the means of drugs rest in peace. And may our campfires burn forever.

ROBERT EGGINGTON
Director, Dumbarton
Aboriginal Corporation
Perth, WA

Tributes

A fighter for social justice

TODAY we heard the very sad news that Rosemarie (Waratah) Gillespie passed away in St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne yesterday, Monday 21 June, after suffering a massive stroke. She was 69-years-old.

Waratah was a long-time fighter for Bougainville and Indigenous rights issues. She

was a lawyer, a feminist, a writer and a film-maker. She was a mother of three and is survived by her two daughters.

Waratah's friends knew her as a very brave woman who put herself in the front line of many political actions, including acting as a human shield and eyewitness to the invasion and

Rosemarie (Waratah) Gillespie (1941-2010)

occupation of Iraq in 2003.

Waratah will be remembered by many as a tireless fighter for social justice and human rights in general.

Her contributions to North Illawarra Reconciliation and Treaty Group (NIRTG), the Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy (SPATE) and the campaigns to protect Sandon Point and to end the Northern Territory Intervention were immense.

Waratah's family are inviting

people who knew her to write tributes and will provide an email address where they will be compiled for a tribute book.

Waratah will be sadly missed by all her friends and family.

KAREN GOUGH
On behalf of NIRTG and
SPATE

Extraordinary commitment in doing what was right

IT is with a sad heart that I learned of the sad passing of Rosemarie (Waratah) Gillespie last week at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne.

While Waratah and I share the same surname, we do not appear to be related. I understand Waratah was a very proud Yorta Yorta woman from regional Victoria. She possessed an exceptionally strong conviction to

improve the quality of life and the human rights of not just Aboriginal people in Australia, but all Indigenous and underprivileged peoples of the world.

Waratah's commitment to human rights throughout Australia and the world is a shining example for all fair-minded and caring people.

She pursued the rights of our brothers and sisters in East Timor,

Bougainville and Iraq amongst her extensive record of achievements.

Waratah was the person that highlighted and fought hard against the entrenched racism and discrimination and appalling treatment of Indigenous peoples and the underprivileged that rightly belongs to governments of the world.

Her fight in Bougainville against the destruction of

Indigenous people's lands is a case in point. She was doing what others with the capability and capacity should have been doing.

ALRM commends this Australian icon as is fitting for someone with her extraordinary commitment in doing what is right.

On behalf of ALRM, I extend our condolences to Waratah's family and many, many friends and supporters throughout

Australia and the world.

We have lost someone very special and it is hoped her struggle continues with those that follow in her footsteps to improve justice for the underprivileged and an unjust world.

NEIL E GILLESPIE
CEO, Aboriginal Legal Rights
Movement
Adelaide, SA

Cooper features in book



A NEW book which celebrates the partnerships and alliances between Indigenous and Jewish Australians,

Hand in Hand: Jewish and Indigenous people working together, highlights the early activism of Yorta Yorta man William Cooper in its first chapter.

Great grandson Kevin Russell, who took part in a panel discussion before the book's Melbourne launch on 30 May, said William Cooper's achievements were most widely honoured and celebrated amongst the Jewish community.

In the early 1930s Mr Cooper, one of the founders of the Australian Aborigines League, actively campaigned for Aboriginal land rights and representation in Federal Parliament.

At the age of 77, he also led a march on the German consulate in south Melbourne, denouncing the treatment of Jews in Nazi Germany and Austria following the violent anti-Jewish pogrom Kristallnacht (Crystal Night) in November 1938. Kristallnacht is often viewed by historians as the beginning of Hitler's genocidal 'Final Solution'.

Last year in the Martyrs Forest near Jerusalem, a plaque was unveiled commemorating Mr Cooper's stand against Kristallnacht. This this event is also documented in *Hand in Hand*.



Uncle Boydie Turner and the then-Australian Ambassador to Israel James Larsen unveiling the plaque in The Martyrs Forest near Jerusalem.

Mr Russell, along with 11 other family members, travelled to Israel to be there.

"It was the most overwhelming experience. We all cried," he said.

"He (William Cooper) knew what it was like to be persecuted ... the genocidal practices were happening to us ... (there was) a shared understanding of what it's like to be oppressed, down-trodden and denied possession of land."

Mr Russell said that in his opinion his great grandfather still wasn't properly recognised in Australia, and until that occurred the naming of the William Cooper footbridge in the Melbourne suburb of Footscray felt 'tokenistic'.

"We travelled half-way around the world to get that honour, but he's still not widely known in Australia," Mr Russell said.

"We need the wider community and our own people to understand what a great leader he was."

"He petitioned King George, for God's sake ... He wrote to Prime Minister Lyons seeking representation (for Indigenous people) in Federal Parliament. He was far before his time in the way he thought."

Hand in Hand was commissioned by the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and written by Dr Anne Sarzin and Lisa Sarzin. It has a NSW focus, with an emphasis on contemporary and current initiatives, but other historical connections which are also highlighted include Chief Justice James Spigelman's role in the 1965 Freedom Ride, which was led by the late Charlie Perkins.

The now Chief Justice of NSW said his involvement as a 19-year-old arts student and secretary of Student Action for Aborigines (SAFA) was determined by the fact that his parents were both Holocaust survivors and that 'any form of racial discrimination was abhorrent'. A section is also dedicated to Jewish barrister Ron Castan, who was lead counsel in the Mabo case and helped to conceive of the Wik case and to draft the pleadings.

Hand in Hand costs \$30 and can be ordered from the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. Telephone (02) 9360 1600 or email mail@nswjbd.com



William Cooper's grandson Alfred 'Boydie' Turner with his daughter Leonie Drummond at the unveiling of a plaque in the Martyrs Forest near Jerusalem last year in honour of William Cooper's stand against Nazi persecution of Jewish people. Twelve family members traveled to Israel for the occasion and an eight-minute film has been made. Photo courtesy of JNF Australia

Campaign continues for inquiry into death

By DARREN COYNE



COMMUNITY activists have called for an inquiry into the death in custody last year of

transgender Indigenous woman Veronica Baxter.

Ms Baxter was found hanging in her cell on 16 March 2009, six days after being arrested by police and charged with supplying a prohibited drug.

She was being held on remand in the all-male NSW Silverwater Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre.

Ms Baxter was from Cunnamulla, south-west Queensland. She dressed, appeared and had identified as a woman for 15 years and was known by family and friends as a woman, yet she was placed in the all-male jail, allegedly against NSW Government policy.

Rally participants said trans people faced a disproportionate amount of abuse, rape and murder in jail. Consequently, in Australia there are strict guidelines requiring protective segregation of trans people from mainstream prisoners.

Last Wednesday, they



Veronica Baxter

presented a petition to NSW Greens MP Sylvia Hale, who was due to table the petition in Parliament that day.

Socialist Alliance spokesperson Rachel Evans said it was not known what happened to Ms Baxter during her time in jail because 'the coroner hasn't released any details'.

She said the NSW Government had refused to hold an inquiry into the death, despite many requests.



Urging action were Tracie O'Keefe, of Sex and Gender Education Australia, Gina Wilson, of Organisation Intersex International, Rachel Evans, of Socialist Alliance, Sylvia Hale, of the Greens and Norrie, a friend of Ms Baxter's. Back row, Viv McGregor, Angela Lawrence and Andrew Brent, of Still Fierce, and a supporter of the rally.

She said the petition presented to Ms Hale included more than 300 signatures from overseas, indicating that the case was receiving international attention.

"People from the US especially are outraged ... the conditions in our jails are appalling but more so for vulnerable people who may be different because of their sexual orientation," she said.

"In the case of Veronica Baxter, to have died in March last

year, and it's now June, with no inquiry, says a lot about the failure of duty of care exercised by the Government on behalf of prisoners."

Greens MP Sylvia Hale told *The Koori Mail* she had asked questions in Parliament regarding the Baxter case and was more than willing to present the petition.

Indigenous Social Justice Association President Ray Jackson was unable to attend the

gathering because of illness, but has previously described the case of Ms Baxter as 'disgraceful'.

"This is another disgraceful black death in custody. More than a year later we have no medical papers stating the cause of her death," he said.

"The Australian Government, under the United Nations Charter of Human Rights, is responsible for ensuring that vulnerable people like Veronica Baxter are protected within the penal system."

"As a trans woman she was inappropriately place in men's prison, and a full public inquiry into her death needs to be held."

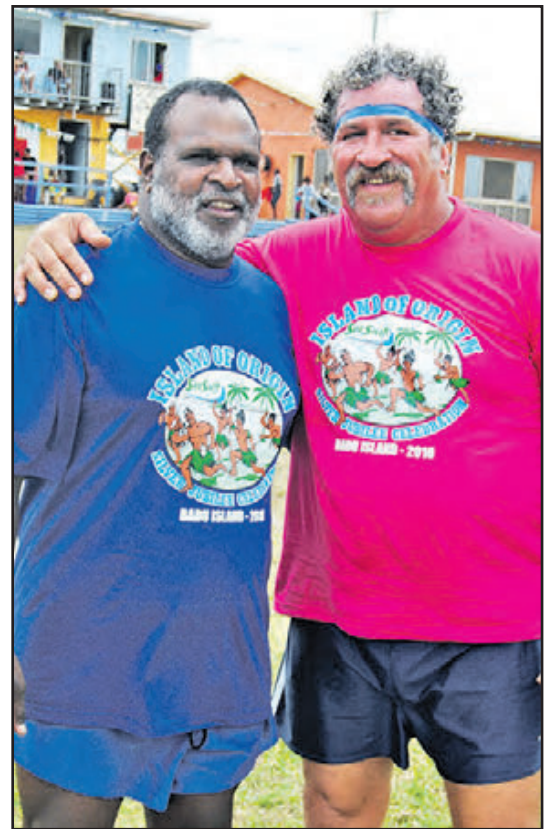
Meanwhile, NSW Attorney General John Hatzistergos told Parliament on 10 June that an inquest into Ms Baxter's death was listed for call over on 23 July.

"In the Baxter matter the brief is yet to be finalised. After it has been finalised a hearing date will be able to be set," he said.

Groups lobbying for an inquiry include the Indigenous Social Justice Association, Community Action Against Homophobia, Sex and Gender Education Australia, Still Fierce, Organisation Intersex International, Socialist Alliance and The Greens.

Torres Strait Islanders

The front gate at the Badu sports ground where Origin was held.



Special guest rugby league great Sam Backo, right, with Thursday Island man Wally Bon.



Supporters of winning Moa Island team Mua Razorbacks just minutes after their victory.



Carnival official Rita Kebisu holds one of the commemorative rings presented to players of the winning side.

Badu packed for carnival

By ALF WILSON in the Torres Strait

TSI

TORRES Strait Islander people braved windy conditions both on the field and on the seas as part of the 25th Silver Jubilee

Island of Origin rugby league carnival held on Badu Island from 10-13 June.

Outboard motor-powered dinghies were a popular mode of transport to the historic carnival, as well as many small planes that flew in and out of Badu Island airport, prompting organising committee chief Wayne Guivarra to remark: "This is like Tullamarine (Melbourne) Airport."

The driver of the Badu Island community bus was kept busy throughout the weekend picking families up from the airport as well as the beach landing where dinghies were anchored.

An estimated 5000 men, women and children attended the carnival at Badu's Joe Mairu Memorial Sports Oval.

Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) Chairman Toshie Kris was a special guest, along with councillors from other islands and former Australian Test and Queensland State of Origin star Sam Backo.



Flags fly proudly for the carnival.

The carnival was an alcohol, smoke and drug-free event promoting healthy living and especially targeted at youngsters, who turned up in their droves.

Not only were virtually all of the islands represented, but supporters, family and friends came from as far away as Brisbane, Mount Isa and the Northern Territory. Players also travelled from the Northern Peninsula Area and Cape York for the carnival, which is the premier sporting event in the Torres Strait. Five referees flew in from Cairns.

Stalls around the football field

showcased the culture and food of the region.

While action on the field was fast and furious and featured some big tackles, games were played fairly and with good sportsmanship.

Twelve men's teams battled it out from hosts Badu as well as Moa, Saibai, Boigu, Murray, Darnley, Mabuyag, Yorke and Yam Islands. Five sides, from Mabuyag, Saibai, Thursday Island, St Paul's and Badu, competed in the women's competition.

"This is the most women's teams at any carnival in the Torres Strait and we're proud of this being the silver jubilee," Cr Guivarra said.

A Golden Oldies match was also held to celebrate the 25-year milestone, with some of the veterans who had played in the first carnival lining up.

Locals put on a free breakfast each morning at the Badu Community Hall.

Passengers in four small boats were rescued by water police travelling to the carnival, prompting marine safety officers to have several marine flare exhibitions during the football.

Games throughout the carnival were broadcast live by Torres Strait Islander Media Association (TSIMA) Radio Station 4MW.

● See sports reports on pages 92 and 93.

celebrate 'Origin' footy



One of the locals got an unwanted run during a women's game on Badu Island.



Ena Blanket behind pram with Larvo Nona, 19 months, and Ivy Nona at back.



● ABOVE: The Badu locals and visitors knew the score at this year's Island of Origin.

● RIGHT: Preparing breakfast at 6am in the Badu community hall were, from left, Mesena Mooka, Walter Paii and Fay Nona.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES SYMPOSIUM

13-15 JULY CANBERRA

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The Information Technology and Indigenous Communities (ITIC) symposium will explore the ever-increasing use of IT to access, create and collate tangible and intangible cultural information and heritage as well as a wealth of additional uses of digital media. The torrent of new media and digitisation provides a host of opportunities and associated challenges.

WHO IS ATTENDING?

The symposium will bring together community workers, institutions, researchers, technical advisors and IT professionals to discuss current projects, share challenges and solutions; investigate improved digitisation options; explore new methods and technologies; and think creatively about future pathways.

WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED?

Indicating the vibrancy and creativity of the sector, ITIC has presentations which showcase and consider the variety of uses of IT. Sessions include: Cultural and Environmental Mapping; Community Collecting and Museum Outreach; Access to IT and Infrastructure; IT and Education; IT, Language Documentation and Revitalisation; Media Associations and Remote Communities; Voice and Representation; ICT and Creative Solutions; Safeguarding the Virtual World; Placing Culture Online; Managing Knowledge in the Digital World and Digital Media and Cultural Transmission.

Preliminary Program now available online. Symposium 13-15 July with additional workshops on the morning of the 16th of July, Canberra.

Remote participation available via live webcast.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.aiatsis.gov.au



AIATSIS
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT
ISLAND STUDIES

An AIATSIS Research symposium co-hosted with the ANU and the National Film and Sound Archive and co-sponsored by Department of Industry, Innovation, Science and Research and held in conjunction with the National Recording Project's 9th Symposium on Indigenous Music and Dance.

Youth choir on song for Chinese

THE voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth have rung out across the seas, with members of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir (GNICC) performing in China earlier this month.

Ten GNICC youngsters from Cairns, the Torres Strait, Shepparton and Sydney travelled to Shanghai as part of the Qantas Choir to sing in two Australian Pavilion National Day concerts at World Expo 2010.

There, they rubbed shoulders with and performed on the same stage as Aboriginal singers Jessica Mauboy and Dan Sultan, didgeridoo aficionado William Barton, alternative pop star Kate Miller-Heidke and comedians the Umbilical Brothers.

In the 2500-strong audience cheering them on was Australia's Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

Artistic director and founder of Gondwana Choirs Lyn Williams conducted the Qantas Choir for the performance and said it was a thrill for the Gondwana youngsters to represent Australia in this way.

"And it was a delight to see their curiosity at experiencing a new culture," Ms Williams said.

"I'm very proud of the way in which they rehearsed and performed with such dedication and commitment."

While in Shanghai, the choristers also took in the local sights and sounds, visiting the Jade Buddha Temple, an ancient water village of Zhujiajiao, the waterfront of the Bund and the highest observation deck in China, at the World Financial Centre.

High

"I've never been up so high in my life," said Cairns youngster Bailey Zaro, who declared the experience 'amazing'.

Gondwana Choirs provides opportunities for talented young Australians to perform alongside leading artists.

Tomorrow, GNICC will rehearse at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern. On Sunday, 4 July, at the Sydney Opera House, the choir will join 500 fellow choristers from the Sydney Children's Choir and the four other national Gondwana choirs in a concert to mark the national not-for-profit organisation's 21st anniversary.

Members of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir with Jessica Mauboy.



Concerns held for WA housing funds

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



FEDERAL funding for Aboriginal housing in Western Australia hangs in the balance with the State Government expected to fall short of its agreed annual targets.

The Government had reached only one-sixth of its target for housing in the north-west of the state by the end of May. Although it has since made up some ground, road closures were last week preventing workers getting through to some project areas.

WA Shadow Housing Minister Mark McGowan said the failure to fully utilise Federal funds for the work this year would mean next financial year's allocation was at risk.

But a spokesperson for the Department of Housing told *The Koori Mail* there had been progress on construction despite various recent challenges, such as the main road to the Kimberley being closed and a shortage of workers in the north-west.

Seasonal road closures during the wet season between October and May could further hinder construction when some roads and communities in the region became inaccessible.

The department spokesperson said that despite the Government's slow start, by last Wednesday 87 assembled houses had been delivered to the designated housing sites and 39 of them connected to power and water.

That's still only just over half the figure presented in WA Government projections at the start of the financial year for the number of completed houses. But the spokesman maintained that by today's deadline, fully installed and completed constructions would be much closer to 2010 projections.

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, the WA Government is set to receive \$496 million over four years to build 295 houses.

A spokesperson for the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) renegotiated funding rules of the

National Partnership Agreement, creating a more competitive and performance-based approach to funding commitments for Indigenous housing.

Under the new arrangement, if states fail to deliver on their targets they risk losing 25 per cent of their funding.

The changes were made to provide incentives for jurisdictions to deliver capital works activity and were a bid to 'drive continuing improvements in the delivery of Indigenous housing programs across Australia'.

Desperate need

Mr McGowan said delays in construction indicated the WA Government was not taking seriously the desperate need for housing in the region.

Figures released on 30 April by the WA Treasury showed that in the ten months after the funding was allocated, only 12 of 75 houses planned and budgeted for had been built and connected to water and power.

"The Barnett Government's tardiness

has not only jeopardised Federal funding but has disappointed residents in remote Indigenous communities who were promised houses," Mr McGowan said.

Unless the Government caught up on its original target by the end of the financial year, WA would lose \$124.13 million in funding that was desperately needed and essential to providing housing for families in Indigenous communities, he said.

Member for the Kimberley Carol Martin said 66 of those 75 houses were intended for her local region, and Indigenous communities across the Kimberley were relying on the houses to help alleviate significant overcrowding and homelessness.

"Most of the communities suffer from a severe shortage of housing as well as poor housing conditions," she said.

"Housing is the key to improving Indigenous health, education and employment, but the Barnett Government has dropped the ball and the residents of these remote communities will suffer."

Lawyers back Constitution move



AUSTRALIAN Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) has congratulated the NSW Government for its proposal to formally recognise Aboriginal people as the state's first people in the State Constitution. Premier Kristina Keneally and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch announced

the move in *The Koori Mail* on 16 June. A two-month period of public comment has begun on the proposed wording of an amendment to the preamble.

ALHR said the change would represent a significant advance to the recognition and protection of human rights in Australia.

And the group urged the NSW Government to support the symbolic recognition with practical

outcomes addressing Aboriginal disadvantage across the State.

Adam McLean, a national committee member for ALHR, said the Victorian Constitution was amended in 2004 and the Queensland Constitution in 2010.

The Government intends to amend the preamble to the state's Constitution to read:

(a) The people and Parliament of NSW acknowledge and honour

the Aboriginal people as the first people and nations of the state.

(b) Aboriginal people have a spiritual, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters and have made a unique and lasting contribution to the identity of New South Wales.

(c) Nothing in this section creates in any person any legal right or gives rise to any civil

cause of action, or affects the interpretation of this Act or any other law in force in New South Wales.

Minister Lynch said the proposed amendment would likely be passed when Parliament resumed in September.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has also backed the proposal to amend the state's colonial founding document.

Partnership to help traditional owners

By CHRISTINE HOWES in Cairns



A NEW three-way partnership is expected to enable Wuthathi traditional owners, from Shelburne Bay on the north-east of Cape York Peninsula, to achieve a range of objectives they have long held for their people and country.

The Wuthathi Land Trust, the Australian Conservation Foundation and US-based philanthropic organisation The Christensen Fund have joined forces in a project that aims to foster Indigenous traditional knowledge and help protect one of Australia's most spectacular areas.

Wuthathi Land Trust Chair Arnold Wallis said the area of land concerned was pristine and widely regarded as a national icon.

"I think this partnership has a lot of credence in terms of meeting lots of objectives, not only locally but internationally," he said.

"One of the things that has been a struggle over the years is the autonomy that we need to meet our own objectives.

"And I think these types of partnerships will give us the opportunity to achieve that.

"We now have a framework, a base for our projected aspirations into the future.

"The ability for our children to reconnect with their homeland and their culture offers them the opportunity to become greater contributors in the national interest.

"That they won't become welfare reform children, that the Elders will teach them those values that will make them acceptable and greater value, not only to Wuthathi but to the greater community.

"We see our cultural environment as a way of protecting that environment as well."

Wuthathi spokesperson Ray Wallis said the project had involved developing a 'cultural regeneration' strategy.

"With our cultural connection, what it will mean is that it will actually bring our senior members, people and young people back together to reconnect," he said.

"The worst thing about it was that there wasn't a group of people living on country doing day-to-day management.

"State Government has got a management plan of how they do things up there but what we want to do is be involved in that. There's some really significant places that need to be culturally protected."

Mr Wallis said they already had a dugong and turtle management plan in place, as well as a framework for what they wanted to achieve, but there was more work they could do now.

"We've done a framework on our country, a plan on how we can go about doing land and sea management," he said.

"We've done a fauna and flora plan on the area as well to identify what's on



Joining forces ... ACF's Leah Talbot, Henrietta Marrie, from The Christensen Fund, and Arnold and Ray Wallis.

country. But there was a gap in there and that's with the cultural connection."

Australian Conservation Foundation Cape York Program Officer Leah Talbot said her group was honoured to be invited to support the project.

"Shelburne Bay is a very significant area environmentally," she said.

"ACF is just very honoured to be able to support the Wuthathi people and the project and to be able to bring together the necessary partners for the project to be achieved.

"We see it as a really important project to be able to assist traditional owners to go back to country, put in place or maintain those cultural values among traditional knowledge and develop some ecologically and culturally appropriate management programs for that particularly part of the Cape York Peninsula region."

Ms Talbot said ACF would support Mr Wallis with an office where he could

develop these plans and negotiate arrangements 'to be able to take people back to country', and equipment and technical advice for recording stories and formulating the project plan towards the end of the project.

"We'll also support the Wuthathi people to assist them with looking for ongoing funding, to continue to project in whatever capacity that they or the Elders may wish to," she said.

Strengthening

Christensen Fund Northern Australian Program Officer Henrietta Marrie said the fund was about strengthening local groups on the ground.

"We're about providing them the kind of resources which will enable them to pick up and carry on the kind of practices in which they want to effectively manage those areas and to monitor the vegetation and animal plant species in the region," she

said. "To be able to connect younger generations and Elders together, working together, to be able to identify what's on country and also to provide them with a strong sense of who they are as a people and I believe, as a funder, that's something we have the strength to do – provide resources.

"They have the capacities, they have the knowledge and the know-how on how to manage their country and, really, as a resource it's up to us be able to provide the kind of support to enable them to do so.

"We're pleased to support such a worthwhile project with fantastic partners."

The funding will support two 'on-country' trips for Wuthathi traditional owners, with the information gathered used to develop a Wuthathi Cultural Regeneration Strategy to compliment a Culture and Conservation Framework produced in 2004, also with the support of ACF.

Funding to help tackle violence



INDIGENOUS men working to tackle family violence in their communities will receive almost \$550,000 from the Australian Government to support their efforts.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin said projects across Australia would share the funding for community-based intervention programs to target family violence.

"Many Aboriginal men have already demonstrated their willingness to speak out against violence and their determination to be positive role models for other boys and men," Ms Macklin said.

"Through this funding, we are encouraging more Aboriginal men to reject

violence in their families and communities."

Speaking at the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in Adelaide last week, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the Government was committed to supporting Aboriginal men who were inspiring others to reclaim their roles as strong and caring fathers, partners, sons and brothers.

"The Government is supporting men's leadership to target the underlying causes of violence and alcohol abuse and break the cycle," Mr Snowdon said.

"Taking ownership of these problems is no easy task for communities, especially when people are already living in tough conditions. But we all have the power to reject violence."

The funding includes support for:

- \$73,000 for the Spirited Men's Project to conduct an Aboriginal Men's Gathering across South Australia and to buy a bus to transport their regular program participants from Coorong, Kalparrin and Murray Bridge.

- \$25,000 for an off-road camping trailer and equipment for the NPY Cross Border Project to help reach men in very remote communities in the cross border region of SA, WA and NT.

- \$200,000 for the Tribal Warriors Association in Sydney to boost mentoring for young people to break the cycle of violence, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse and crime.

- \$161,000 for the Men's Yarning

Project to build community awareness and leadership against violence in the Langford area of WA.

- \$40,000 to further develop a leadership program for young Aboriginal men in Victoria's east Gippsland region.

- \$50,000 for the Meenah Mienne Mentor program in Northern Tasmania to run new training for community mentors working on alcohol, drug and family violence issues, including skills in conflict resolution.

The funding announced last week was in addition to the \$130,000 provided to support male leaders who attended the Stop the Violence Workshop in Ross River in the NT so they can educate and lead others in their home communities.

Govt challenged to vote on wild rivers



CAPE York campaigner Noel Pearson has challenged the Federal Government to put to a vote in the

House of Representatives a bill aimed at overriding Queensland's *Wild Rivers Act*.

The Senate on Tuesday passed a private member's bill from Senator Nigel Scullion which would force the Queensland Government to negotiate Wild Rivers Declarations with traditional owners.

Such declarations restrict activity around rivers, and Mr Pearson claims the legislation will stifle economic development.

The bill passed with support from the Coalition, independent Nick Xenophon and Family First's Steve Fielding, but was opposed by Labor and the Greens.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh has labelled the bill a stunt and predicted it would not even make it to the floor of the lower house for debate.

"As I understand the rules of the Federal Parliament, it won't be debated in the lower house and we won't see it again," she said in Cairns.

But Mr Pearson has demanded the Government open up the bill, sponsored by Opposition Leader Tony Abbott in the lower house, to debate.

"We are calling on the



ANNA BLIGH

Government to give proper consideration for the bill, especially given the fact that it has passed through one of the two houses," he said.

"If the Government in the lower house has reasons not to support it, then they have an obligation to explain their position to the Aboriginal people of Cape York and the wider public."

Mr Pearson said it would be appalling if the Government blocked the bill from debate.

"This is not an issue that you play games about and that you use procedural rules to avoid debate on," he said.

"I think it would be absolutely appalling if a matter like this was treated with such disrespect."

Traditional owners across Cape York, led by Mr Pearson,

have expressed anger at the Bligh Government's decision to designate four Cape York basins as wild rivers, and are preparing a High Court challenge against the legislation.

They argue the declarations will stifle economic growth in an already impoverished region.

The Coalition bill relies on the race powers of the Constitution, which allows the Commonwealth to make special laws for the benefit of Indigenous people.

The bill states 'the development or use of native title land in a wild river area cannot be regulated under the relevant Queensland legislation unless the Aboriginal traditional owners of the land agree'.

A Labor-dominated Senate inquiry established to investigate Senator Scullion's bill recommended it not be passed.

"The committee is not persuaded the Queensland Act substantially interferes with the current or future development aspirations of Indigenous or other landowners in wild river areas," the committee's report, tabled on Tuesday, states.

However, the Coalition members of the committee had a different view.

In a dissenting report, they wrote: "Coalition senators conclude that application of the Queensland Act is severely restricting the capacity of Indigenous communities in wild rivers areas to use, develop and control their land." – AAP



One of the many wild rivers running through Cape York in north Queensland.



'This is not an issue that you play games about and that you use procedural rules to avoid debate on. I think it would be absolutely appalling if a matter like this was treated with such disrespect.'

– Cape York's Noel Pearson

D-Day for sea claim



Traditional owners performed during the determination ceremony.

Title win in Gulf region



THE Gangalidda and Garawa peoples celebrated an important milestone last week, with

formal recognition of their native title over nearly 6000 square kilometres of land and waters in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria.

At a hearing in Burketown last Wednesday, Federal Court judge Justice Jeffrey Spender made a consent determination over parts of two Gangalidda and Garawa native title claims about 650kms west of Cairns.

Most of the 1000 Gangalidda people live on their traditional country, in or near the determination areas.

The decision recognised their exclusive native title rights over 1860sq kms of an Aboriginal Land Trust area and their non-exclusive rights over 3950sq kms of mainly pastoral leases.

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson Thomas Wilson said the determination highlighted the strength of the Gangalidda and Garawa peoples in maintaining their culture and strong connections to the land.

He said he hoped it would lead to a further one to recognise the Gangalidda and Garawa people's rights over the remainder of their mainland country.

Gangalidda Elder Clarence Walden said his people would continue to fight for their rights to the remainder of their land and waters in the southern Gulf.

Spokesperson for the native title holders Murrandoo Yanner agreed that the



MURRANDOO YANNER

decision was a major victory.

"This decision means we have been awarded exclusive possession native title rights across significant parts of our claim area," he said.

"I want to acknowledge our Elders who have shown courage and persistence in pursuing our claims, especially those who have led the fight for our rights to be recognised and who are no longer with us."

Mr Yanner acknowledged the 'constructive approach' in discussions taken by the State of Queensland and the other respondent parties which led to the determination.

"We're pleased that the State Government and the lessees of Cliffdale and Escott pastoral leases have co-operated with us to enable this claim to be determined through mediation rather than through a protracted and expensive court hearing, and we look forward to a similar

resolution of our outstanding claims."

The determination areas include part of the Settlement Creek Wild Rivers Declaration and part of the Gregory River Wild Rivers Declaration.

Mr Yanner said he believed his group's native title rights would be explicitly protected under the *Wild Rivers Act* and that the declarations could not directly or indirectly limit the exercise of their native title rights.

National Native Title Tribunal Member Graham Fletcher, who mediated between the parties, said the Gangalidda and Garawa peoples were taking a staged approach to native title recognition.

Last week's decision covered Part A of two separate native title claims, and affected parties will now work towards settling the remaining parts of both claims.

"To establish how the native title rights will co-exist with the rights of others in the determination areas, the Gangalidda and Garawa peoples negotiated with parties to develop two pastoral agreements that they aim to have registered as Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs)," Mr Fletcher said.

"This means the native title holders will be able to practise their traditional customs while the pastoralists do their daily work, in a co-ordinated way that satisfies all involved."

Mr Fletcher said the outcome was achieved due to the parties' commitment to the process and their willingness to take time to negotiate about their rights and interests.



FEDERAL Court judge Justice Paul Finn is expected to hand down his decision on the Torres Strait Regional Sea Claim in Cairns this week, nine years after the claim was first lodged.

It's not known if a final native title determination will be made during a hearing set down for this Friday, 2 July, due to the complexity of the sea claim, but Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman Toshie Kris says the decision will be a significant event for the region.

The claim is over a large area of sea, most of the waters in the Torres Strait.

A native title determination is the final order of the court which will state the native title rights and interests determined to exist, the area over which those rights are determined to exist and the people determined to be the holders of the rights.

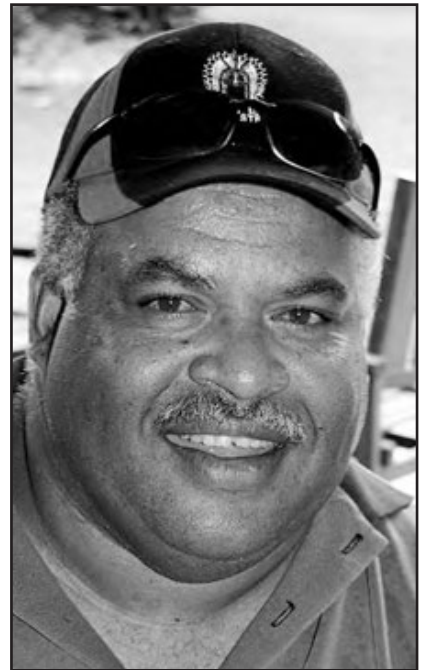
"This is one of the final stages of what has been a very long process – the Regional Sea Claim was first lodged in 2001," Mr Kris said last week of Friday's hearing.

"More recently several traditional owners and a number of experts gave evidence in this matter, with the final hearing of submissions held almost one year ago in Brisbane."

Traditional owners are expected to attend the public hearing, scheduled to start at 10.15am at Court 1 of the Cairns Courts Complex.

Mr Kris said the case was complex for several reasons, one being the claim was made by Torres Strait Islanders as one people on a one-society basis, and that it covered a large area.

"This claim was made on the basis that Torres Strait Islanders are one people; one society, whose members between them hold all the native title rights and interests in the seas of the Torres Strait according to Torres Strait



TOSHIE KRIS

traditional laws and customs," Mr Kris said.

He said some additional work could be required before the court could make a determination of native title in accordance with reasons for the decision, and the case would not be finalised until the determination of native title was made.

Once the final determination is made, affected parties will have 21 days in which they can start an appeal.

"Once there has been time to review and understand the decision, representatives from the TSRA Native Title Office will ensure that its clients are thoroughly briefed on what is said by the judge," Mr Kris said.

"The decision may be lengthy and complex and may take some time to thoroughly assess, but we will hope for the best outcome, a positive finding in favour of the Torres Strait claimants."



The Torres Strait Regional Sea Claim is over a large area of sea, most of the waters in the Torres Strait.

New map aims to close gap



A NEW strategy has been launched to strengthen the capacity of health and medical research to close the gap in Indigenous

health.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) has produced Road Map II: A strategic framework for improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through research.

The document identifies priority areas for health and medical research which contribute to a positive impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. It outlines seven action areas for research investment by the NHMRC, including improved participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in NHMRC programs and capacity exchange through research collaboration.

A boost for education is also committed in Road Map II, through opportunities for investment in career and development opportunities for Indigenous health researchers.

NHMRC has committed a minimum of five per cent of research funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and well-being.

At the launch of Road Map II in Canberra, Federal Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery Warren Snowdon said targeted research would help improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Today is an important milestone to build the capacity of research to close the gap between the life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the overall Australian population," he said.

"The Road Map II is an important step in the recognition of research in health care that will assist the future generations of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Australians."

Objectives of Road Map II are to assist Indigenous communities achieve and maintain the highest practicable standards of individual and public health; foster research in achieving, maintaining and improving those standards; and contribute to closing the gap in Indigenous health.

Road Map II was developed by NHMRC following an evaluation of the 2002 Road Map.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Advisory Committee (ATSIHAC) produced it after a consultation in 2007-08 and review to identify areas for improvement in health and research priorities for Indigenous communities.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health Mark Butler said that the support

would boost Australia's capacity to build on the work already undertaken by NHMRC researchers.

"Australian research funding provides world-leading health and medical research. Road Map II will further align research excellence with projects that support and promote Indigenous health," Mr Butler said.

NHMRC chief executive officer Professor Warwick Anderson said the

Road Map II was an integral part of NHMRC goals in working to build a healthy Australia.

"Closing the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is a key outcome of our strategic plan. In working to ensure consistent health standards in Australia, NHMRC has committed a minimum of 5 per cent of research funding to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and well-being," Prof Anderson said.

Road Map II sets further research targets to complement the Council of Australian Governments' \$4.6 billion investment in Indigenous-specific National Partnership Agreements to close the gap.

'The Road Map II is an important step in the recognition of research in health care that will assist the future generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians'

Tourism scholarships on offer through Bond Uni



TOURISM is regarded by many as an industry for highly motivated go-getters.

And Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people keen to break into it have just over four weeks to prove they have what it takes to win one of two university scholarships in the field.

Two Indigenous Land Corporation Tourism Scholarships, each worth \$115,000 over three years, are now available to Indigenous students wanting to

study a Bachelor of Tourism Management or a Bachelor of International Hotel and Resort Management at Bond University on the Gold Coast.

Innisfail teenager Patryce Nona was last month announced as the inaugural recipient of the ILC Tourism Scholarship.

The latest two scholarships, with applications closing on 31 July, are for students who'll start their studies at Bond this January.

For more info, go online at www.bond.edu.au/scholarships



Members of Team NAAJA who took part in the Dili marathon event.

Marathon effort by Team NAAJA



NAAJA criminal lawyer Josh Brock finished the marathon in 10th place for the male category.

YOU have to be committed and, many would argue, pretty tough to work in the justice field.

Last week, current and former staff of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) showed their mettle in a different, but just as worthy way, by taking part in the first Dili Peace Marathon in East Timor.

The 25-strong 'Team NAAJA', from the agency's Darwin and Katherine offices, competed in the marathon, half marathon and 10km events on Sunday 20 June.

"We're very proud of our team. They've been training for over four months for this event, and are raising money for charity as part of the event," said NAAJA CEO Priscilla Collins before the event.

Afterwards, the agency's advocacy manager, Jared Sharp, reported that most of the team, if not all, fared better than they'd have hoped.

Language books

With the support of Anglicare NT, the runners took with them boxes of English language books in high demand in East Timor. These included grammar, law, environmental, economics, politics, literature, media, and history books, as well as children's storybooks.

The books were donated to the Asia Foundation, which has distributed more than 70,000 English language books in East Timor to more than 200 not-for-profit organisations, including schools, universities, NGOs, and media outlets.

'Team NAAJA' also raised money for the Katherine StrongBala Men's Health Program. NAAJA Chairperson Norman George is heavily involved in StrongBala, a ground-breaking program that seeks to provide a safe, healthy place for Aboriginal men to get free health checks, alcohol and other counselling, free showers, a meal, arts and craft activities, gardening, trips for bush tucker, horticulture, music and more.



Team NAAJA members taking a break in East Timor.



We're opening the door to an even more connected world for all Australian businesses.

The National Broadband Network will deliver exciting benefits to Australian businesses no matter how big or small, or where they're located.

Australian businesses will have the opportunity to compete better on the world stage while saving valuable time and money.

Fast broadband will be able to connect businesses to their manufacturers, suppliers and customers in real-time. What's more, businesses will be able to offer training to their staff no matter where they are located across the country, thanks to interactive learning applications and high-speed video conferencing.

The National Broadband Network will connect Australian businesses whenever and wherever they need it most and boost our economy in ways we can only imagine.

To find out how it affects you, visit the website.

- A \$43 billion investment in Australia's economy
- A mix of fibre optic, next generation satellite and wireless technology
- Fast broadband access nationwide
- An 8-year rollout plan and work has already begun
- Location will no longer be a barrier to interactive training and development

australia.gov.au/nbn

Connecting Australians to a better future.



National
Broadband
Network



Australian Government

Crowds pack out sixth



Kelton Pell and Franklyn Nannup Pinjarra took time out at The Dreaming. The pair has been performing in Brisbane in the play *Binjareb Pinjarra* at the Powerhouse Theatre. It recounts the story of a massacre in Western Australia in 1834 which is generally considered the bloodiest day in the state's history.



Host of ABC Radio's *Speaking Out* program Rhianna Patrick, left, caught up with Bamaga and Brisbane resident Leonora Adidi outside the Nomad's Place stage which had story telling with Michael Williams, yarns with Sean Choolburra and Kevin Kropinyeri as well as performances by Janet Panic and Digging Roots.



National Development Officer for NAISDA Sue Gosson chats with Rizah Kris, from Brisbane, who saw her niece in some of the photos from her time at the dance college.



Making the trek from Iwantja Community (Indulkana) on the Eastern end of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjara (APY) Lands to The Dreaming was the Iwantja Band, who mix desert reggae, blues and heavy metal.



King Kapsi shook off the cool breeze and was smoking hot on the Blak Track stage.



Zayne and Tallas Terare travelled from Maroochydore to spend time with their grandmother Mareese Terare (Bundjalung/Yuin) around a Dreaming Fire Circle with Marty Thomas (Yuin). Mareese travelled from Lismore, while Marty made the trip from Redfern in Sydney.



● ABOVE: In the Elders' Tent were Grace and Hilda Johnson, from Bundaberg, and Michael Cockatoo, from Cairns, who is a student at Batchelor Institute.



● LEFT: Hip hop artists Darknis, left, and Karnage, right, from Adelaide, took time out from the crowds and performing to hang out with B-boy JC (Jason Campbell) from the northern rivers of New South Wales.



Beauhla McLeod, 16, from Cherbourg, and Karen Clevins, 16, from Murgon, were there.



Carissa Andrews showed her grandmother Ruby Andrews around The Dreaming.



Teneille Nuggins, from Hopevale in Queensland, brought her two-year-old daughter Phoenix to The Dreaming while she worked for 98.9FM broadcasting the event.

The Dreaming festival



The Mornington Island dancers had the white sand flying on the Dancestry stage each day of the festival with their energetic movements and body art and costumes.

Ruby's Tribute was a feature

By EMILY MURPHY



SAND flew and ochre floated through the air as dancers from across the world celebrated the sixth The Dreaming festival near Woodford in Queensland on the long weekend in June.

The event attracted more people than ever and featured world-premieres from the Doomadgee Dance Group, NAISDA and the beautiful 'Ruby's Tribute' on the Sunday night.

With Archie Roach, The Street Warriors, Leah Flanagan, Dubmarine, Radical Son, Emma Donovan and the Yabu Band celebrating the life of award-winning songbird Ruby Hunter through her own music, the atmosphere was one of nostalgia and thanks for a beautiful life.

Queensland Folk Federation General Manager Amanda Jackes said there was a five per cent increase in attendance of the festival over the four nights and three days, seeing 24,000 people through the gates.

"We were very pleased with the festival," she said.

"The program was very strong and well attended, especially in regard to the theatre and the opening and closing ceremonies."

First Nations people from around the world were featured, including Canadian Kaha:wi and Kehewin Native Dance



Alex Doomadgee leads the world-premiere of the Doomadgee Dance Group at The Dreaming. The group performed dance stories from their Gulf of Carpentaria home, including the Old Man and the Aeroplane dances.

theatre, Rako Fire performers from Fiji and the Australian premiere of Vanuatu ensemble Roi Mata.

Noted for bringing emerging and established Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to the stage, this year was no exception with performers travelling from the Central Desert, Western Australia and all corners of the country to showcase their skills.

The line-up included Brisbane-based Busby Marou, Iwantja Band from the APY Lands, Dale Robert Huddleston, Oni the Haitian Sensation, New Caledonian

performer Gulaan and Equadorian blues man Dave West – the only place in the world all these artists performed on the same bill.

Ms Jackes said the inaugural Dreaming artists mentoring program yielded significant results, with Stevie Salas, billed as one of the world's top 50 guitarists being so impressed with the talents of Iwantja Band that he has offered a recording opportunity for them in North America. He has also forged links with Cairns-based act The Medics for future recording potential.



Ses Bero and Georgie D, from Townsville, left the tropics for Woodford.



B-boy 2Ezy (Isaac Parsons), from Sydney, shows his skills on stage during a session at AlterNATIVE Lounge. The talented breakdancer and winner of a Deadly Award is thrilled that people know more about breaking after his mates Justice Crew won *Australia's Got Talent*.



Originally from Murray Island in the Torres Strait and now living at Tweed Heads, Bakoi Boulton teaches coconut weaving techniques to Lia Pa'apa'a from Melbourne who was at the festival working with the Ilbjerri Theatre on its production *Black Sheep*.

More photos from The Dreaming Festival on the next page

Focus on The Dreaming festival



The Sunshine Reggae Band travelled from Haasts Bluff, about 250km west of Alice Springs, for The Dreaming.



It was a big few days for Jahmarley Dawson, 14, from Caboolture (with Kamillaroi heritage) who saw the world premiere of the Doomadgee dancers and asked if he could join in. He has his own dance troupe, Koomurri, but he reckons it isn't yet as polished as the Doomadgee group. He worked on his didge playing, busking throughout the event as well as joining the Doomadgee Group on the Dancestry stage.



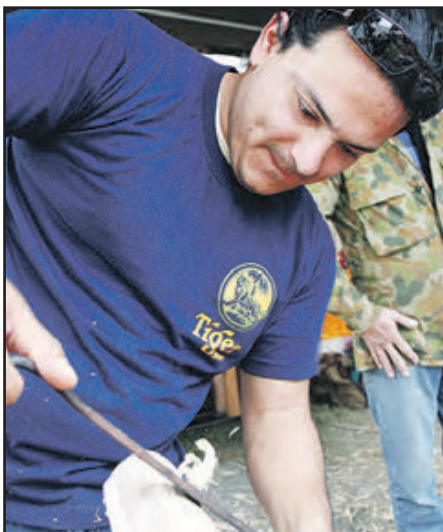
Constantina Bush had the crowd in stitches through the *Adventures of Constantina Bush and the Bushettes* at the AlterNATIVE Lounge each day of The Dreaming. Her alter-ego Kamahi Djordan King was also exhibiting his artwork in the galleries throughout the festival.



Kevin James Thomas Saylor, 16, from Thursday Island, showed how much fun he was having at The Dreaming with a frog leap over mate Jacob Anthony Garvey, 16, from Brisbane.



● ABOVE: Getting some hints in didgeridoo making are Derek Lynch from Finke, who is the assistant manager for the Iwantja Band with Tyrone Wallace from Eastern Arrente who is completing a Certificate IV in Media through Bachelor Institute and Brisbane-based Adam Evans.



● Sal Castro, from Larnook in northern New South Wales, made his own didgeridoo during The Dreaming.



Chris Wright, from Dubbo, catches up with lead singer of award-winning Yabu Band Delson Stokes at The Black Duck for a game of pool. The Kalgoorlie-born Yabu Band has been going from strength to strength since winning the Most Promising New Talent in Music at the 2009 Deadlys.

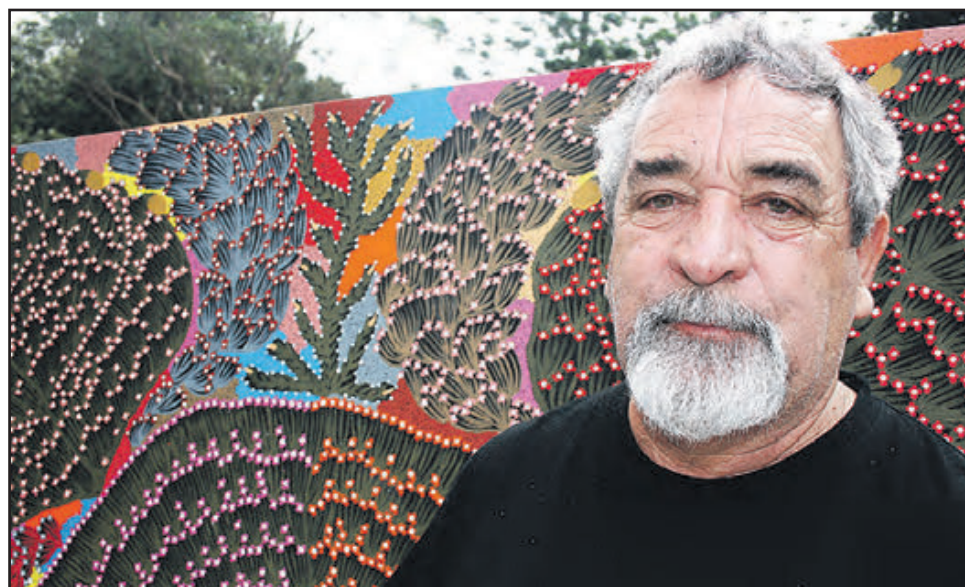
Remembering a strong woman

L AURIE NILSEN, from Brisbane (pictured), was at The Dreaming raising money to help transport the late Ruby Abbott Napangardi back to the Northern Territory for burial.

A service is planned in Spring Hill soon to remember Ruby, who passed away last month, before she begins the journey to her final resting place at Papunya.

Brisbane artist and Director of FireWorks Gallery Michael Eather said this about her: "Ruby was involved with FireWorks when our gallery was first established in Brisbane's CBD in 1993 – she simply wandered in with a few paintings under her arm and was determined to make herself known to us.

"She maintained a strong presence in our gallery for six or seven years, often floating between Brisbane and Alice Springs. Ruby was involved in many of our group exhibitions. She had two solo exhibitions of her own, and often collaborated in Campfire Group projects alongside other Queensland artists, most notably the exhibition *Saltwater Freshwater Borewater* and also painted at the 'cattle truck' for *All Stock Must Go!*, Campfire



Group's collaborative exhibit for the 2nd Asia Pacific Triennial at the Queensland Art Gallery.

"In fact Ruby helped paint the bonnet of the Dodge truck which now is parked at the

National Museum of Australia. In 1997 the University of Queensland Art Museum staged an exhibition of her work called *I'm Ruby Abbott*.

"Her signature image was the Bush

Banana Dreaming – a beautiful floral design that captured many audiences and for which she became quite famous. Ruby often completed (large) commissioned pieces and I'm sure this Dreaming design kept her and her family going for many years!

"One work measuring over five metres long was used numerous times in cultural displays, as a backdrop for Aboriginal performances in Brisbane at King George Square and also at the Woodford Folk Festival from 1994 to 2000, where Ruby became a local legend.

"As our gallery and business developed and indeed later re-located out of Fortitude Valley, Ruby moved into neighbouring areas and over at West End where she found new audiences, always singing, busking, painting and dreaming."

A gregarious and larger-than-life character Ruby, a Warlpiri/Luritja woman, would often sing at the top of her voice about her culture, her stories and her identity. She was very proud of her art and painting. She was always dynamic, very determined, and everyone who met her never forgot her.

Native Title Tribunal moves to clarify claim on Wiradjuri land



THE National Native Title Tribunal has moved to head off possible public misunderstanding about a native title claim in north-west NSW.

The Wellington Valley Wiradjuri People's claim was accepted for registration in December and will now go through the standard notification process.

However, given past contention around the claim, the Tribunal is assuring anyone with existing valid fishing, grazing, mining and other interests that those interests will be protected.

A spokesperson said the Tribunal was required to notify the public about the claim so that people who had an interest in the claimed area could apply to the Federal Court, within a period of three months, to become a respondent party to the claim.

The NSW Government has advised the Tribunal of groups that hold interests in the area, including

people who hold fishing licences, grazing licences, enclosure permits and mining leases. The Tribunal is now writing directly to those people to let them know about the application.

The Wellington Valley Wiradjuri People lodged the native title application with the Federal Court in August 2009. The Native Title Registrar accepted the application for registration on 18 December.

Boundary

The external boundary of the claimed area extends to the towns of Orange, Wellington and Mudgee, and is located north of Bathurst, south of Dubbo and east of Parkes. Not all land within the external boundary is claimed.

Native title can only be claimed over certain areas of land or water, for example on vacant or unallocated Crown land, national parks, state forests and nature reserves. It can't be claimed on freehold land or public works like roads, schools or hospitals.

Tribunal Member John Sosso said it was important to note that all existing valid interests, such as leases, licences or permits over the area were protected.

"People or organisations with these types of interests in the claim area may want to be involved in working out how their rights may co-exist with those of the Wellington Valley Wiradjuri People if their native title is recognised by the Federal Court," Mr Sosso said.

"By becoming a respondent party, people have the opportunity to participate in mediation meetings with the applicants and other parties. These meetings aim to resolve issues and reach agreements that respect everyone's rights and interests."

Any person or organisation with an interest in the claim has until 29 September to apply to the Registrar of the Federal Court to become a party to the application.

For more information phone the Tribunal on 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au



The area covered by the Wellington Valley Wiradjuri People's claim.

Nation's 'free party' is over – Anderson



AN Aboriginal leader has written to the Prime Minister, the NSW Premier and the Governor-General

challenging 'invader sovereignty' over Australia – and he urges all Aboriginal nations to do the same.

"Australia's free party at the expense of our people is over," Michael Anderson said in his letter.

The political activist from north-west NSW is the last survivor of the four young Black Power members who set up the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in 1972.

He now spearheads the 'New Way' movement, which has had summits in Canberra and Sydney.

In his letter to the Australian leaders, Mr Anderson demands 'certified copies of any and all documents where our past or present Elders surrendered to the British colonial authorities, or the Australian successor in title, thereby allegedly ceding our sovereignty and relinquishing our proprietary right to our lands, territories, waters and natural resources through their free prior and informed consent'.

"We assert and affirm that at no time since 26 January 1788 had the British Admiralty declared war upon our People of the Euahlayi, thus negating any claim that the People of the Euahlayi were conquered," Mr Anderson said.

Melbourne to host next summit

ABORIGINAL sovereignty will be a main talking point at the next New Way Summit national gathering, to be held in Melbourne from 1-4 July.

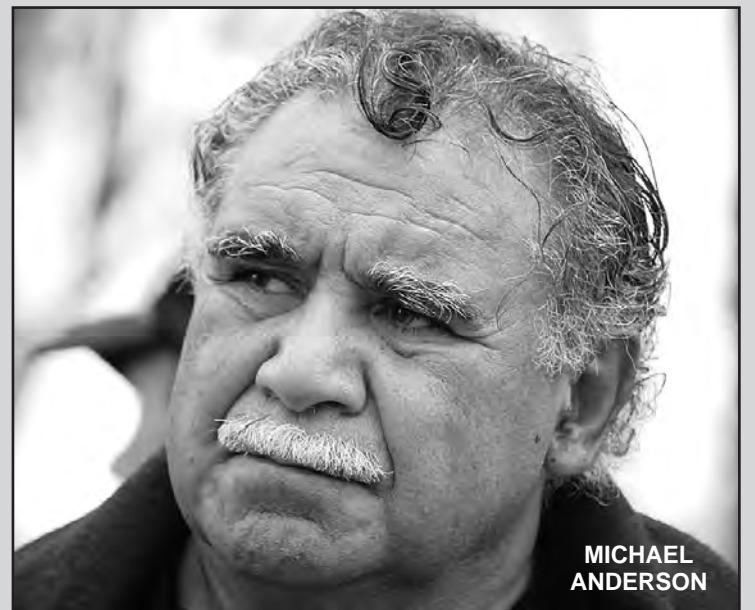
The summit will be held at the Kangan Institute in Broadmeadows, and will start at 1pm with traditional dancing and songs, and broad-ranging discussions including an exploration of Australia's legal position post-Mabo.

On Friday, at the Trades Hall Council in Lygon Street, discussions will include such topics as the importance of a treaty, the future of Aboriginal community controlled organisations, the NT intervention, deaths in custody and the removal of children.

On Saturday, the role of the United Nations will be scrutinised, as will various international treaties relating to Indigenous people. The role of the trade union movement will also be discussed, and there will be a 'forensic look' at political parties and how they can advance 'an Aboriginal future'.

The summit will wind up on Sunday with topics including the new National Congress of Australia's First People (NCAFP), and 'What happened to ATSIC and its billions'.

The cost of the summit is \$120, or \$40 a day for high wage earners, \$50 or \$16 a day for waged, \$20 or \$10 a day for unwaged and \$15 or \$2.50 a day for students.



MICHAEL ANDERSON

"Consequently our lands, territories, waters and natural resources were never acquired by conquest nor cession.

"By this we assert and affirm that the People of the Euahlayi nation have never submitted to the British invaders nor their heirs and successors, nor have we ceded our lands, natural resources, waters and the

airspace above our homelands."

Mr Anderson said if the documents were not produced, he would take this to confirm that no such documents exist.

"The charade has to stop somewhere," he said. "And it is now time to lay the cards on the table for all to see.

"We have a legitimate argument in respect of our

continuing sovereignty. The native title process is a covert action to continue to take our lands from us under the false pretence of legitimised Australian court claims.

"This process is a government strategy to have their courts legitimise their claims and the continuing theft of our lands, waters and natural resources."

Mr Anderson recalled that a

treaty process of the former National Aboriginal Conference he was involved in as a staff member in the 1980s 'was shut down not because of alleged fraud or anything like that, but because the treaty process was beginning to cut to the chase and it was beginning to get a little hot for the Australian government'.

Qld operators form alliance



A NEW alliance has been formed amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media operators in Queensland.

The First Peoples Media Alliance was formed at the 4th annual Qld Indigenous radio leadership forum held in Brisbane in May. It was attended by radio representatives from Brisbane, Cherbourg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Mt Isa, Palm Island, Townsville and Cairns.

The Alliance said in a statement that it was intended to be a voice for its members promoting the development and sustainability of media as an essential service.

General Manager of 88FM in Mackay Stephan Kent told *The Koori Mail* the Alliance intended to be 'hands on and very proactive'.

Accused plead guilty



TWO men charged in relation to an altercation that preceded the death of Peter 'Bo' Duncan pleaded guilty in Toowoomba Magistrate's Court on 1 June.

Mr Duncan suffered a heart attack soon after an altercation involving the two men in Chamberlain Street, North Toowoomba, just metres from the then Duncan family home on the evening of 19 January.

Benjamin Joel Venaglia, 28, pleaded guilty to public nuisance, common assault and assault occasioning bodily harm (of Joshua Duncan, Mr Duncan's son).

His brother Michael Kevin Venaglia, 30, pleaded guilty to wilful damage and public nuisance offences,

as well as to two counts of contravening a police direction.

Magistrate Kay Ryan sentenced Michael Venaglia to three months' jail, the term wholly suspended for 12 months, and ordered he pay \$896.39 compensation for damage to Mr Duncan's car. He was also fined \$400.

Benjamin Venaglia, who the court heard lived interstate, was sentenced to four months' jail, but was released on immediate parole and ordered to pay \$350 compensation to Joshua Duncan.

Before the court case, police were criticised for not laying any charges immediately following the death of Mr Duncan. They maintained throughout that they were waiting on medical evidence.



Duncan family members observe a minute's silence outside the Toowoomba police station on 26 March.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY & WATER

ACT Natural Resource Management Council Expressions of Interest – New Member

The Council is a non-statutory skills-based body of six members appointed by the ACT Government to make recommendations and manage strategic investments that maintain, protect and enhance natural resources in the ACT. The Council also provides leadership and guidance in integrated natural resource management in the ACT.

Expressions of interest are sought to fill the vacancy of an Aboriginal member.

Applicants should possess:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and societies and cultures and an understanding of the issues affecting these people in contemporary Australian society;
- experience of or an understanding of ways that Aboriginal people can be engaged in natural resource management; and
- experience of or an understanding of natural resource management practices and their application in Australian land management.

Council members are appointed by the ACT Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water for a three year term. Members receive a per diem sitting fee. The Council meets every two months and additional meetings are held as required.

Written Expressions of Interest no longer than two pages, should be submitted to: Mr John Feint, Executive Officer, ACT NRM Council, GPO Box 158, Canberra, ACT or to john.feint@act.gov.au

For further information please contact John Feint, 6207 5584 or 0417 286 943.

Expressions of interest close on Friday 9 July 2010.

adcorp28127



The Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) is the recognised Native Title Representative Body for the Goldfields Esperance Region of Western Australia. Pursuant to its notification functions the GLSC gives notice of the following meeting:

Native Title Determination Application Lake Carey area New Claim Authorisation Meeting

WHEN: Thursday 22 July 2010

WHERE: Laverton Town Hall

TIME: 10.00 am

The invitation is to all of the descendants of:

- Tjanun also known as Shannon,
- Tjinabanmang also known as Ginger Stokes,
- Bingki also known as Binghy Lynch,
- Ngajul also known as Snowy Barnes,
- Stanley Forrest,
- Teddy Forrest,
- Ninged Yubadu also known as Reggie Johnston,
- Tulungu also known as Kennedy Bilson,
- Garjunu also known as Dick Brown,
- Noorie also known as Morris Brownley;

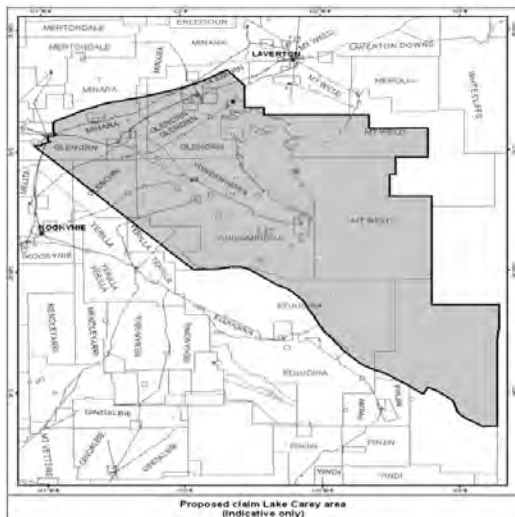
And the following people and their descendants:

- Ngungyun also known as Laural Cooper,
- Roy Sullivan,
- Muriel also known as Lorraine Griffiths,
- Mingu also known as Jessie Evans (nee Jones), and
- Patrick Edwards.

Note: The word 'descendants' means those persons who are the biological descendants of the named ancestors, or who are adopted in accordance with traditional laws and customs, regardless of whether the child has been formally adopted under the non-Aboriginal legal system.

Decisions may be made at this meeting about:

1. Authorising a new native title determination application in the Lake Carey area as shown on the diagram below;
2. Authorising the persons to be the named applicants; and
3. Other associated business.



THIS IS A MEETING WHERE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AFFECTING YOUR NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. YOUR PRESENCE AT THIS MEETING IS REQUIRED.

Travel assistance will be paid according to GLSC's usual policies. No additional travel allowance will be paid. Please contact Trish Ranger at the Kalgoorlie Office of the GLSC on 08 9091 1661 or 1800 681 661 if you have any transport questions. Please contact Simon Downing at the Perth office on 08 9263 8714 if you have any legal questions.

Tribunal moves to quit Darwin



THE National Native Title Tribunal will close its Darwin office later this year, amalgamating its Northern Territory and South Australian native title services into a new Adelaide-based Central Australia Registry.

Tribunal Registrar Stephanie Fryer-Smith said last Wednesday the Tribunal regretted that the NT Registry was closing, but the decision had been made for operational reasons.

Underpinning the decision were significant reductions in the Tribunal's appropriations over the next four years, as announced in the May Budget, coupled with a reduced workload at the NT Registry, she said.

Ms Fryer-Smith says the transfer of all NT services to the Tribunal's premises in Adelaide is being transitioned in the period to August, to ensure services to clients are not disrupted.

"The tribunal will continue to prioritise the delivery of high quality services to clients and stakeholders in both the NT and SA through the new Central Australia Registry," Ms Fryer-Smith said.

She said the establishment of the new arrangements reflected, to a large extent, current business practice where Tribunal services to SA and NT clients and stakeholders had been aligned for some time. For example, SA-based Tribunal Deputy President Chris Sumner mediates both NT and SA claims, and both registries are currently managed by NT Manager Tony Shelley.

The new Central Australia Registry will begin operating and serving the needs of both SA and NT stakeholders on Wednesday 1 September, from Level 10, Chessers House, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide.

'The tribunal will continue to prioritise the delivery of high quality services to clients and stakeholders in both the NT and SA'



Human Services
Community Services

Orana Far West Safe Houses Mentoring, Learning and Development Strategy.

Community Services is looking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced provider to coordinate and deliver an overall learning and development mentoring strategy for the Orana Far West Safe Houses. These safe houses are located in Lightning Ridge, Walgett, Brewarrina, Bourke and Wilcannia.

The successful provider will be required to:

- Conduct an audit of existing learning and development needs assessments, evaluation recommendations, and consult directly with the Safe Houses re learning and development priorities going forward.
- Develop learning and development plans, including individual and organisational plans, and a process to review and update them over time.
- Provide mentoring to individuals and groups; conduct group work-place learning activities; and where required, source or deliver training.
- Develop learning activities, materials, tools and resources to support the learning plans and associated activities.
- Research and engage with a range of learning and development providers to identify suitable programs, including Community Service's SAAP Learning and Development.

Selection Criteria.

The successful provider will be an Aboriginal identified person and Female. They will undertake considerable travel and working on-site across all the safe house locations.

1. Demonstrated understanding of and ability to work with Aboriginal communities and community organisations.
2. Demonstrated understanding of the work practices and challenges in providing community based domestic and family violence services, across all levels of an organisation.
3. Proven ability to consult and work collaboratively with a range of stakeholders.
4. Demonstrated ability to manage projects and achieve project outcomes.
5. Proven ability to develop and implement multi-faceted, individually tailored learning and development plans and solutions for a diverse workforce.
6. Demonstrated understanding and application of group facilitation skills and abilities in providing individual and small group mentoring.
7. Capacity to provide services on-site to each of the Safe Houses.

This project itself is for 12 months duration with a commencement date in September 2010. The provider will be under the direct contract management of SAAP L&D Community Services.

For further details including the project background, the project scope, key deliverables and time frames contact David McGuire Senior Project Officer on 9209 6462 david.mcguire@community.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 30 July 2010.

Fellowship nominations open



NOMINATIONS are now open for the NSW Indigenous History Fellowship 2010, valued at \$20,000.

The biennial fellowship is offered by the State Government to assist a person living in NSW to research and produce a work on a subject of historical interest relating to the state from an Indigenous point of view.

Applicants may be independent

historians, or historians working in conjunction with Indigenous communities.

In both instances, applicants should provide evidence of support and agreement from relevant peak bodies or representative community groups.

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday, 9 August. For information, contact Zoe Pollock at the History Council of NSW on tel (02) 9252 8715 or via email on office@historycouncilnsw.org.au.



A File photo of an NT community store. CIS policy analyst Sara Hudson says that, even when remote community stores do have fresh fruit and vegetables, they can be of poor quality or very expensive due to the lack of competition.

Report finds stores plan not working



THE FEDERAL Government initiative to improve remote community stores is crowding out competition and not delivering on its promises, according to a report from the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS).

The report, *In Healthy Stores, Healthy Communities: The Impact of Outback Stores on Remote Indigenous Australians*, by CIS policy analyst Sara Hudson, examines the reasons why Indigenous Australians in remote communities are more likely to have diets high in refined sugars, saturated fats and be obese or develop type-two diabetes.

"Healthy eating campaigns haven't helped. There is no point in knowing what is good for you if you can't buy it at your local shop," Ms Hudson said.

"Most remote Indigenous communities only have one store. Even when remote community stores do have fresh fruit and vegetables, they can be of poor quality and very expensive due to the lack of competition."

Ms Hudson said the Government established the Outback Stores Company to address the shortage of fruit and vegetables in remote Indigenous communities and to improve the management practices of remote stores.

"Outback Stores have not delivered on their promise to train locals to manage their own stores and they also make it harder for independent community stores to keep operating," she said.

"Outback Stores should only be used to fill gaps in services and should not be allowed to operate in communities of 500 or more because the \$77 million

in funding it receives from government has created an unlevel playing field.

"The Government should stop rolling out Outback Stores and instead look at strategies that support a diversity of stores and encourage communities to be self-reliant.

"Remote Indigenous communities should also be encouraged to grow their own fresh fruit and vegetables. This would ensure some supply of fresh food even when roads were closed and encourage individual responsibility for healthy eating."

Ms Hudson said the Federal Government established an inquiry into the operation of remote stores, but six months later the report was still sitting on the shelf.

"Remote Indigenous residents will continue to be served stale food due to stale policy responses," she said.



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award 2010

The Attorney-General for Australia, the Hon. Robert McClelland MP, is pleased to announce the inaugural Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award

Nominations are open to any Indigenous person who is currently admitted as a solicitor or barrister within Australia

The Award recipient will receive \$5,000 for further professional development.

Nominees will be asked to demonstrate their claims against the following criteria:

- championing the rights of Indigenous persons in a legal environment, and/or
- exceptional commitment to providing legal representation, advice or assistance, and
- demonstrated commitment to and pursuit of professional development.

Information can be found by:

- Visiting: <http://www.ag.gov.au/indigenouslegalaward> or
- emailing: IndigenousLegalAward@ag.gov.au

Nominations close on 6 August 2010

stronger together

Have your say about disability services

Stronger Together: A new direction for disability services in NSW 2006–2016 is the NSW Government's 10 year plan for disability services.

The NSW Government invites members of the community who have an interest in improving disability services in NSW to provide input into the planning process for the next phase of *Stronger Together*.

You can make a submission by emailing strongertogether@dadhc.nsw.gov.au or posting written comments to:

Stronger Together consultation feedback
Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Level 5, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Submissions must be received by 5pm 19 July 2010.

A consultation paper is available on the website. Visit www.adhc.nsw.gov.au for more information.



Human Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

ADHC 823 0610 120x110



INDIGENOUS VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (up to 12 months)



In partnership with the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, AIATSIS is offering several Fellowships to Indigenous people to undertake research projects. The project must be part of a higher degree undertaken by research.

Without limiting the possible coverage, areas of research supported could include critical evaluation of existing policy directions; examination of gaps in service provision or research into possible new policy directions; or studies of Indigenous societies, cultures and languages.

This prestigious national research program will allow Fellows to undertake research in their fields of interest and, where appropriate, work with relevant government departments to discuss policy and practice. Applications are encouraged from excellent candidates in any field of Indigenous studies or policy, except for clinical research.

AIATSIS is interested in Indigenous people with experiences and backgrounds who wish to contribute to knowledge about Indigenous societies and inform public policy, or who are considering moving into a research career.

Conditions

Salary will be up to \$88,207 pa, depending on experience and the employment status of the applicant. Appointments will be for between three and twelve months, depending on your project, and must be completed by around June 2010.

All positions will require a significant period based in Canberra. Successful applicants based outside Canberra may be provided with accommodation and travel to Canberra at AIATSIS' expense. We may also provide funding to undertake field research during the Fellowship.

The program is open to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people only.

How to apply

Closing date for this round of applications: 23 July 2010.

For information contact:

Mr Tony Boxall, phone 02 6246 1145, email tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au, or visit our web site at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/corporate/employment/employment.html>



QI2010/010 Santos/Petronas/Iman People GLNG ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 16km², located approximately 43km north-east of Injune north of Baffle Creek in the vicinity of the Dawson River as shown on the locality map.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson, Lawyers
Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE Qld 4000

Russell Tatow, Patrick Silvester, Cynthia Kemp, Eve Fesl, Troy Noble, Fred Tull, Fergus Waterton, Richard Doyle and Madonna Barnes on their own behalf and on behalf of the Iman People Native Title Claim Group
C/- Michael Owens, Michael Owens & Associates
Suite 3B, 41 Sturt Street
TOWNSVILLE Qld 4810

Petronas Australia Pty Limited
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson, Lawyers, Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE Qld 4000

QI2010/010 Santos/Petronas/Iman People GLNG ILUA

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 3.1 Consent to Grant of Project Approvals and undertaking of Project Activities

The Native Title Applicants on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group:

- (a) consent to the Grant or doing of all Project Approvals; and
- (b) consent to the undertaking of all Project Activities, to the extent that the Project Activities affect Native Title Rights and Interests.

3.2 PCCC Permission

The Native Title Applicants on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group:

- (a) consent to the use of the Pipeline Land for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Pipeline;
- (b) consent to the use of the Petroleum Facility Land for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Petroleum Facility;
- (c) give the PCCC Permission to the GLNG Project Proponents; and
- (d) consent to the use of any area covered by the PSLA Pipeline Licence for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Pipeline.

3.6 Consent to Future Acts

The Parties consent, for the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA and regulation 7(5) of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999 (Cth), to the doing of any of the acts referred to in this clause 3 that are Future Acts.

3.7 Acts excluded from the right to negotiate

Subdivision P, division 3 of part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply and does not apply to the Future Acts authorised by this Agreement.



QI2010/011 Santos/Petronas/Port Curtis Coral Coast GLNG ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 502km², located 68km south-east of Rockhampton and 37km north-east of Biloela in the vicinity of Gladstone as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Gladstone Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson, Lawyers
Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE Qld 4000

Selwyn James Appo, Leigh Anthony Blackman, Lynette Yvonne Booth, Stephen Joseph Collins, Maureen Joyce Eggmolese, Rayleen Evelyn Goltz, Tony Edward Johnson, Dean Sarra, Neola Marie Savage, Michelle Lydia Smith, Maxine Victoria Ann Thompson, Netta Margaret Tyson, Malcolm Alfred Walker and Michael John Williams on their own behalf and on behalf of Port Curtis Coral Coast Native Title Claim Group
C/- Margarita Escartin, Gadens Lawyers,
Level 25, 240 Queen Street
BRISBANE Qld 4000

Petronas Australia Pty Ltd
C/- Tony Denholder, Blake Dawson, Lawyers
Level 36 Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE Qld 4000

QI2010/011 Santos/Petronas/Port Curtis Coral Coast GLNG ILUA

The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 3.1 Consent to Grant of Project Approvals and undertaking of Project Activities

The Native Title Applicants on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group:

- (a) consent to the Grant or doing of all Project Approvals; and
- (b) consent to the undertaking of all Project Activities, to the extent that the Project Activities affect Native Title Rights and Interests.

3.2 PCCC Permission

The Native Title Applicants on behalf of the Native Title Claim Group:

- (a) consent to the use of the Pipeline Land for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Pipeline;
- (b) consent to the use of the Petroleum Facility Land for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Petroleum Facility;
- (c) give the PCCC Permission to the GLNG Project Proponents; and
- (d) consent to the use of any area covered by the PSLA Pipeline Licence for the construction, operation, use, maintenance, repair, further development, decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Pipeline.

3.6 Consent to Future Acts

The Parties consent, for the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA and regulation 7(5) of the Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999 (Cth), to the doing of any of the acts referred to in this clause 3 that are Future Acts.

3.7 Acts excluded from the right to negotiate

Subdivision P, division 3 of part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply and does not apply to the Future Acts authorised by this Agreement.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

These two applications for registration of an indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) have been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services Ltd, the representative bodies for the areas concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of any of these agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs 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, CAIRNS Qld 4870 by 14 October 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. U Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

adcorp28268

Nuclear moves in NT blasted



THE Northern Territory nuclear-free movement has been buoyed by Koongarra traditional owner Jeffery Lee's insistence on rejecting a multi-billion-dollar uranium mine inside Kakadu.

Mr Lee has offered thousands of hectares of wilderness land, including the Koongarra uranium deposit, to become part of Kakadu National Park.

The Northern Land Council has written to Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett offering the land for inclusion in Kakadu, and Mr Garrett has reportedly said he wanted to see the plan go ahead.

In recognition of Mr Lee's decision, and to build further momentum for a 'nuclear-free NT', environment and health groups from across the Territory attended a public information night at The Groove Café in Darwin earlier this month.

Speakers from Central Australia and the Top End spoke about the threats uranium mining and nuclear waste posed to communities, the environment and their way of life.

Topics included the uranium mine just south of Alice Springs at Angela Pamela, a proposed radioactive waste dump at Muckaty Station, near Tennant Creek, plans to extend the Ranger mine in Kakadu and proposed uranium exploration in rural residential areas near Darwin.

The Arid Lands Environment Centre, the Environment Centre NT, the Top End Aboriginal Conservation Alliance and the Public Health Association of Australia (NT Branch) joined to promote a nuclear-free vision for the NT.

Arid Lands Environment Centre spokesperson Jess Abrahams said nuclear threats affected all Territorians.

"Whether you live in a remote community, a regional centre like Alice Springs, a rural area or in the Darwin inner-city, radioactive issues will increasingly affect us all," she said.

Environment Centre NT co-ordinator Stuart Blanch said that despite evidence of spills and leaks from the Ranger uranium mine, major company ERA hoped to expand its contentious mine inside Kakadu.

"Coupled with the possibility of Jabiluka raising its ugly head again, we must strongly oppose any moves to expand uranium mining within this World Heritage Listed national park," he said. "With potential new mines in Central, Southern and Western Australia, Darwin Port faces a future as a global hub for uranium exports from across the country, as well as becoming the gateway for radioactive waste for the proposed Muckaty Station waste dump.

"This is not the future we want for Darwin Harbour."

Last week, the Electrical Trades Union of Queensland and the NT banned its members from working on uranium mines, nuclear power stations or any other part of the nuclear fuel cycle, claiming workers faced long-term health risks.

Dr Michael Fonda, a rural GP and member of the Public Health Association of Australia, said the proposed ten-fold expansion of uranium mining in Australia, especially in the NT and South Australia, posed a significant threat to clean waterways, aquifers and basins.

'Whether you live in a remote community, a regional centre like Alice Springs, a rural area or in the Darwin inner-city, radioactive issues will increasingly affect us all'

Boys real lifesavers



TEN Indigenous boys hit the waves at Thirroul Surf Life Saving Club and Wollongong Harbour recently in a bid to earn their Surf Rescue Certificates (SRCs).

The trip, organised by the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation and the brainchild of the AMS facilitator Craig Bloxsome, involved the boys completing a eight-weekend course in just two days.

Despite the rough surf and the heavy workload, everyone passed with flying colours.

"It was a really big ask for those boys to go up there," Mr Bloxsome said. "They were a great bunch of guys up at Thirroul, but it was a pretty intense course for these young fellas to go through."

Arriving on the Friday, the boys met the surf lifesavers who would be taking them through the course. They had an orientation barbecue before the tough stuff began the next day.

Challenges

Due to the dangerous surf conditions, Wollongong Harbour was the next port of call for the youngsters, and this is where they faced some challenges of their swimming ability and overall fitness.

Surf activities were completed on the rescue boards before the budding lifeguards had to swim 200 metres in five minutes.

After mastering the ocean, the group went back to shore to complete first aid, resuscitation and flag activities to ensure their skills were up to standard.

The following day the boys took part in surf rescue assessments before heading into the clubhouse to complete their first aid and resuscitation tests.

"They did eight weekends' work in one, but the assessment was no easier on them than the people who did the longer course and it was an amazing achievement, the boys really deserve credit for what they did," Mr Bloxsome said

"It really took it out of them though. I heard that after I dropped them off they were all in bed by 8.30pm."



Back, from left, Jarred Errington, club captain/trainer Lachlan Pritchard, Jordan Thomas, Dane Sturgeon and Damien Grey. Middle, from left, Ben Cotterill, Jarred Sturgeon, Jacoby Simpson, Ashley Brandon, Jack Goodsell, Aboriginal Medical Service Facilitator Craig Bloxsome, Alex Turner, Jaryd Turner. Front: Gary Whitby.

Indigenous Traineeships at ANZ



An Indigenous School Based Traineeship is a great way to earn an income, learn new skills and open doors to career opportunities while you're completing high school.

Since 2003 ANZ have recruited more than 400 Indigenous Trainees in branches across Australia.

We're currently looking for people to join our team who are;

- in Year 10 in 2010
- motivated and enthusiastic
- team players
- able to manage their time

Interested in applying?

Complete an Expression of Interest Form at our website www.anz.com/indigenousemployment

Applications close 30 July 2010



Recognition for a quiet achiever

Programs focus on Cape towns



ALEX McINTOSH is a quiet achiever who has dedicated the past decade to supporting and advocating the health needs and rights of Aboriginal people in the mid-west of Western

Australia. That work was recognised recently when Mr McIntosh was named the State Strong Spirit Strong Mind Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drugs Worker of the Year.

The senior project officer with the Midwest Community Drug Service (MCDS) received the award at the WA Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) Strong Spirit Strong Mind Forum held last month in Perth.

The awards identify and acknowledge those individuals, projects and agencies that have made a significant improvement in the health and well-being of Aboriginal people affected by alcohol and other drugs.

MCDS Manager Mitch Dobbie nominated Mr McIntosh and said his award was well-deserved.

"Alex has worked tirelessly for the past 10 years at the Midwest Community Drug Service, helping people who have had alcohol and other drugs issues," Mr Dobbie said.

"He has developed, implemented and evaluated strategies for the prevention and



Alex McIntosh with his award.

treatment of alcohol and drug-related problems among young people and their families, across the whole of the Midwest and Murchison.

"Alex has been quietly helping his community, patiently doing the hard yards and assisting a lot of people on the way."

Mr McIntosh has chaired the Geraldton

Aboriginal Reference Group (GARG), participated on the Geraldton Aboriginal Cyclical Offending Project working party and chaired the Geraldton Yamaji Patrol Aboriginal Corporation, which is the auspice agency for the Geraldton Family Advocacy Service, Geraldton Family Violence Prevention Service and the Geraldton Patrol.

He has provided individual and group counselling for Aboriginal people and their families with alcohol and drug-related problems and was also the driver in the production of the DVD *The Slow Down Project*, working with Indigenous families and individuals affected by amphetamine injecting drug use.

In his role with the MCDS, Mr McIntosh works within Greenough Regional Prison, delivering the Indigenous Men's Managing Anger and Substance Use Program and the blood-borne viruses programs HIP (Healthy Inside Prison) and HOP (Healthy Outside Prison) to prisoners.

He is also a representative on the Independent Prison Visit program, advocating issues of concern for prisoners at Greenough Regional Prison.

Midwest Regional Director Shane Matthews said the award highlighted Mr McIntosh's professional approach in his bid to improve the health and well-being of the local Aboriginal community.



THE Cape York towns of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge will be the focus of new programs and strategies to improve nutrition and curb family violence, substance abuse and gambling. Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister

Desley Boyle recently announced \$356,000 for the new programs, with more than \$256,000 going to Griffith University's Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership to roll out the programs in the four trial towns as part of the Cape York Welfare Reform trial.

"Developing strategies to address problems like family violence and gambling while improving health outcomes are important steps along the path to real reform in these communities," she said.

"Gambling can have serious impacts on child and family well-being which can undermine the positive gains we are starting to make on other fronts of the welfare reform trail such as school attendance."

The Minister said the new programs would deal with the problems head-on, with innovative solutions in partnership with the communities themselves.

Meanwhile, Queensland Corrective Services will receive \$100,000 to train Local Commissioners to run the Ending Family Violence program in their towns.

"Local Commissioners are doing a great job in bringing about real change and I commend each and every one of them," Ms Boyle said.

"This initiative will strengthen what they're doing, with an estimated 300 people in the four trial communities to be put through the Ending Family Violence initiative.

"Delivering the family violence programs will strengthen their efforts in preventing these serious issues occurring in their communities."

Ms Boyle said that if the courses were successful, they could be extended to other Cape York communities.



WHEN RILEY FIRST BECAME A PART OF OUR LIVES HE'D NEVER HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY. NOW HE'S HAPPY TO CELEBRATE EVERY DAY.

RILEY'S STORY ISN'T UNIQUE. There are hundreds of Aboriginal kids in NSW who need love and understanding to help change their lives for the better. Aboriginal carers help keep kids connected to culture and community. Fostering isn't always easy but if you have what it takes to be a full or part-time foster carer, we have the training and support to help you weather the emotional storms and make a real difference to a child's life. There are Aboriginal foster care agencies across NSW who need you - so do something deadly and become a carer.

Visit www.fosteringnsw.com.au or give us a call on **1800 2 FOSTER.**



FOSTERING NSW
Growing together

You can also talk to the Aboriginal Statewide Foster Care Support Service (AbSec) about agencies in your area on **1800 888 698.**

Do you know where "Rocket" is these days?

Rod **"Rocket"** Silva joined the NSW Police Force 14 years ago. He is currently working at Auburn Police Station and has attained the rank of Sergeant. As a General Duties Team Leader, Rod is responsible for the actions of his team in dealing with daily Policing issues. Coming from Mount Druitt, Rod played First Grade Rugby League for both Easts and Canterbury and is proud of his Aboriginal heritage. 'It would be good to have more Kooris in the job' Rod says, 'It's a great job, come and give it a go'.

If you would like to find out more about joining the NSW Police Force, contact the Aboriginal Recruitment Officer, Sergeant Steve LOWE on **(02) 8835 9876.**



HAVE A CHAT WITH THE ABORIGINAL RECRUITMENT OFFICER



ENQUIRE TODAY
(02) 8835 9876





Danny Gardner, Sinsa Mansell and Harley Mansell performed before the match. The Rocherlea Tigers are in the background.



Captains and officials watch the coin toss from Syd Jackson, former Carlton great and Ambassador for the NTFA Indigenous Round.



Aboriginal singer Sarah Everett performed a song in palawa kani (Tasmanian Aboriginal language) before the seniors match.



Four-year-old Tarren Wickham was there with his pop, Vernon Graham.

Football fever in Tasmania

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Rocherlea Tigers, the only Tasmanian footy team with 50 per cent Aboriginal players, drew a larger than usual crowd when they played the Georgetown Saints in the Northern Tasmania Football Association's Indigenous Round last fortnight.

Rocherlea President Graham Gardner told *The Koori Mail* he was pleased to see a lot of people coming out for the round who would not normally come to the football.

"The respect and the reason why people were there was heartening to see," he said. "The round attracts a lot of interest, the concept attracted people."

Carlton great Syd Jackson, the ambassador for the NTFA Indigenous Round, was guest of honour, speaking at the match day function and tossing the coin for the seniors match.

Chris Johnson, a triple

premiership player with the Brisbane Lions, also travelled to Tasmania for the special round.

Earlier in the week these Aboriginal Aussie rules legends teamed up with another legend, Neil Maynard, a former Aboriginal North Launceston player who is considered the club's greatest fullback ever, to speak with students at Launceston's Brooks High School.

While there was entertainment, a function and guests of honour to attract attention on match day, the crowd's focus was soon diverted to the much-anticipated game between Rocherlea and reigning premiers Georgetown.

They were treated to a nail-biting clash.

Rocherlea got off to a good start, with lots of family in the crowd. The lead changed several times throughout and scores were even at three-quarter time, but Georgetown proved too strong at the end of the final term, winning by 16 points.

Georgetown captain Chris Jones won the Neil Maynard Best on Ground Medal.



Sky Maynard came to watch the game with her dad Dazza.



Braydon Freeman was proud to show off the autographs of the guests of honour. He's pictured here with his great grandmother Shirley Williams-Maynard.



At the game were Nathan Mansell, Murray Mansell, Phillip Lowery and Larni Everett.



Rocherlea President Graeme Gardner, Neil Maynard, NTFA President Geoff Lyons and Vice President Barry Triffitt.



Aloma Riley, from Flinders Island, and Syd Jackson were amongst those at the footy who signed letters requesting immediate protection to Aboriginal heritage at the Brighton Bypass development site. They are with Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna.

Become a foster carer



Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation that facilitates and coordinates the placement and support of children and young people in crisis through foster care in nurturing and safe homes. Fantastic opportunities exist for compassionate people to join our team as foster carers in Tamworth and assist in caring for a child or young person in need. Life Without Barriers offers excellent training, support and a tax-free allowance to assist you in providing a child or young person a loving and supportive home.

LIFE



WITHOUT
BARRIERS

Contact:

10 O'Connell Street
Tamworth NSW 2340
Phone: (02) 6767 3300 or 1300 592 227 377
www.lwb.org.au

'It may be the most rewarding thing you'll ever do.'

Guide wins top award



A WORLD-FIRST guide on the respectful sharing of Aboriginal traditional knowledge has been awarded one of the research sector's highest accolades. The 'Community Guide to Aboriginal Knowledge and Intellectual Property Protocols' produced by the Desert Knowledge CRC was chosen as one of the winners of this year's Co-operative Research Centre's Association Awards for Excellence in Innovation at the CRCA's annual conference in Alice Springs on 30 May.

The Community Guide explains complex issues of intellectual property rights in plain language and illustrates the process of reaching agreement about knowledge sharing in five vivid dot paintings by noted Aboriginal desert artists.

It has been created to assist partnerships between Aboriginal people and researchers working in areas that aim to 'close the gap' of Aboriginal social disadvantage or wishing to learn more about the culture, traditions and other information held by Aboriginal communities.

DKCRC managing director Jan Ferguson said the guide was important because many Aboriginal people spoke English as a second,

third or fourth language.

"Explaining how ethical research and respect for intellectual property work is complex and requires a new way of communicating between researchers and Aboriginal people," Ms Ferguson said.

"To overcome these problems, DKCRC established an extensive dialogue with Aboriginal organisations and researchers to develop the Aboriginal Knowledge and Intellectual Property Protocol (AKIPP).

"This has been recognised by the United Nations as breaking new ground in respectful relations between researchers and indigenous people in world terms.

"The guide is based directly on these protocols and explains how they work, so that anyone can understand them. It is artistically beautiful, clearly presented and is highly regarded by Aboriginal communities across the Central Desert regions."

She said the guide was already being used by government departments and researchers to improve co-operative relationships with Aboriginal people and to avoid confusion, misunderstanding and mistrust.

The guide is available at: <http://www.desertknowledgecrc.com.au/researchimpact/enduserpublications.html>



From left, DKCRC chairman Paul Wand, DKCRC managing director Jan Ferguson, DKCRC board member Glenise Coulthard, Waltja representatives Kate Lawrence, Wendy Nungarawi Brown and Alma Granites, CRC Association CEO Michael Hartman, DKCRC board member Harold Furber, MP Warren Snowden, ABC announcer and awards MC Stuart Brash, and CRC Association chairman Tony Staley.

Governance deal signed

AGRICULTURAL Management Company (AMC) and the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) have signed an agreement to deliver governance and leadership training to Indigenous-owned organisations in regional Australia through the Indigenous Governance Program (IGP).

The IGP was originally developed by the AICD in conjunction with Indigenous Business Australia.

Recognising the potential synergies between the IGP and AMC's work providing agricultural management and consultancy services to Indigenous-owned organisations, AMC managing director Charlie Blomfield approached AICD with a partnership proposal earlier

this year.

Mr Blomfield said the potential for Indigenous organisations to play a huge role in the north Australian pastoral industry was clear.

He said since the early 1970s, the Federal and State governments had been purchasing privately-owned land and returning certain Crown land to Indigenous communities.

The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 had transferred almost 50 per cent of the land in the Northern Territory (around 600,000 sq km) to collective Indigenous ownership, he said.

"The driving factor for this training is that many of these communities are very eager to be involved in the governance of their land," Mr

Blomfield said.

"Our shared aim is to provide an all-inclusive enterprise development service to Indigenous organisations in regional Australia.

"The longstanding reputation and experience of both organisations will contribute to developing the capacity of communities to organically increase regional Indigenous training and employment.

"The benefits of our partnership will be twofold; firstly, through regional community development, and secondly, in developing and increasing the overall participation of Indigenous-owned organisations in regional Australia, particularly in the north Australian pastoral industry."

It's not about the money. It's about the kids.

The Child Support Agency (CSA) helps separated parents to work out payments for the benefit of their kids.

The CSA might also be able to help carers like grandparents, aunts or uncles, looking after kids to get money from the parents.

The DVD, *It's not about the money. It's about the kids.* provides helpful information about child support options and how the CSA can help separated parents and carers.

The DVD also explains how the CSA and Centrelink work together to ensure separated parents get the right amount of money for their kids.

Order a free copy of *It's not about the money. It's about the kids.* now from the CSA website www.csa.gov.au or call **131 272**.

4315.06.10

Love is the theme for first exhibition



BUNDJALUNG artist Michael Philp's first solo exhibition *Lovers in My Country* opened last Friday at Alstonville, northern NSW,

with the title work depicting the relationship between his Aboriginal mother and white father.

"It was very much frowned upon by both their families at the time," Philp said of his parents' relationship.

"They were together for 40-odd years until my mother passed away, so it's really about how love conquers all, and how they overcame the racial barriers that they grew up with," he said.

Philp said the exhibition depicted the strength and courage that Aboriginal people have shown with regards to their spirituality, sexuality and their beliefs.

"It's an uplifting, positive exhibition showing how Aboriginal people relate, especially in contemporary times," he said.

Philp began painting five years ago after he burnt out working as a teacher's aide with Koori kids in primary schools. A friend suggested painting might help with his depression. He said he ended up painting 'like a man possessed'.

"I was sceptical, having such a low opinion of myself, so I had a go at it," he said. "It was fantastic. It made me feel better."

Last year, Philp was selected as one of 26 Indigenous artists to be



Bundjalung artist Michael Philp last Friday night at the opening of his solo exhibition *Lovers in My Country* in Alstonville, northern NSW. Philp is standing in front of the title work which depicts the 40-year relationship between his Aboriginal mother and non-Aboriginal father.

featured in the colour publication *A Special Kind of Vision*, along with the group exhibition.

His work has been featured in a group exhibition called *Men's Business* and he also entered the NSW Premier's Art Prize this year, with his painting selected for

a group touring exhibition.

Lovers in My Country is on at The Quotidian & Quixotic gallery in Alstonville until 12 July. The gallery is the fifth DACOU gallery to open, and it is the first time the gallery group, which specialises in artists from Utopia, has promoted a Bundjalung artist.

New chief at NT institute



THE Institute for Aboriginal Development in Alice Springs has a new chief executive officer.

The IAD was established by the Uniting Church in 1969 to assist community development for Aboriginal people and provide cross-cultural education between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal society.

It is now an independent Aboriginal community-controlled language resource centre and adult education centre serving the Aboriginal community of Central Australia.

In recent times, however, the Institute has experienced financial problems, and as the former Chairperson of the IAD management committee, new

CEO Janice Harris and her team say they have spent the past two years resurrecting the Institute.

"IAD has been subject to a very competitive industry environment and was at the proverbial crossroads of its life," Ms Harris said.

"IAD's life, spanning over 40 years, has had many successes and failures.

"But by concentrating on the mainstay of IAD's life – Aboriginal languages and culture – we will secure its future.

"IAD's history has shown that when Aboriginal languages and culture are weak, so is IAD. Our goal is to strategically strengthen this important function."

Ms Harris has 14 years of management experience in

Aboriginal organisations, 21 years in education and training, a master's degree in business and a bachelor and diploma in Education.

She was born and raised in Alice Springs. Her family is part of the Arabana nation, however they have spent most of their lives with Arrernte nations.

While Ms Harris said she felt optimistic about the future of IAD, she advised people not to expect rapid changes.

"IAD has a long history and the dilemma of recent times is the move away from its core business – Aboriginal languages and culture," she said. "A respectful and planned return to languages and culture will see a return of friends who will again partake in IAD services and relive and support IAD's constitutional purpose."



Artist in Residence Program

Applications now open for residencies minimum 3 months between Apr 2011 to Mar 2012

Closing date 5pm, Friday, 3 September 2010

Council will provide: Accommodation at Thirning Villa
\$200 per week allowance

Application form and information pack available:

www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au • (02) 9716 1866
or email anthiah@ashfield.nsw.gov.au with 'AIR' in subject line.

come be a hero

Steve Renouf
NRL Legend

Get down to your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health service and register for your **FREE** health check. As a reward you can take home a **FREE** rewards pack of your choice.

You can choose a kids pack, a teenager pack, a family pack, an elderly pack, or a special needs pack, for example, a Diabetes pack.

So don't delay. Register now at your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service or visit
www.herorewards.com.au



2010 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Tweed Shire Awards

Do you know someone who is actively elevating the image of youth?

Express your appreciation by nominating them for a **Kids in Community Award**

Categories

Young people supporting

1. Youth in general
2. Indigenous Youth
3. Diverse Youth
4. Community

Young people achieving

5. Role Models
6. Against all odds

Community Supporting Youth

7. Individual mentors
8. Supporting groups
9. Media Reporting

NOMINATIONS CLOSE JULY 2



Presentation Night
2nd September 2010
Twin Towns Services Club

Media Partners



Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors

Nortec Employment & Training, South Tweed Sports, B.A.M. Promotions & Events

Nomination forms available at High Schools and Southern Cross Credit Union Branches in the Tweed Shire region

or go to www.kic.com.au to download a form or **Nominate Online**.
Phone 6670 2302 for more information

Youngsters enjoy some healthy highs



Officials and participants in the Healthy Highs Brewarrina visit to Sydney.



Rhianna has fun with a football.

From Bre to the sea



SUN, ski, surf... Sounds like a dream holiday? And so it was – but also so much more. The day trip of a life time by a group of youngsters from Brewarrina in north-western New South Wales to Sydney last week was also a just reward for stepping up to the plate.

The kids got to meet some of their NRL heroes and learn to surf at Bondi Beach with key first-grade Sydney Rooster football players, water ski world champion-turned-boxer Lauryn Eagle and NSW Shadow Minister for Healthy Lifestyles and Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries. For many of the kids, the trip to the beach was their first.

It was all part of the No-Way Campaign Foundation's Healthy Highs program, which offers such experiences as a reward for good school attendance and behaviour. The foundation encourages young people to make healthy positive lifestyle choices and remain drug free.

The Healthy Highs program is co-funded by the NSW Police, and Marrickville Police Inspector Eddie Billett, who was instrumental in organising the trip, said it had contributed to better school attendance and behaviour around Brewarrina.

"The Indigenous Elders support the program 100 per cent and are looking forward to its continued successes," Insp Billett said.

The kids' day trip, which also formed part of National Drug Action Week (20-26 June), began at the Sydney Football Stadium with front-row seats at a training session with the Sydney Roosters and the chance to meet several first-grade players.

Lauryn Eagle then introduced

"I get such a buzz out of sport that I don't need to take drugs to make me feel good... If I can make a difference to just one person's choice to say 'no-way' to drugs, I will feel I have won."

Mr Humphries, whose local electorate includes Brewarrina, leaped into the waves to surf alongside the children. He said diversionary programs such as Healthy Highs were needed, and he was thrilled to be involved.

"I think it's such a great opportunity for the kids to meet people and see some of Sydney's iconic landmarks. It's something I support 100 per cent," he said.

CEO and founder of The No-Way Campaign Foundation Darren Marton said bringing the kids to Sydney had been the highlight of the foundation's year so far, and had been possible only with the support of Surfing NSW and the NRL.

"It is paramount that the Healthy Highs message reaches right across Australia from city to country – this is a great way to do just that," he said.

To date, the No-Way Campaign Foundation's Let's Talk Straight seminars have educated and informed more than 50,000 young people and their parents about the dangers and consequences of illicit drugs and alcohol.



Mary Waites gets Braith Anasta's autograph.

herself as the new ambassador for The No-Way Campaign Foundation and gave a talk on the positives of healthy highs versus falling prey to illicit drugs and alcohol.

"Drugs have no place in a healthy and active lifestyle and I confidently promote the whole package – fitness, healthy eating and saying no-way to drugs," Ms Eagle said.



Bryce and Tyreek with Roosters player JP Du Plessis.



Catch me if you can ... Lauryn Eagle with Chloe.



Braith Anasta signs an autograph for Deondre.

DVD encourages healthy habits



A NEW DVD that aims to encourage Aboriginal communities to eat

healthier food and be more physically active has been launched in Sydney.

Feel Good: Eat Healthy Tucker and Move More Everyday is narrated by Aboriginal celebrity chef Mark Olive and Australian futsal player Lachlan Wright.

It was launched at the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) Chronic Disease Conference in Sydney earlier this month and is a collaboration between the AH&MRC and Diabetes Australia-NSW.

In the first segment, 'Eating Healthy Tucker', participants in the community kitchens program at Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation cook a kangaroo stew and discuss portion sizes, budgeting tips and eating healthily.

In the second segment, 'Move more every day', participants of the 'Spring into Shape' program at Galambila Aboriginal Health Services demonstrate exercises and discuss how to include more physical activity in the day.

Resource

AH&MRC CEO Sandra Bailey said the DVD showcased some of the programs from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and would be a useful resource for Aboriginal communities in NSW.

"The resource has tips about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, to prevent and manage chronic diseases such as diabetes," she said.

"We would like to thank the Aboriginal community members from Galambila Aboriginal Health Service and Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation who are in the DVD, as well as the narrators Mark Olive and Lachlan Wright."

The 18 June launch included three Aboriginal people speaking about their experience of living with diabetes.

These stories will also appear on the Diabetes Australia-NSW 'Diabetes Channel', an online web-streaming video service.

Diabetes Australia-NSW is also distributing updated versions of its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health information sheets which include a new design called 'Hands on Country', created by Aboriginal artist Chris Tobin.



Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council CEO Sandra Bailey holds a copy of the *Feel Good: Eat Healthy Tucker and Move More Everyday* DVD.



Aboriginal celebrity chef Mark Olive and, inset, a display of the DVDs.



Chef Mark Olive with, from left, Aunty Mabel Dungay, Sydney Brown Jnr and Christine Robinson. Aunty Mabel, Sydney and Christine have diabetes and have shared their stories on diabeteschannel.com.au



Adam Linforth and Carla McGrath, from AIME Mentoring. Photo by KATE SUTTON

'GenOne' roadshow winds up



THE GenerationOne road show conducted its final community visit mid-month, with all concerned hoping the name of the venue for the visit proved prophetic for the campaign.

The campaign's 'activation' at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern in Sydney on 17 June brought the awareness-raising tour to an end, after similar events in nearly 60 locations across Australia from Carnarvon to Coffs Harbour and Port Augusta to Darwin.

'GenOne' aims to address poverty and disadvantage amongst Indigenous Australians through the creation of real jobs. The people of Redfern were invited to share their local success stories and sign their names on a hand to pledge their support.

Attending the event were GenOne CEO Tim Gartrell, spokesperson John McGuire and other members of the campaign team, as well as local Sydney woman Kyra Kum-Sing, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council cultural education representative Michael West, Wyanga CEO Millie Ingram and AIME mentors Carla McGrath and Adam Linforth.

Mr McGuire talked about inspiring programs in Indigenous education, training, mentoring and employment, and said GenOne was moving into its next phase of 'building movement for change to bring all Australians together'.



Chris Lawrence and Bridgitte McGuire, from GenerationOne. Photo by KATE SUTTON



The GenerationOne team, from left, Shaun Edwards, Flora Castillion, Kate Sutton, Kerry Pinkstone, David Sheahan, Bridgitte McGuire, John McGuire, Matthew Smith, Clara Iaccarino and Ian Goodson.

National Indigenous Drug



Joanne Deress, from the Yorgum Family Counselling Service (WA), and Ernie Hill, from the St John of God Hospital Drug and Alcohol Service (WA).



Judith McKay, of the NT Police, Annie Koroicure, of Ngangahawili Aboriginal Health Service (WA) and Stephanie Dhamarrandji, of Marthakae Homeland Resource Centre (NT).



Kassia Hare, from the Federal Attorney-General's Department, and Justine Anderson, from the Qld University of Technology (QUT).



Dorothy Deshong and Jonathan Korkaktain, of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lyndell Thomas, of Gindaja Treatment and Healing Corporation in Queensland, Esther Snyder, of the Flying Doctor Service in Hopevale, and Thelma Richards, of Gindaja.



Kate Conigrave, from Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Coralie Ober, from the Alcohol and Drug Service (Qld) and Keren Kiel and Lynette Simpson, both from Drug Health Services at the Sydney South West Area Health Service.



Randolfo Obregon and Kylie Belling, both from the Victorian Health Department.



June Oscar, from Marninwarntikura Women's Group WA, Christine Cigobia, of Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation (WA), and Emily Carter, of Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service Inc (WA).



John Puertollano, of Milliya Rumurra Rehabilitation in Broome, Jasmine Bedford, of the COAG Regional Operations Centre in Fitzroy Crossing, and Lloyd Willie, of Milbi Inc in Rockhampton, Queensland.



Monique McEwan, from the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW, and Lorraine Mapfumo, from Anex Victoria.



Tin Luu, from Bushmob Inc (NT), and Frank Curtis, an Aboriginal Community Police Officer with the NT Police.



World Vision Chairman Rev Tim Costello was one of the speakers.



Melita Orcher and Gary Chamberlain, both of the Queensland Police Service, and art project co-ordinator Max Mansell.



Billy Walker, from the Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group, (Tennant Creek, NT), and Anderson George from Wagularr Community (Beswick, NT).

and Alcohol Conference



Members of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee and secretariat include Donna Ah Chee, Mark Saunders, Gino Vumbaca, Romlie Mokak, Professor Dennis Gray, Dr John Herron, Deputy Chair Coralie Ober, Scott Wilson, Wendy Casey, Bradley Freeburn, Denise Gilchrist, Associate Professor Ted Wilkes and Tracey Kristiansen.

500 converge on Adelaide

By DARREN COYNE

SA

ABOUT 500 delegates from around Australia converged on Adelaide recently for the inaugural National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference. Apart from workshops

and speeches, the three-day conference also provided plenty of opportunities for delegates to share their experiences, make new friends and network.

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) Chairman Associate Professor Ted Wilkes said the conference, which had the theme 'Listening, Learning and Leading', could

now be held every second year until there was a noticeable improvement in Indigenous health.

He said it was important for Indigenous people to be at the forefront of tackling drug and alcohol issues in their communities.

"We have got to own our own pathways out of poverty," he said.



Anthony Smith, from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, and Major Sumner, from the Aboriginal Sobriety Group (both of South Australia).



Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon.



Shane Tongerie, from Family (SA), Troy Bond, from Drug and Alcohol Service (SA), and Jimmy Perry, from Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA).



Riley Oldfield and Enid Gallagher, of the Mt Theo Program (Northern Territory).



Sylvia Choate and Di Griffin, from the Albury-Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service.

NAIDOC Week 2010 Calendar

NAIDOC celebrations are here again and no matter where you are in the country, you can be guaranteed that there will be a NAIDOC event to suit you and your family.

As always, there will be a huge variety of events to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture from 4-11 July.

The 2010 national NAIDOC theme is 'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way'. Many of these unsung heroes have played a vital role not only in their family and community lives, but also across the country.

This year's theme aims to recognise those quiet achievers - both now and in the past - who walk beside us and make a difference in their own unique way, never stopping to ask for praise or reward.

Once again, *The Koori Mail* features a list of NAIDOC week events happening around the country.

THURSDAY, 1 JULY

Holroyd City Council in Western Sydney will hold a free NAIDOC concert at Stockland Merrylands, Level 1, McFarlane Street, Merrylands. The concert, between 10.30am and 1.30pm, will feature music, dance, face painting, art activities and bush tucker food. The line-up includes Thullii Dreaming girls dance group, Urban Zenadth Kes (Lagaw Kodor Mir) Torres Strait Islander youth dance group, musician Steve Fogarty, didgeridoo player Flinn Donovan, and an art demonstration by Alenarra Art/Daren Dunn. For more info, call (02) 9840 9948.

Marrickville Council in Sydney will present an art exhibition and sale

showcasing the works of local Indigenous artists. The exhibition, held in collaboration with ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation), will open at 6.30pm at Seaview Gallery at Dulwich Hill High School. The exhibition will later transfer to Marrickville Library until 1 August. Art works include pieces from Bronwyn Bancroft, Elaine Russell, Bibi Barba, Esme Timbery, and Janet Long.

FRIDAY, 2 JULY

Relationships Australia's Moorditj Yarning art exhibition opening. A collection of Aboriginal artwork. 6-8pm. The exhibition will be open for general viewing on 3, 5 and 10 July at Central Institute of Technology, Cnr Aberdeen and Beaufort Street, Perth, WA. Artwork will be available for purchase. For more info, call Deb (08) 9489 6360 or email her on debra.colquhoun@wa.relationships.com.au.

MONDAY, 5 JULY

A flag-raising ceremony and NAIDOC award presentation by the Coffs Harbour City Council and its Yandarra Aboriginal Consultative Committee. The 'Unsung Heroes' theme will recognise the part played by the quiet achievers in the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal community, and the awards will reward local excellence in education, sport, and art and culture. Starting at 9am, the event at the council chambers on the cnr of Coff and Castle streets will be followed by a morning tea. For details, contact Rob Waters on (02) 6648 4850.

A flag-raising hosted by Campbelltown City Council (CCC) in western Sydney. The event at Campbelltown



The official 2010 NAIDOC Week poster, celebrating the theme 'Unsung Heroes', features the artwork of Mt Isa artist Sheree Blackley. Ms Blackley's artwork depicts an Aboriginal mother who is an unsung hero, leading her children through example, showing that actions speak louder than words.

Civic Centre on the cnr Queen and Broughton streets in Campbelltown will start at 10am and be followed by a march along Queen Street, and a family day in Koshigaya Park from 11am. For more details, call the council on (02) 4645 4579. If transport is required, call Gandangara Transport on (02) 9602 5280.

Launch of the Gnibi and Southern Cross University art exhibition 'Citizenship, Belonging, Country' at Lismore in northern NSW, featuring paintings by Indigenous Australian Aranda artists from Hermannsburg in the MacDonnell Ranges region

of the Northern Territory, all of whom were family members of Albert Namatjira. To be held at SCU, Library (Block A), Military Road, Lismore Campus. For more info, call Gnibi on (02) 6620 3955 or email gnibi@scu.edu.au

A History of NAIDOC and the Aboriginal Medical Service Grafton will be presented at Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council, Treelands Drive Community Centre in Yamba, NSW. A lunch will feature Jerry Byers and Andrew Hegedus. For more details, call Birrigan Gargle CEO Norma Collins on (02) 6646 1664 or Clarence Valley Council Community

Development Officer Grace Clague on (02) 6645 0014 or via email at grace.clague@clarence.nsw.gov.au

TUESDAY, 6 JULY

An Elders and Community Luncheon and 'Koorioke' hosted by Marrickville Council in Western Sydney. To be held at Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal Street, from 11am - 2.30pm. For more info, call Rebecca Carroll on (02) 9335 2243.

Marrickville Council in Sydney will hold a Koori Kids Disco between 5 and 9pm at Herb Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Road. For more info, call Nicole Ryan on (02) 9559 1883.

Marrickville Council in Sydney will hold an Under-18s Dance Party from 6.30pm at Marrickville Town Hall, 303 Marrickville Road in Marrickville, NSW. For more info, call Trevor Parkee on (02) 9564 3222.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY

A NAIDOC Week touch football competition will be hosted by Campbelltown City Council, at Sarah Redfern Oval, Minto, from 9.30am to 4pm. The event, held in conjunction with Macquarie Fields Local Area Police Command, will also include a lunch and activities for children. For more info, call the council on (02) 4645 4579. If transport is required, call Gandangara Transport on (02) 9602 5280.

The Southern Cross University (SCU) Gold Coast Campus Family Fun Day featuring bands, arts and crafts, information stalls, face painting, workshops, a sausage sizzle, art exhibition, jumping castle, kids activities. This event will be

held at the SCU Gold Coast Beachside Campus Plaza on Southern Cross Drive, Blinga (Access via Terminal Drive, Gold Coast Airport). For more info, call Southern Cross University on (02) 6620 3000.

A Family and Children's Day hosted by Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council at Yamba on the northern NSW coast. This event at the Treelands Drive Community Centre will feature a jumping castle, pony rides, Indigenous games, farmyard nursery animals, face painting, boomerang design, story telling and a BBQ lunch. For more info, contact Birrigan Gargle Land Council CEO, Norma Collins on (02) 6646 1664 or Clarence Valley Council Community Development Officer Grace Clague on (02) 6645 0014 or via email at grace.clague@clarence.nsw.gov.au

THURSDAY, 8 JULY

Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services (TAIHS) Ltd will hold an Open Day and free community breakfast from 8.30am on the vacant block next to the TAIHS Medical Centre at 57-59 Gordon Street, Garbutt, Townsville. There'll be market stalls, information stalls, food and beverages, entertainment and a range of activities and rides for children. For more info, call TAIHS on (07) 4759 4000.

Ipswich City Council, Queensland, will hold a Family Fun and Information Day at Goodna, featuring information, food, arts and crafts, free children's rides and live entertainment. This event will be held at Evan Marginson Park between

● Continued next page

A celebration of who we are

FOR those readers with access to Foxtel, there's some great Indigenous viewing programmed during NAIDOC Week 2010.

The one-hour documentary *Who We Are* brings together stories of extraordinary Indigenous Australians.

Premiering on Bio at 8.30pm on Monday, 5 July, this documentary, hosted by artistic director Rhoda Roberts, celebrates community, culture and identity through the lives of inspiring Australian artists.

It features seven intimate profiles -

musicians Dan Sultan, The Medics and Buddy Knox, choreographer Gina Rings, composer David Page, visual artist Kamahi Djordon King and Rhoda Roberts herself, whose own creative vision has sparked some of Australia's most inspiring memories.

Who We Are documents each person's unique, inspiring and deeply personal journeys.

Following the documentary premiere screening on Bio, Foxtel's channel partners will also broadcast the portraits throughout 2010, while the series website,

www.whoweare.com.au will host the material as a wider resource for schools and communities.

Foxtel published its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in conjunction with Reconciliation Australia in 2008 and continues to work with channel partners to provide employment opportunities and support important initiatives, such as welcoming National Indigenous Television (NITV) to the platform and making it available to all subscribers in 2008.

The *Who We Are* series aims to celebrate 'who we are, right here, right now'.



Musician Dan Sultan, one of seven Indigenous artists who will be featured in the documentary *Who We Are*.

NAIDOC Week 2010 Calendar

● From facing page

10am and 2pm. For more info, call Ipswich City Council on (07) 3810 6655 or go to www.ipswich.qld.gov.au

A poetry reading by Aboriginal Elder Norm Newlin will be held at the H J Daley Library in Campbelltown, western Sydney from 7pm. 'Uncle Norm' is a descendant of the Worimi people, and has received a Council Heritage Award and featured as a 'living book' for the local library. His two books are *My Worimi Lovesong Dreaming* and *Where There's Life There's Spirit*. Bookings for the poetry reading are essential by calling (02) 4645 4444. Refreshments will be provided.

Holroyd City Council, western Sydney, will hold a free morning tea at its premises at 16 Memorial Avenue, Holroyd. The event will feature a screening of the DVD *Our Heritage: Your History*, about local Elders, and the opening of an art exhibition featuring Danny Eastwood and Muru Mittigar and Red Cockatoo Cards. There'll be wattle seed scones for refreshments. For more info, call (02) 9840 9948.

FRIDAY, 9 JULY

The 2010 National NAIDOC Awards will be presented at the National NAIDOC Ball in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, corner of Flinders and Spencer streets in Melbourne. Pre-dinner drinks start from 6.15. Tickets for the national awards and ball have now sold out. For further info, email the national committee c/o info@naidoc.org.au.

Wyong Shire Council on the NSW Central Coast will hold its NAIDOC Week awards and ball. Categories for male, female and youth nominees will include Community Services/Humanities, Achievement in Work, Achievement in Art and Culture, Achievement in Sport, Outstanding Service/Organisation; and a Non-Indigenous Service Award. The NAIDOC Ball will be held at Mingara Recreation Club. Tickets can be bought by calling Dan Rose on (0419) 695 284, Vickie Parry on (0448) 476 027 or Raelene Dennis on (0428) 608 822.

The Yamba Youth Fun Day hosted by Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council at Yamba on the northern NSW coast. This event at the Treelands Drive Community Centre is aimed at youth aged 11-18. There'll be hip-hop workshops, boxing workshops, jewellery making, sports, and a girls rugby league exhibition game.

For more info, contact Birrigan Gargle CEO Norma Collins on (02) 6646 1664 or Clarence Valley Council Community Development Officer Grace Clague on (02) 6645 0014 or via email at grace.clague@clarence.nsw.gov.au

The Terry Randall Memorial Golf Day hosted by Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council at the Maclean Golf Club



Lisa Maza and Rachel Maza Long in a promotional photo for their play *Sisters of Gelam*.

Bold, Black and Brilliant

BOLD, black and brilliant. That's the theme of the latest retrospective exhibition showcasing 20 years of the Ilbiger Theatre Company. It will go on show at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne, on 9 July during NAIDOC Week. *20 Years: Bold. Black. Brilliant.* forms part of a program of exhibitions and events that celebrate Indigenous culture, history and survival.

Curated by Ben McKeown, the exhibition hopes to give visitors a behind-the-scenes look at life in the theatre company through objects including sets, props and photography from Ilbiger productions.

Anniversary

The exhibition marks the 20th anniversary of the Ilbiger Theatre Company, created by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists in Melbourne to tell their stories their own way.

Arts industry veteran and Ilbiger artistic director Rachel Maza Long said the company had started with a grassroots approach.

"It all started with a group of Indigenous actors sitting around in a backyard saying 'we need our own theatre company to tell our stories our way'," Maza Long said.

"From this passion, a professional theatre company was born, whose plays explore a range of complex and controversial issues from a uniquely Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective.

"This belief in the power of black voices telling black stories still drives the company."

Bold, black and brilliant will open on 9 July and run until 31 October at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton.



'Jacky Jacky in the Box' is a performance piece that forms part of the exhibition. The work consists of an Aboriginal performer on display in a museum gallery, challenging audiences to reconsider perceptions of Aboriginal Australia as an anthropological curiosity.

on the north coast of New South Wales. For more information, contact Norma Collins on (02) 6646 1664 or Clarence Valley Council Community Development Officer Grace Clague on (02) 6645 0014 or via email at

grace.clague@clarence.nsw.gov.au

The North Illawarra Reconciliation and Treaty Group (NIRTG) will presents its NAIDOC 2010 Unsung Heroes Elders

Awards and Tribute to Waratah with Peter Button, Nikky Stone, The Depths of Despair, Leisure Coasters and DJ. This fundraiser for the Kuradji Sandon Point Foundation will being held at the Headlands Hotel at Austinmer,

north of Wollongong, starting at 7.30pm. For more info, call NITRG on (0434) 550 181 or (02) 4268 6283.

Friday evening women's karaoke, to be held at Yamba Bowling Club from 7pm - 10pm, and hosted by Eileen McLeay. For more info, contact Norma Collins on (02) 6646 1664 or Clarence Valley Council Community Development Officer Grace Clague on (02) 6645 0014 or via email at grace.clague@clarence.nsw.gov.au

The Southern Cross University (SCU) Lismore Campus Family Fun Day featuring bands, arts and crafts, information stalls, face painting, workshops, a sausage sizzle, art exhibition, jumping castle, kids activities. This event will be held at the SCU Lismore Campus Oval on Military Road, Lismore. For more info, call Southern Cross University on (02) 6620 3000.

The Tamworth Family Fun Day, to be held at Bicentennial Park, Tamworth, northern NSW. Highlights will include Aboriginal art, a free lunch, 'Down Under with Reptiles', music by Buddy Knox and others, information stalls, kids rides and a performance by the Gomeroi dance company. There'll be a street parade, meeting at Viaduct Park at 9.45am for a 10am start. The parade will make its way along Peel Street and into Fitzroy Street, Tamworth, and then on to Bicentennial Park, where there'll be a flag-raising ceremony at 11am.

SATURDAY, 10 JULY

The 'NAIDOC on Walkabout' free family fun day will be held at Mabel Edmund Park, Keppel Sands, on Queensland's Capricorn Coast. Beginning with a flag-raising at 10am, this event will feature Indigenous Elders and other local dignitaries followed by traditional dancers led by Lester. There'll be live music, songs and games in Darumbal language; a demonstration by John Rakena of traditional fish smoking; a pig on a spit and a sausage sizzle for lunch; and information stalls on local health and youth services. For more info, call Auntie Cindy Williams of the Capricorn Coast Indigenous Mob on (07) 4930 2539 or (0403) 968 062.

SUNDAY, 11 JULY

The first anniversary of the Kempsey Aboriginal and Community Church. Celebrations will be held from 1.30-3pm at the Macleay Pensioners Hall, Clyde Street, in Kempsey on the NSW north coast. A history of the church's first involvement in the Kempsey/Macleay region will be on display. For more info, call Pastor Alan Bird on (0412) 276 346, Pastor Bob Shanney on (0402) 260 210 or Elder James 'Gurri' Dungay on (0429) 663 545.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY

Acknowledgements ceremony for recipients of the 2010 Indigenous Scholarships of

● Continued next page

NAIDOC 2010

● From previous page

Mallee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) at Irymple in Victoria's Sunraysia District. Guest speaker will be Karinda Richie, a mature-age student who completed her nursing degree, followed by specialist studies in midwifery. The celebrations will be held at the DPI complex on the cnr of Eleventh St and Koorlong Avenue, Irymple, from 11am, and will be followed by a barbecue lunch. For more info, email Leanne Akkermans on leanne.akkermans@dse.vic.gov.au or call Debbie Allen on (03) 5051 4301.

A Community History Forum, to be run by the History Council of NSW (HCNSW) in collaboration with Tranby Aboriginal College in Glebe in Sydney. Admission will be free and the forum will focus on historical research needed to support claims and how this can be used at the community level.

There'll be presentations from researchers and experts on native title, stolen wages and compensation. Speakers will include Dr Gaynor McDonald from the University of Sydney, Dr Michael Bennett and Ken Lum from Native Title Services and Vavaa Mawuli from the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC). The forum will be held at Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield St, Glebe. For more info, call Annaliese Monary on (02) 9660 3444.

THURSDAY, 22 JULY

Screening of the documentary *A Northern Town* followed by a talk at the Surry Hills Library, Surry Hills in Sydney, to kick off the 'History in Conversation Series 2010' run by the History Council of NSW (HCNSW). The documentary won the NSW Premier's History Award for Multimedia in 2009. It looks at racism in Kempsey, on the NSW mid-north coast, and is set in an Indigenous-owned and

operated aged-care facility housing Indigenous and other people. There'll be a supper at 6pm, and starting at 6.30pm documentary director Rachel Lander and producer Dylan Blowen will show excerpts from the film and discuss its making. Bookings for this event are essential. Free for library and HCNSW members, and \$10 for others. For more info, call (02) 8374 6230 or email library@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

UNTIL NAIDOC WEEK

Ronin Films are offering special NAIDOC Week discount on the *Deadly Yarns* series. Buy three and get one free. This series is a joint initiative of ScreenWest, ABC TV, and the Film and Television Institute of Western Australia.

Each of the four series features five short films. For more information visit www.roninfilms.com.au or call Sue Faulkner on (02) 6248 0851.

NAIDOC taste of Pecan Summer

IT'S been a long time coming, but for Indigenous Australia's first lady of opera, Deborah Cheetham, the chance to finally unveil the first Aboriginal opera is the culmination of many years of toil.

Pecan Summer is the result of the past four years of planning, writing and composing the story of the 1939 walk-off from Cummeragunja Mission by 200 Aboriginal men, women and children who crossed the Dhungala (Murray River) in defiance of their persecutors.

Pecan Summer tells of the consequences of this walk-off.

Cheetham, a celebrated soprano, will launch *Pecan Summer* during NAIDOC Week, at 10am on 5 July at ABC foyer in Melbourne's Southbank. She will be joined by Indigenous cast members training in classical music from around the country to perform two pieces.



DEBORAH CHEETHAM

The premiere performance of *Pecan Summer* will be on 9 October at the Westside Performing Arts Centre in Mooropna. This holds special significance as it takes place on

the country where the story of *Pecan Summer* unfolded just over 70 years ago.

Cheetham began the process of auditioning and training a cast of Indigenous singers for *Pecan Summer* in 1998. The opera is the first to be partly sung in Yorta Yorta language.

Cheetham has spent the past 18 months researching the history surrounding the historic Cummeragunja walk-off, even spending time with the some of the original men and women who lived the drama of this event – most of whom are now in their late 70s. Surprisingly, Cheetham discovered she had ancestors who too were involved in the walk-off.

Cheetham said her goal beyond *Pecan Summer* was to establish a pathway for Indigenous singers wanting to pursue a career in the world of classical vocal music.



Graduates Noel Longbottom, Tyrone Horsfield, Morgan Stewart, Jay Stewart, James Cruse, James Russell, Keith Simms, Michael Mandrak, Craig Honeysett, Mervyn Davidson, Toby Adler, Cameron Honeysett, Neil Ingrey, Darren Ingrey and Kenneth Russell, and course trainer Joey, Steven Clarke of the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Tanya Simon, Mandurah A4e Indigenous Employment Coach.

15 to build on training



FIFTEEN young Indigenous Australians are set to begin work in the construction industry after completing training organised by Sydney-based employment services provider, A4e. The group, ranging in age from 17 to 28, graduated from the skills-focused Master Builders Association training program last Monday.

The students gained their Senior First Aid certificate, built a wheelchair access to Yarra Bay House, which is owned and operated by the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council, and constructed a skateboard ramp.

The course had a 100 per cent attendance rate.

A4e Australia CEO Shula Kentwell said the company wanted to run the course because it knew there were real skills shortages in the construction industry.

"The purpose of the course was to help more Indigenous people in the La Perouse community into employment by

increasing their employability," Ms Kentwell said.

"All partners of this project wanted to see more Indigenous employment in the La Perouse community and we knew that courses like this were very successful in remote areas so we thought we'd try it here, and we're absolutely thrilled that every trainee passed this course."

The course was organised by Indigenous Employment Coach, Tanya Simon, who is employed by Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chamber under a partnership with A4e.

Funding for it came from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' Indigenous Employment Program, along with support from the Master Builders Association NSW, and the La Perouse Land Council.

Ms Kentwell said the skills achieved through the course would go towards a Building Trade Certificate III, and would help graduates enter into an apprenticeship.

Special administrator for Katherine centre



THE directors of Diwurrurru-Jaru* Aboriginal Corporation, which operates the Katherine Language Centre in the Northern Territory, have requested the appointment of a special administrator to assist them in resolving corporate governance and operational problems.

The corporation was registered in 1992 and is funded to promote and maintain Aboriginal languages in the Katherine region of the NT.

In announcing the appointment of a special administrator on 18 June, Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said his office would also provide

corporate governance training for members before the period of special administration ends on 31 December 2010.

"This is a corporation that provides important cultural services," Mr Beven said. "It facilitates the maintenance, revitalisation and preservation of 32 languages of the Katherine region, including the endangered Mara language."

"I am pleased the directors have asked me for help to get the corporation back up and running effectively so these languages can continue to be recorded, protected and shared."

* 'Diwurrurru' is an Alawa word for letterstick while 'jaru' is a Ngumlom word for story.



CINDY WILLIAMS, of the Capricorn Coast Indigenous Mob, with Rick from Sandhills Community Sports and Social Club at Keppel Sands discuss 'NAIDOC on Walkabout', a free family fun day to be held at Mabel Edmund Park at Keppel Sands on Queensland's Capricorn Coast on Sunday, 10 July. "NAIDOC on Walkabout is a day which signifies the walking of the land, the Darumbal country, with our children, family and community, in recognition, respect and appreciation of the Indigenous culture – a free family fun day open for all to share and enjoy," Auntie Cindy said.



Stingers praised for tackling violence



THE Normanton Stingers rugby league club in far north Queensland is working at making inroads into tackling domestic violence. Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle visited the club recently to inspect its new facilities, which

were built with State Government funds.

She also met coach Paul Stephens and the players who are working to stop domestic violence in Normanton.

"The Normanton Stingers is not just a champion rugby league side; it's a group of men who have shown a deep commitment to eradicating domestic and family violence from their

community and it's paying off," Ms Boyle said.

"The Bligh Government has this year given the Stingers \$30,000 to expand their highly successful Domestic Violence – it's not our game campaign.

"Back in 2006, Normanton had a high rate of domestic and family violence, with 300 reported incidents that year and one in three adults involved in

protection orders.

"Since the Stingers started its zero-tolerance campaign in 2007, domestic violence reports have dropped 55 per cent and breaches of domestic violence orders have dropped 64 per cent which is saying something."

Team members wear campaign jerseys and wristbands and each player makes a personal pledge to say

no to domestic violence. If a team member commits an act of domestic or family violence, they face playing bans and ultimately will be excluded from the team.

● **PICTURED: Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle with players and officials from the Normanton Stingers.**

'Media boxes' to aid communities



FIFTEEN Master of Architecture students from Melbourne University's School of

Design have been working with locals in the NT communities of Gudorrka and Knuckey's Lagoon installing 'media boxes' – multi-purpose community centres converted from old shipping containers.

The shipping containers were outfitted by locals working through the Ironbark Employment agency, but the students helped with the final landscape design and construction of the carport-style roof, working in two groups over the last 10 days of June.

The students spent the first part of the semester designing and testing prototypes and used their time 'up north' to also consult with locals and refine further designs to community needs.

Designer and student Silas Gibson says the centres provide 'a place where residents can forge links with people outside their own communities through intensive workshops and Internet use'.

Project leader Dr David O'Brien said the building process had university students working with locals to enable strong bonds to form, and an understanding of the complexities of design and development in town camp communities.

"So often projects fail when they are not matched



Knuckey's Lagoon community kids Connie, Lexy, Cyrus, Leroy and Wayne with Silas Gibson, who designed the 'Media Box'. Photo by GEORGE STAVRIAS

with community needs," he said. "This project was selected from many alternative designs as it ticked all the right boxes.

"Working with our partner communities as well as agencies such as Darwin Regional CDEP, Ironbark Employment and Yilli Housing, we have formed a strong team capable of delivering results and value for money.

"Our 'media boxes' are also designed to 'fit into' the fabric of the community and

provide space for people to get together in a positive environment."

The 'Bower' series of design studios at the University of Melbourne are now in their third year. In 2009, a similar group of Masters students helped redesign and rebuild one of the so-called 'chicken coop houses' in Gudorrka.

Students will be posting updates on the progress of the project at www.bower2010.com or @bower2010 on Twitter.

'Warrior' to help out kids



AN INNOVATIVE mentoring program has been established to benefit Aboriginal children and young people in inner-Sydney.

NSW Minister for Community Services Linda Burney said Tribal Warrior was running the program in partnership with the NSW Department of Community Services.

"We're pleased to have Tribal Warrior on board, a well-respected non-government organisation with a proud record of spreading knowledge of Aboriginal culture and delivering specialised training programs in maritime skills," Ms Burney said.

"Vulnerable young people aged five to 17, referred by Community Services, will be linked with trained mentors who can give them advice and direction on issues they are grappling with and their education and career plans.

"They will also be encouraged to develop and maintain their cultural identity. The great thing about mentoring is that it continues the ancient cultural tradition of guidance by Aboriginal Elders.

"Tribal Warrior has established a certificate course in mentoring which has been accredited and is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

"The first intake of students is currently being trained. Some of them will undertake deckhand certificates to boost their confidence and relationship-building skills.

"Being a mentor is not only a great chance to contribute to the community but develops knowledge and leadership skills which can be of benefit in future employment. I hope that one day the young people who are mentored might themselves become mentors to others."

Tribal Warrior Chairman Shane Phillips said mentors had been the drivers in almost all Koori communities – the grandparents, uncles, aunties, brothers and sisters who take it upon themselves to help people engage.

"I'm confident mentors can help Community Services engage with families and young people," he said.

Ground-breaking

Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Chairperson Mark Spinks, currently being trained as a mentor, said the program was ground-breaking.

"The feedback from other participants indicates to me that it will have an enormously positive impact on families, school attendance and employment retention," he said.

Mr Spinks said the program was in keeping with Keep Them Safe, the NSW Government's reforms to the child protection system, which includes a commitment to supporting Aboriginal children and families and to strengthen partnerships with non-government organisations (NGOs) in the delivery of community services.

The Government is spending an initial \$46,800 funding to provide mentors 20 hours a week. Funding will be reviewed after 12 months.

Warray knowledge preserved in book



A BOOK detailing the Warray People's local knowledge of plants and animals was launched earlier this month.

Administrator of the Northern Territory Tom Pauling launched the book on 7 June at Government House, Darwin.

NT Department of Natural Resources ethnobiologist Glenn Wightman said *Warray Plants and Animals* had been 30 years in the making.

It began with Warray

Elders starting to write down the Warray names and uses of plants near Humpty Doo Station with the assistance of a linguist and botanist back in 1980.

"The book is essentially an encyclopaedia of the Warray people's flora and fauna, and includes knowledge of more than 100 plants and over 200 animals," Mr Wightman said.

"Warray people come from the upper Adelaide and upper Finnis Rivers, and places such as Adelaide River town, Batchelor and the eastern part of Litchfield National



A banyan tree at Humpty Doo station, on Warray country in the Northern Territory.

Park. "While all five of the collaborating Aboriginal authors in the book have

passed away, this book will ensure their knowledge will not be lost, and recognises

not only the collaborating Elders, but the Warray Elders that have gone before them and who for tens of thousands of years formed links in the chain that have kept traditional plant and animal knowledge alive over the millennia."

Mr Wightman said understanding of the region's flora and fauna was an important part of the connection the Aboriginal people feel for the land, and many of the Warray Elders were concerned about the loss of knowledge, which formed such an integral part of their culture.

Local Aboriginal groups including the Kenyon, Goodman, Tambling, Thompson and Yates families collaborated with scientists and linguists to create the book.

Co-published by the NT Government and the Katherine Regional Language Centre (Diwurrurru-Jaru), the book will be available at schools in the region, the NT Library and available to buy at outlets including the Parks and Wildlife Permits office, the Territory Wildlife Park and the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) shop.

Yorta Yorta files sorted



THOUSANDS of important historic documents held by the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) at Barmah have been sorted and filed, thanks to the efforts and generosity of five local volunteers.

Maureen Bux, Margy Derby, Veronica and John Groat and Philippa Schapper worked as volunteers with Heritagecare for two days a week over four months to conserve and archive the corporation's extensive collection of documents.

As a result, YYNAC has an organised archival system for filing and accessing their collection for research purposes, and documents have been preserved.

Presenting the volunteers with certificates of appreciation, CVA Heritagecare Project Officer Heather McNaught said the five could now say they had been a part of preserving Victoria's cultural heritage.

Planning Minister Justin Madden said the Heritagecare program empowered local communities to care for their heritage assets.

The volunteers appreciated the opportunity to learn how to conserve and archive a collection, while increasing their knowledge about the Aboriginal community and the work of the corporation.

They said they also gained a great deal of personal satisfaction from seeing the results of their efforts and learning something new each day.

Meeting new people, working as a team and having the opportunity to speak to and learn from YYNAC Elders were all added bonuses, they said.

The Heritagecare program is a partnership between the State Government agency Heritage Victoria and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), which recruits volunteers and manages projects on behalf of Heritage Victoria.



At the graduation, front from left, Kalen Gilbert and Tiege Burns. Back from left, Jimmy Murray, Patrick Coolwell, Davina Burns, Jacob Martin, Jacob Tippe, Robin Thompson, Che Walker, Darren Burns, Mahala Burns, Morgan Green and Richard Martin.

Stradbroke graduates win praise



INDIGENOUS graduates of a traineeship in conservation and land management on North Stradbroke Island off Brisbane are hoping their efforts will considerably improve their job prospects in the environmental sector.

Eleven Quandamooka trainees last month completed a one-year traineeship delivered through a partnership between Quandamooka Land Council and Greening Australia, and focused on helping build the practical skills of the trainees in conservation and land management.

Greening Australia Training Manager Robin Thompson, who assisted the participants in their Conservation Land Management training, said

Stradbroke Island was the perfect training ground, providing experiences in environmental issues that are faced every day.

"The trainees have been involved in restoring vegetation, basic first aid, seed collection and preservation of plant and seed specimens; erosion and sediment control and other activities including helping with the oil clean up on Moreton Island," Ms Thompson said.

Joint effort

Quandamooka Land Council Chairperson Darren Burns praised the graduates in what he said was a joint effort.

"The Quandamooka people would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all those who have contributed to this successful program for our young Indigenous community," he said.

The trainees received a year of on-ground training under the guidance of staff from Quandamooka Land Council, Unimin-CRL, the Redlands Shire Council and training staff from Greening Australia.

The Government paid trainee wages, SEQ Catchments and a Government grant provided funds for uniforms and equipment and the Environment Department provided funding for additional licensing requirements.

"The project has developed the conservation and land management skills of the island's Indigenous community members, and will provide employment and training opportunities," Ms Thompson said.

"The trainees have worked hard and we are really proud to be seeing them graduate."



CVA Heritagecare volunteers Maureen Bux and John Groat sorting documents for the Yorta Yorta corporation.

NATIONAL CALENDAR



Welcome 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, faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

National

Until 2 October: Bangarra Dance Theatre presents *Of Earth and Sky*. This is an original and evocative double bill inspired by contrasting traditional and contemporary themes and examining the fusion of dance and visual art. Details: (02) 9929 3770 or (0412) 601 816 or visit www.bangarra.com.au
Dates and locations:
1-10 July at Brisbane. Ph (07) 3840 7466 or visit www.qpac.com.au
23 July-28 August at Sydney. Ph (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneysoperahouse.com
3-4 September at Canberra. Ph (02) 6275 2700 or visit www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au
8-11 September at Adelaide. Ph 131 246 or visit www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au
16-18 September at Wollongong. Ph (02) 4224 5999 or visit www.merrigong.com.au
23 September-2 October at Melbourne.

4-11 July: NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Details on local event within your State contact Indigneous Co-ordination Centres on free call 1800 079 098, except Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348 or visit www.naidoc.org.au

NSW/ACT

Until 22 July: Art exhibition 'Rosella Namok' showcasing Aboriginal artwork. Held at 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Details: (02) 9360 6839 infor@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

Until 1 August: 'Vivid' Paa kantji Art comes to Brush Farm House. The special NAIDOC exhibition a series of stunning Story Poles vividly depicting Paakantji culture and mythology form the centrepiece of a unique Indigenous artworks. Free and all welcome. Held at Brush Farm House, Eastwood. Details: (02) 9952 8083 or email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au or vist www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

Until 13 August: NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards – calling for nominations. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs, so show your support for the search of this year's winners. Commonwealth Bank is again the major presenter and prize patron and will give away \$30,000 in cash prizes. Nomination forms available at Commonwealth Bank branches. Details: 1300 735 445 or visit www.awardsaustralia.com.au

1 July: NAIDOC art exhibition created by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation. Showcasing the works of inner-west Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. Artists include Bronwyn Bancroft and Elaine Russell. Free and all welcome. Held Seaview Gallery, Dulwich Hill High School, Dulwich Hill. Details: (02) 9564 0594 lesley@antar.org.au or visit www.antar.org.au/shop

2 July: Regional NAIDOC Ball. Theme is formal. Cost \$35 per person and includes three-course meal, drinks and entertainment by the Donavans and more. All welcome. Held at the Liverpool Catholic Club, Hoxton Park, from 6pm. Details: Tina Taylor on (02) 9602 5280 or visit www.gandangara.org.au

3 July: 'St John Wonderworker of Shanghai & San Francisco' Gunning Chapel second Patronal Feast-Day. This feats day will include blessing of waters, confessions and divine liturgy, then continuing with a luncheon. Free and all welcome. Held at St Edmund's

Anglican Church 28 Biala St, Gunning. Details: (02) 4845 1370

3-31 July: Beach to the Bush Aboriginal art exhibition. This exhibition will feature eight Hunter Valley based Aboriginal artists with a mix of experienced and emerging artists exhibiting work that highlights the region they live in. Free and all welcome. Held at the Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin. Details: (02) 6571 5111 taasha@ungooroo.com.au or visit www.ungooroo.com.au

6 July: NAIDOC Elders and community luncheon with koorioke. This is for the Marrickville inner-west community to celebrate NAIDOC week. Free and all welcome. Held at the Petersham Town Hall, from 11am-2.30pm. Details: Rebecca Carroll on (02) 9335 2243 or email abincl@marrickville.nsw.gov.au

8 July: NAIDOC Koori kids' disco. The night is for children up to 12 years and will include music, food and entertainment. Free and all welcome. Held at Herb Greedy Hall, 79 Petersham Rd, Marrickville, from 5-9pm. Details: Nicole Ryan on (02) 9558 4036 or (02) 9559 1883.

8 July: Klub Koori hip-hop night, presented by Gadigal Music, Koori Radio and FBI radio brings a night of Indigenous hip-hop with rising stars such as The Last Kinection, Trindoe and Stunna and DJ the Black President and plenty more. All welcome, cost applies. Held at the Oxford Art Factory, Darlinghurst. Details: (02) 9332 3711 hello@oxfordartfactory.com or visit www.oxfordartfactory.com

9 July: NAIDOC at Jamison Park. The day will include kids' activities, barbecue, mixed men and women netball/football, singers, games, care for elderly/seniors, childcare for kids 0-5 years and more. All welcome. Held at Jamison Park, York Rd, South Penrith, from 10.30am-3.30pm. Details for registration of touch football teams call Hamish Robertson on (02) 4732 7653, for netball teams call Jennifer Borthwick on (02)8807 0860 and for stalls call Tracy Leahy on (02)4732 7765.

9 July: NAIDOC 2010 family day. Come along and enjoy a family fun-filled day. Includes sausage sizzle, kids' activities, performances, an art exhibition, bands and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Southern Cross University, Lismore. Details: (02) 6620 3955 g nibi@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/naidoc

9-12 July: Broken Hill bush camp. This is an Indigenous bush camp for youth organised by East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network. Cost: \$130 per person. All welcome. Held at Penrose Park, Silverton. Details: (02) 4393 6965 or (0404) 233 603 or email nedann@optusnet.com.au

10 July: NAIDOC dinner-dance. This dance is for the Western Sydney community to celebrate NAIDOC Week. All welcome. Held at the RSL Club, Corner of Sherbrooke and Railway St, Rooty Hill, from 6-11pm. Details: (02) 9839 6167 or email robert.leslie@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

18 July: The Last Kinection Propa Mad Deadly Tour. Featuring special guests Impossible Odds, Mr Morgz, Tjimba and the Young Warriors, Johnny Mac, Lady Luck, Alter Egoz, Little G, Koori Boy and DJ Deadly. Cost: \$20 at the door. All welcome. Held at Ocktober Lounge, 911 High St, Northcote, from 8pm. Details: (0402) 354 382 or visit www.lastkinection.com

27-28 July: Health Reform – the Health Reform conference will seek to address the challenges and provides an opportunity to hear from the three reform health taskforces. Details: (02) 9239 5700 or visit www.reforminhealth.com

Northern Territory

6-9 July: National Aboriginal Customary Law and Culture Movement. This is an historic nationwide gathering of Aboriginal peoples and supporters from across Australia to call on

the Federal Government to immediately end the intervention and unconditionally reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act. All welcome. Held at the Alice Springs Showgrounds. Details: Richard Downs on (0428) 611 169 or John Hartley on (0424) 943 990 or email karranj@hotmail.com

27-29 July: Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) Conference 2010. The conference objectives are around sharing and celebrating, growing our knowledge, challenging others to acknowledge history and respect culture, and to foster leadership. Keynote speakers, workshops and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs. Details: Ian Sweeney on (03) 9489 8099 or email sweeney@snaicc.asn.au or visit www.snaicc.asn.au/index.cfm

20 August: NT Indigenous Music Awards. The awards acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's Aboriginal music performers in contemporary and traditional genres. Food and drinks available, no BYO alcohol. Limited seating so bring a rug. All welcome. Held in Darwin. Details: (08) 8981 1995 or email admin@musicnt.com.au or visit www.musicnt.com.au

Queensland

Until 31 June: Art exhibition 'Samuel Tupou'. Screen printing artworks combine a unique state print, Pacific Island influenced patterning. Opening night drinks held from 6pm. Free and all welcome. Held at 124 Grafton St, Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 4678 info@canopyarts.com or visit www.canopyarts.com

Until 4 July: Heron Island Suite 2009-10 art exhibition. Heron Island Suite is a series of 20 colour etchings undertaken as a result of Watson's artist in residency in 2009 at the University of Queensland. Free and all welcome. Held at Grahame Galleries, 1 Fernburg Rd, Milton, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3369 3288 or email info@grahamegalleries.com or visit www.grahamegalleries.com

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, 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 or visit www.fogs.com.au
Dates and locations:
21 July, Mackay
15 September, Brisbane
6 October, Townsville

6-7 November: Rainforest Cup Indigenous cricket carnival. This is an annual drug and alcohol-free carnival run by a group of individuals from the Indigenous communities of Jumbun, Tully, Innisfail, and the Atherton Tablelands. Team submissions closing 8 October. All welcome. Held at the Tully Cricket Grounds. Details: (07) 4066 8300 or Stan Lenoy on (0437) 635 124 or email rainforestcup@gmail.com or visit www.members.westnet.com.au

Victoria

Until 17 July: Men of the Ngarrindjeri art exhibition. Cedric Varcoe's first solo exhibition showcasing Aboriginal artworks. Free and all welcome. Held at Curved Wall Art Centre, Frankston. Details: (03) 9784 1051 or visit www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au

4-11 July: Cultural interpretation tours Millari Garden and Forest Gallery. Participate in a guided tour of the Millari Garden and Forest Gallery and learn about the bounty of resources found in this these Indigenous gardens. Cost applies and concession free. All welcome. Held at Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum. Details: 1300 130 152 or visit <http://museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka/>

9 July: *From Little Things Big Things Grow*

showcased alongside 20 years: Bold, Black, Brilliant art exhibition about Aboriginal activism in Australia and the fight for justice. The exhibition celebrates Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who took part in the struggle. Free and all welcome. Held at the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

9-11 July: *Jacky Jacky in the Box*, a refreshing look at contemporary Aboriginality art performance in theatre. *Jacky Jacky in the Box* is showing for three days only as part of the exhibition 20 Years: Bold. Black. Brilliant. All welcome, cost apply concession fee. Held at Bunjilaka, Melbourne Museum. Details: 1300 130 152 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka/

South Australia

Until 18 July: Tandanya present opening art exhibition of 'Lowanna and Jukurrpa-Our Story'. Art works radically alters perceptions of Indigenous art, emotionalising the bond between humans and the spirits of the earth and more intriguing artwork. Free and all welcome. Held at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Tandanya from 10am-5pm. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

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 maker and object. All welcome. Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide. Details: (02) 9320 6000 or visit www.aboriginalartnews.com.au

1-21 August: 'Paperworks' art exhibition visual arts and design program by young adults with disabilities from Tutti's Visual Art and Design Program. Free and all welcome. Held Pepper Street Art Centre, Magill. Details: (08) 8364 6154 or email jackie.smith@tutt.org.au or visit www.pepperstreetartcentre.com.au

Western Australia

Until 14 July: Wangkatjungka Artists and Summer Sanders Glassworks exhibition. Showcasing new works from the artists at the Wangkatjungka community. Summer Sanders is an exhibition of kiln-formed glass created in the Glass Mob studios in Albury-Wodonga. Held at the Japingka Gallery, 47 High St, Fremantle. Details: Ian Plunkett on (08) 9335 8265 or email japingka1@iinet.net.au or visit www.japingka.com.au

3-10 July: 'The Moorditj Yarning' art exhibition, showcasing Aboriginal artworks. All works will be available for purchase. Held at Central Institute of Technology, Perth. Details: (08) 9489 6300.

24-31 July: Burrup (Murujuga) heritage tour. Come and experience the majestic wonders of the Burrup - more than 500,000 rock art engravings dating back 30,000 years. Gain an understanding of the importance of preserving this world-renowned archaeological site and experience a rare opportunity to meet with expert archaeologists and Aboriginal custodians of the Burrup rock art. Cost, \$1550 which covers bus transport to and from Karratha, camping equipment and all meals. Details: Judith Hugo on (0439) 090 321 or email tour@fara.com.au

26-30 July: 'Closing the Gap' Blank Page Summit Hard Yarn. Closing the Gap means no more muckin around. There are programs, policies and initiatives under way all around Australia to 'close the gap' for Indigenous Australians. All welcome. Held at Billard Learning Centre, near Beagle Bay, in the Kimberley. Details: Chris Wagner on (0434) 378 939 or visit www.blankpagesummit.com.au



Artist Bruce Bradfield and OPR chief executive John Langoulant.



Yvonne Radcliffe with Professor Colleen Hayward.

Good art from heart



THE artworks, the numbers and sums all spoke for themselves when the 2010 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition wrapped up in Perth's QV1 building

mid-month. In all, 140 artworks were sold during the five-day exhibition, which showcased contemporary and traditional styles from mid-west Indigenous artists.

The sales generated almost \$100,000, a 60 per cent increase on last year's sales, all of which is directly returned to the artists.

Twenty-two of the artists had travelled from the mid-west to view their own works and those of their peers, many of whom were exhibiting for the first time.

They were joined at the official opening by about 200 guests, and it is estimated that more than 2500 people later viewed the exhibition.

The exhibition is supported by

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR), developer of the multi-billion-dollar Oakajee port and rail project in WA's mid-west.

"The Good Heart exhibition represents a significant public commitment that directly supports Indigenous artists from the mid-west communities in which OPR operates," Deputy Premier Dr Kim Hames said at the official opening.

Supportive

"It provides an avenue for the promotion and sale of Indigenous art and the Western Australian Government is very supportive of the initiative.

"Good Heart provides a creative outlet for both established and emerging Indigenous artists in the region, and makes a significant difference to their lives through the sale proceeds generated during the exhibition."

OPR and its business partners fund a project manager for the exhibition, co-ordinate its staging, provide paint

and canvas to artists and provide support to bring remote artists and their work to Perth.

OPR Chief Executive John Langoulant said he was delighted that Oakajee Port and Rail had hosted the exhibition for the third consecutive year.

"Through the Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition, OPR is able to bring exposure and success to emerging and talented Indigenous artists from remote communities, who may not otherwise have the opportunity to develop their works," he said.

This year, the Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA) selected four works for permanent inclusion into the State Art Collection.

Two paintings on paper by Bruce Bradfield, titled *Colours of the Coast*, and two scarves created by Roy Merritt, were presented to Gallery chief executive Stefano Carboni, at the official opening.



Exhibiting artist Sonya Edney.

DO YOU WANT TO SCREEN INDIGENOUS FILMS FOR NAIDOC WEEK?

The National Film and Sound Archive's Black Screen Program can supply DVD compiles of short films by Indigenous filmmakers FREE to communities, councils and groups for screening as part of NAIDOC Week or other community events.

The NFSA recently released a new Black Screen compile (No 11) with five additional films focusing on stories from Western Australian filmmakers, including *Bollywood Dreaming* (pictured) and *Storytime*.

For more information visit the NFSA website www.nfsa.gov.au or contact Michael Weir on 02 6248 2086 michael.weir@nfsa.gov.au



The National Film and Sound Archive is an Australian Government Agency

Two judges for NSW Parlt prize



CAMPBELL-TOWN Arts Centre and the Parliament of NSW have

announced the appointment of Romaine Moreton and Daniel Browning as the judges for the 2010 Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize.

Dr Moreton is a writer of poetry, prose and film with a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

Mr Browning is the presenter of ABC Radio National *Away!* program.

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize is

awarded annually to an Aboriginal artist who belongs to a NSW language group or was born in New South Wales.

It has an award of \$20,000 and the winning work is acquired by the Parliament of NSW.

Artists

Contributing artists must be Aboriginal, aged 18 years or older while the works must have been produced in the past 12 months, and not have been previously exhibited.

Entries in the main prize, as well as the College of

Fine Arts (COFA) Professional Development Award, closed at the weekend.

The winners will be announced at the opening on 20 October 2010, and an exhibition of selected entries will be displayed at NSW Parliament House from 29 September to 28 October 2010.

The exhibition will then tour NSW next year, co-ordinated by Museums and Galleries NSW.

Koori Mail cartoonist Danny Eastwood is among the past winners of the Parliament Prize.

Glimpse of things to come from Bangarra

By MARGARET SMITH



A YEAR after celebrating its 20th birthday, Bangarra Dance Theatre has offered a glimpse of even better things to come with a preview of its two newest works. The walls of Bangarra's 'creative cave' dance studio on Sydney Harbour were painted black but soon became alive with energy as artistic director Stephen Page stood spot-lit and introduced Australian media to the new works that, together, form *Of Earth and Sky*.

Page announced he was very excited by *Artefact*, choreographed by Frances Rings, and *Riley*, choreographed by the company's youngest storyteller, Daniel Riley McKinley.

He said it was a great privilege to have Rings back full-time as resident choreographer, and he had missed her 'special presence' while she was preoccupied by her two young sons and freelance commissions.

Before stepping back, Rings had danced with the company for 12 years, and had choreographed *Rations*, *Corroboree*, *Walkabout* and *Unaipon*, which were great favourites with Bangarra audiences.

Page said Rings' new work brought another dimension, with dancers literally weaving on stage.

Daniel Riley McKinley's contribution also won Page's praise. The 24-year-old joined Bangarra in 2007 after dancing in Queensland. He performed in *True Stories* and *Mathinna*, and was recognised at the 2010 Australian Dance Awards through *Fire: A Retrospective*.

His debut work celebrates the extraordinary talent of his cousin, the late photographer/film-maker Michael Riley,

and his internationally acclaimed *cloud* series, the last photographic work before his death in 2004.

Riley's work is world-renowned and permanently installed as part of the Australian Indigenous Art Commission at the Musée du quai Branly in Paris.

"Michael's huge photographs of clouds, blue skies and angels, which are projected on stage, were very inspiring and are like his last song cycle," McKinley told the crowd.

He also praised the music of composer David Page, which he said was 'more electronic this time around'.

brought home artefacts from the desert where he had been building railways. She became fascinated by them and began her own journey to recover her own Indigenous culture.

The dancers then performed excerpts from *Grinding Stone*, with an all-male cast, and the all-female *Weaving*. The two pieces were strikingly different, with the male energy strong and engrossing, and the flowing female energy at one with the mats they wove as part of the dance.

Afterwards, Rings looked around the studio and declared to *The Koori Mail*, 'this is our creative cave. The dancers understand the meditative state they need for a performance like this. The girls in particular have really taken to heart the weaving, and it informs their dancing. I'm looking forward to taking it into theatres around the country'.

McKinley was almost overwhelmed by the experience of his first media preview.

He said that his cousin's images of clouds and sacrifice still had so much resonance today, as they spoke about Christian and Indigenous religions. He hoped the work would help Bangarra audiences to 'understand the full power of Michael's art work'.

This continuing resonance was not lost on Stephen Page, who told *The Koori Mail* that for Bangarra, 'it's very important how we inherit and maintain cultural protocol'.

"Michael Riley was a great fan of Bangarra," he said. "It's sad and beautiful to have his visual images and to celebrate his work on stage."

Of Earth and Sky opens in Brisbane this week where it runs 2-10 July, then returns to Sydney, 23 July to 28 August, before touring other states.



Bangarra artists Waangenga Blanco and Leonard Mickelo perform. Photos courtesy of Bangarra



Bangarra dancer Jasmin Sheppard in *Weaving*.

The audience was then treated to two excerpts from the work. *Locust* involved the whole company as cheeky insects and then in a plague that swept over the land. *Angel* focused on two male dancers who wove around each other to create one sinuous moving torso.

Frances Rings introduced her two excerpts by revealing that she was still balancing the demands of parenthood and her love for dance.

Artefact grew out of her memories of growing up with her German father, who

2010 Gold Coast

Indigenous Art
and Design Award

Ngalingah Jagun (Our Land)

For entry forms and guidelines:

w: goldcoastcity.com.au/cultural

e: cscdc@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

p: 07 5581 6790

Entries close 24 September 2010

Exhibition 14-29 October 2010 (GCCC Chambers Foyer)

Call for
Entries

Working for our future – today

Gold Coast City Council

Nostalgic return for *Honey Spot*



Yirra Yaakin artistic director Kyle Morrison.

By KEN BOASE in Perth



A REVITALISED Yirra Yaakin Nyoongar theatre company has produced the first of four planned productions this

year, including a rework of the Jack Davis play *Honey Spot*.

Showing at the company's Murray Street premises in Perth until 17 July, *Honey Spot* was first performed in 1985 and featured now-veteran actor Lynette Narkle who also appears in the latest production.

Yirra Yaakin artistic director and *Honey Spot* director Kyle Morrison said the play is one of three he'll have direct involvement with this year, including a Nyoongar monologue with a Spanish director to be included in next season's

Festival of Perth. Mr Morrison said he also performed in the play at his local school in the 1990s, and he was so struck by its beauty that he dreamed of one day being involved with the production as a professional.

"I was always going to do some Jack Davis when I became artistic director to get back to the roots of Nyoongar theatre," Mr Morrison said. "And *Honey Spot* just happened to be the show that's been on my mind for the last 10 years and now finally I've got the chance to do that."

The play is about an Indigenous boy called Tim, a non-Indigenous girl called Peggy who lives in the WA forest with her forest ranger father, and the meeting of the two children's families.

Tim's family lives in a nearby forestry residence and Peggy, who wants to be a ballet dancer,

becomes suspicious of him when she catches him collecting honey. The emerging relationship between the two is central to the storyline.

There's political angst in Tim's cousin, who is cutting down trees to make didgeridoos, so the play also deals with the cultural rights of Aboriginal people on their own budja (country) – a prophetic insight into the current native title debate, although the play was written in the early 1980s, before the Mabo decision.

Fusion

The climax of the play is Tim and Peggy performing a fusion of ballet and traditional Nyoongar dance, giving the production an everlasting contemporary ambience.

"There's also a lot of dialogue about the philosophy of forest

care and management of the forests between the ranger, who follows government guidelines. Tim's family show him a different way of caring for country," Mr Morrison said.

"It's actually a reconciliation piece because, in the end, the play demonstrates our common humanity which brings us closer together."

Yirra Yaakin is emerging from one its most challenging periods ever after fighting funding cut threats and occupational health and safety issues around the company's rented headquarters in the Perth CBD.

However, Mr Morrison said that there was now a new team at Yirra Yaakin and the company's funding had been confirmed in November.

"Since then we've been flat out building up to our season," he said.

"I was determined to take the company back to its roots of producing top local Nyoongar theatre."

Yirra Yaakin has secured a triennial funding arrangement with the WA Department of Culture and the Arts, and the company also has a six-year funding agreement with the Australia Council.

As a consequence, Mr Morrison said, the company now has a secure medium-term future and it is now over to the artistic direction to take the organisation to new heights.

Honey Spot is being performed at Yirra Yaakin until 17 July before embarking on a tour of the southwest of the State.

There has also been interest from interstate for a national tour, possibly in 2012.

\$42 million for arts, culture, heritage



ARTS and Heritage Minister Peter Garrett last week announced \$42 million from five Australian Government programs to support over 380 Indigenous arts,

culture and heritage projects across Australia.

Funding includes \$37.5 million in new funding and \$4.5 million for projects that

were selected for triennial funding last year.

The five programs are:

- The National Arts and Crafts Industry Support (NACIS) which provides funding for Indigenous art centres and art support organisations.

- The Indigenous Culture Support (ICS) Program which helps to maintain Indigenous culture through community involvement, transmission of knowledge

and skills across generations and support of new forms of cultural expression.

- The Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records (MILR) Program which addresses the steady erosion and loss of Australia's Indigenous languages by providing funding for the maintenance and revival of these languages.

- The Indigenous Broadcasting Program (IBP) which supports Indigenous

broadcasters around Australia.

- The Indigenous Heritage Program (IHP) which supports the identification, conservation and promotion of Indigenous heritage places important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The full list of projects being funded is available from www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/indigenous_funding_2010-11 _

One woman shows talent

ALMOST a decade on from the show's sold-out premiere season in Melbourne, *I Don't Wanna Play House* – a gutsy one-woman show devised and performed by Palawa woman Tammy Anderson – is continuing to pack a punch with audiences across Australia.

Upcoming tour dates will see Anderson perform in Canberra, regional NSW, the Northern Territory and South Australia through July and August as she relives her childhood and adolescence – a nomadic existence between Tasmania and Victoria. Earlier this month, she performed the show in Byron Bay and Lismore in northern New South Wales, where *The Koori Mail* saw it.

"In the first 15 years of my life I lived in 16 houses, three caravans and went to 12 schools," she tells her audience matter-of-factly.

She paints an affectionate portrait of her Aboriginal Tasmanian father.

"One day my Dad came home and he got a screwdriver and he undid the back of the TV and he pulled out these huge blocks of Cadbury chocolate. He was real magic, my Dad. Real clever."

However, it was a relationship that was cut short when her father was sent off to prison and was later hit by a falling tree while out fighting fires with fellow inmates. He was 'never the same again', and he never came home.

The show's kinetic swirl of monologue, movement and song sees Anderson re-enact the abuse she and her family endured, most notably at the hands of her mother's various boyfriends, while the family was constantly on the move, always looking for a fresh start.

At times harrowing and sometimes heart-breaking, *I Don't Wanna Play House* is also a story of love, affectionately told with wry humour and peopled with boisterous characters, each played by Anderson with consummate skill.

The show tour is funded by the Federal Government's Playing Australia program and is co-ordinated by Country Arts WA in association with producers Yirra Yaakin Theatre.

The performance is suitable for 15 years and up – parental guidance recommended. It contains some coarse language and confronting themes.

Tour venues for *I Don't Wanna Play House*:

- Canberra, Canberra Theatre Centre, 30 June -3 July
- Albury/Wodonga, Butter Factory Theatre, 6-10 July
- Nhulunbuy, Nhulunbuy Town Hall, 19-20 July
- Darwin, Darwin Entertainment Centre, 22 July
- Katherine, Katherine Training Centre Outdoor Stage, 24 July
- Tennant Creek, Tennant Creek Civic Centre, 27 July
- Alice Springs, Araluen Arts Centre, 29 July
- Tea Tree Gully, Golden Grove Arts Centre, 9-10 August
- Elizabeth, SA, Shedley Theatre, 11-12 August
- Tanunda, Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, 13 August.



Tammy Anderson in a scene from *I Don't Wanna Play House*.

Mission to New York

WHEN Aboriginal artist Jo Stuurman arrives in New York in less than three months, he'll be closer to the artworks of his mother's country than ever before.

The Queensland University of Technology culture lecturer has been invited to Colgate University to lecture on his own art practices and the art works of the children from Carrolup Mission in Western Australia.

"The children on the mission were Noongar people. My mother was one of them and is a practising artist. I grew up in south Western Australia, one of the Stolen Generation," Mr Stuurman said.

He said that when he met his mother for the first time, she passed on the knowledge of her art, and that's when he began in earnest to develop his craft.

"She showed me her artworks and the icons she used. I was given permission to use those icons in my artwork, which is very important in validating your artwork and giving it spiritual meaning," he said.

Mr Stuurman said that in the 1940s a large proportion of art from Carrolup mission was taken and exhibited around the world, never to be returned. A collection of drawings was donated to Colgate University in the late 1960s and, by chance, was



Aboriginal artist Jo Stuurman with his artwork in the background.

recognised as Carrolup art by an artist from the Noongar area a few years ago.

"A lot of art was stolen from the mission, around 400 pieces, and never returned. At this stage

we don't know whether they will send it back to Western Australia," Mr Stuurman said.

He said the university had established a close working relationship with Mungart Boodja Art Centre in Katanning with Noongar artists of that area, and his visit forms part of that link.

"Our culture's very old. The main themes of my art are spirituality and identity. What I hope is that this visit will awaken people, that they will be awakened to who they are in their own right," he said.

"I feel honoured that Colgate University wants me to go there. It is like they believe in your work and it is encouraging.

"I will talk about the spirituality of my work and how a person can engage with it," he said.

Mr Stuurman said he drew inspiration from some of the pastel drawings by young Carrolup artists, and used non-traditional colours for some of his work, and natural dyes that he mixed himself.

"I collect and refine ochre and mix them with fixative to make paint that is of a texture invoking earthy connections symbolic of the land," he said.

"I make my artwork frames from pine and use resin from the West Australian grass tree which exudes over time and can be broken off the trunk either after a bush fire or as the tree ages."

Company's jobs commitment praised



A PRIVATELY-OWNED electrical and communications company that currently employs eight Indigenous apprentices has won the Victorian Aboriginal Educational Association's Private Sector Employer Award.

Offering his congratulations to Data and Electrical Services Australia (DESA) earlier this month, Federal Employment Participation Minister Mark Arbib said it was 'fantastic' to see the company

recognised for its commitment to Indigenous employment.

He said DESA played a vital role in identifying and promoting job pathways for young Indigenous Australians wanting to become apprentice electricians.

"DESA provides opportunities to young Indigenous Australians to gain valuable electrical skills and training," he said.

"It also includes the prospect of becoming a permanent electrician with DESA once their apprenticeship is over.

"There are currently eight apprentices

employed at DESA. This award is a reflection on their hard work and dedication and I look forward to seeing eight new Indigenous electricians in the future."

Senator Arbib said DESA's success highlighted the importance of the \$750 million Indigenous Employment Program (IEP), which assists the private sector in establishing programs that encourage Indigenous jobs and training, and had committed \$195,000 to DESA. The funding is providing opportunities for seven

Indigenous apprentices to obtain skills through electrical apprenticeships or office traineeships.

"DESA has engaged a full-time Indigenous employment co-ordinator to engage with and support Indigenous jobseekers and employees," the Minister said. "The Indigenous Employment Program is a key element of the Government's \$4.6 billion investment to halve the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade."

UTS doctorate to Aden Ridgeway



GUMBAYNGIRR man Aden Ridgeway has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

Mr Ridgeway was the first Indigenous Australian to be a Parliamentary leader, holding the position of Deputy Leader of the Australian Democrats from 2001-2002.

And, despite not finishing high school, Mr Ridgeway told audience members at the award ceremony that education was key to overcoming much of the endemic poverty and disadvantage that prevailed in many Aboriginal communities.

"I am very honoured to accept the Doctorate and I do so on behalf of many in my own community who didn't get the chance to attend university," Mr Ridgeway said.

"To be given a doctorate later on in life is rewarding. I believe that education is the key to overcoming some of the disadvantage facing Indigenous communities but I also hope people recognise that, even if you haven't completed formal qualifications, you can still enter different facets of business."

Mr Ridgeway retired as a senator for NSW in 2005, having served in the Federal Parliament for six years.

He said he had been schooled in the 'university of life' and it was humbling to be recognised by UTS.

"Much of my life has been influenced by the



Aden Ridgeway in his robes after receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

mothers and grandmothers in my life – it is the strength of the women around me who have made such a difference to the person I have become," he said.

UTS Chancellor Vicki Sara said Mr Ridgeway has demonstrated a strong commitment throughout his life to the advancement of Aboriginal people, including his input into the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and as a Trustee for the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Fund.

"(This doctorate) recognises his outstanding contribution to the advancement of Australian society as a politician and as an advocate of the protection and promotion of Indigenous Australian culture," Prof Sara said.

Mr Ridgeway said UTS had played an important role in increasing Indigenous graduate numbers and facilitating support for Indigenous students through the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning.

"As an Adjunct Professor at UTS, I have seen the range of initiatives which have improved access and support for Indigenous students here at UTS," he said.

"Both my sons have graduated from UTS and have taken the next step in their lives with renewed enthusiasm and the hope of greater opportunity."

In addition to being a founding member of Indigenous Affairs consultancy Cox Inall Ridgeway, Mr Ridgeway currently chairs a number of organisations including Indigenous Tourism Australia, Bangarra Dance Theatre, the NSW Reparations Repayments Scheme Panel and the Federal Government's Remote Enterprise Centre.

Skills on offer to WA youth



INDIGENOUS young people in Western Australia who want to develop their leadership, community

development and management skills have been urged to apply for the 2010 One Sky, Many Paths program.

The program offers 40 young people the opportunity to attend a five-day residential learning program, before and after the completion of project work in their communities.

WA Youth Minister Donna Faragher said project participants would receive training through an online network provided by the Challenger Institute of Technology, as well as mentoring from local community leaders.

"The residential programs in Perth will help develop their confidence and self-esteem, while allowing students to interact and encourage one another as they learn," she said.

Nomination forms for One Sky, Many Paths are available at <http://www.communities.wa.gov/youth>

Applications close on 12 July.

TAFE NSW is more than you imagine



If you want to find a job or a new career, TAFE NSW can help you with the skills you need.

The choice is yours with hundreds of courses to choose from and support services to help you.

Enrol now to start in Semester Two 2010. To find out more about courses and enrolment days:

call TAFE NSW on **131 601** or visit **tafensw.edu.au**

Program lets students yarn with yarn



ABORIGINAL teacher Lee Townsend has developed a modern twist on a traditional yarning circle, and says the program is enjoying outstanding results amongst young Indigenous people in the South Burnett district of Queensland. The 'Let's have a Yarn with Yarn' program uses wool as a medium to connect people in a verbal learning circle. These intertwined connections form a 'web of knowledge', which allows

the group to communicate by sharing their life experiences.

Ms Townsend said the success of the program came down to capturing the ethos of traditional Aboriginal yarning circles and using it in a contemporary way.

"The use of wool allows the circle to share voices through open lines of communication in a structured and nurturing learning environment," she said. "And the program allows individuals to share their stories and discover alternative solutions,



Students yarn with yarn.

develop greater choices and instil power into their every day lives."

Fresh from delivering the program in Queensland's Cherbourg

district, senior counsellor at Wondin-Dee Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service at South Burnett Narelle Sanford said there'd been some excellent outcomes.

"For example 'the Yarn' was used recently with a group of students who had been experiencing some conflict out of school," she said. "When teachers and counsellors became aware of this they implemented the strategies from 'the Yarn' and this resulted in very positive outcomes for the kids involved, as well as the school and the

broader community."

Ms Sanford said the beauty of the program was that participants were able to be trained to deliver the program themselves.

Ms Townsend said the Yarn was for 'anyone at any time in any situation'.

"Everyone needs a voice," Ms Townsend said. "Whether you're young or an Elder; Indigenous or non-Indigenous, real communication comes through talking and listening."

For more information on the program, go online at www.theyarningcircle.com

Trial hailed as success



UNIVERSITY of Queensland (UQ) academics say a trial of problem-based learning (PBL) that encourages group work and deep

thinking is helping to implement reconciliation in a practical way.

Dr Liz Mackinlay and Dr Katelyn Barney and colleagues from UQ's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit have been piloting the approach in a first-year Indigenous Australian studies course.

PBL, which often involves working in small groups with a lecturer or a tutor who facilitates discussions, helps students 'learn how to learn'.

The pilot study aims to evaluate whether PBL can transform tertiary education as a pathway to social justice and empowerment for Indigenous peoples, and Dr Mackinlay said it had been a success, with students feeling engaged, asking more questions and choosing to read widely.

"In many ways PBL group work enables the class to build a community of learners, joined by a

shared commitment and desire to know," Dr Mackinlay said.

"It also creates a space where openness, intellectual rigour and personal transformation can happen.

"There are no right answers in PBL, rather this approach seeks to raise questions in order to allow students to deeply explore, discuss and reflect."

Students in the course learned the history and ongoing debates around Aboriginal women's traditional ownership of Hindmarsh Island in South Australia.

Questions

The content raised a number of questions about relationships to country, gender and knowledge, and the impact of colonisation and the silencing of Aboriginal voices.

Dr Barney said the teaching approach was well-suited to Indigenous Australian studies as it mirrored what she and Dr Mackinlay understood about Indigenous methods of knowledge transfer.

"Many students commented that they had gained a deeper understanding of disjunction

between Western judicial systems and Indigenous knowledge systems and also made them aware that not all Aboriginal women agreed," she said.

"In the Indigenous Australian studies classroom, there are occasions where students generate questions that the lecturer cannot answer.

"This in turn begins another cycle of reflection-action-reflection as both students and teachers enter into a dialogue together to find what it is that needs to be learnt and to better understand what is problematic about a situation.

"The approach helped them to think critically and deeply about complex issues rather than surface learning, assisted them to ask questions and more questions, and to critically reflect on their learning and engage with their peers."

The UQ project was funded through a \$220,000 grant from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council.

The next step involves expanding the project across four other Australian universities using the results of the UQ pilot study.



The first students to take part in a new Butchulla-focussed course at the University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast met Joe Gala during a welcome to the campus. They are from left, Sahrah Vanderburgh, Courtney Mrowcynski, Erich Montfort and Brittany Hughes.

US students get taste of culture



A GROUP of students from New York state in the US has travelled to Hervey Bay to study a new Australian Indigenous course being offered by the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Fraser Coast.

The 'On Country Learning: Indigenous Knowledge through Butchulla Culture' course was launched last Monday. Local Indigenous people Joe Gala and Joyce Bonner gave the students a welcome to Butchulla Country with traditional song and dance.

USQ School of Humanities and Communications head Bryce Barker said the four-week course was unlike most other Indigenous courses in Australia.

"It is unique in that it centres on a specific Aboriginal cultural group, the Butchulla, using their knowledge and country as learning tools to understand Aboriginal Australia from a specific local cultural perspective," Prof Barker said.

Following a week-long introduction to Aboriginal culture, Butchella people have

now taken over the role of teaching the students.

The students will attend lectures and workshops in the classroom and do field trips to cultural sites such as Fraser Island, Scrub Hill, Mt Bauple and the Booral Fish Traps.

The new course is being studied as part of the Study Aboard program. The students, all from the Suny College at Brockport in New York, will receive accreditation for the course toward their degrees in the United States.

Erich Montfort, 21, said he had chosen to study the course because he was studying an art major and was interested in Indigenous art.

"I'd like to get a better understanding of Aboriginal art," he said.

Brittany Hughes, 21, and Courtney Mrowcynski, 20, said they chose the course because it seemed interesting and was different to anything else they had studied.

Sahrah Vanderburgh, 22, is doing a business major but said she had always been interested in anthropology and cultural studies.

"I figured this was a great opportunity," she said.

From left, Jocelyn Farebrother, Joel Wright and Tess Millerick participate in group work for a first-year Australian Indigenous Studies course at UQ. Dr Katelyn Barney is pictured at right.



SA principal named as Yalari chair



SCOTCH College Adelaide Principal Tim Oughton has been appointed as the new national chairman of not-for-profit Indigenous youth support organisation Yalari.

Having implemented the Yalari program at Scotch in 2008 – the first school in South Australia to have it – Mr Oughton said he now hoped to encourage other schools from around the country to also participate.

“Yalari is a fantastic organisation designed to help young Indigenous Australians from rural areas gain access to a first-class secondary education through scholarships at leading boarding schools,” he said.



TIM OUGHTON

“As Principal of Scotch, I’ve seen the enormous value of the program first-hand, with many Aboriginal children thriving in their new living and learning environment since receiving full scholarships to attend the college.”

Established in 2005, Yalari was founded by Indigenous educator Waverley Stanley and his wife Llew Mullins with

the aim of bringing about generational change by giving young Indigenous people the opportunity to receive a first-class education through full boarding scholarships at some of the best schools across the nation.

Yalari means ‘child’ in the Birra Gubba language and the program now supports 180 children who are enrolled in 34 partner schools in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

For more information about Yalari, visit www.yalari.org



PHILANTHROPY & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: Enhancing Indigenous Education Outcomes

PhD Scholarship

ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences

The Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) invites applications for an Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) scholarship.

The student will participate in research that aims to critically assess the degree to which philanthropic interventions improve Indigenous education outcomes—from both Indigenous and philanthropic perspectives—with the goal of identifying or developing models, strategies and principles of effective partnership and engagement.

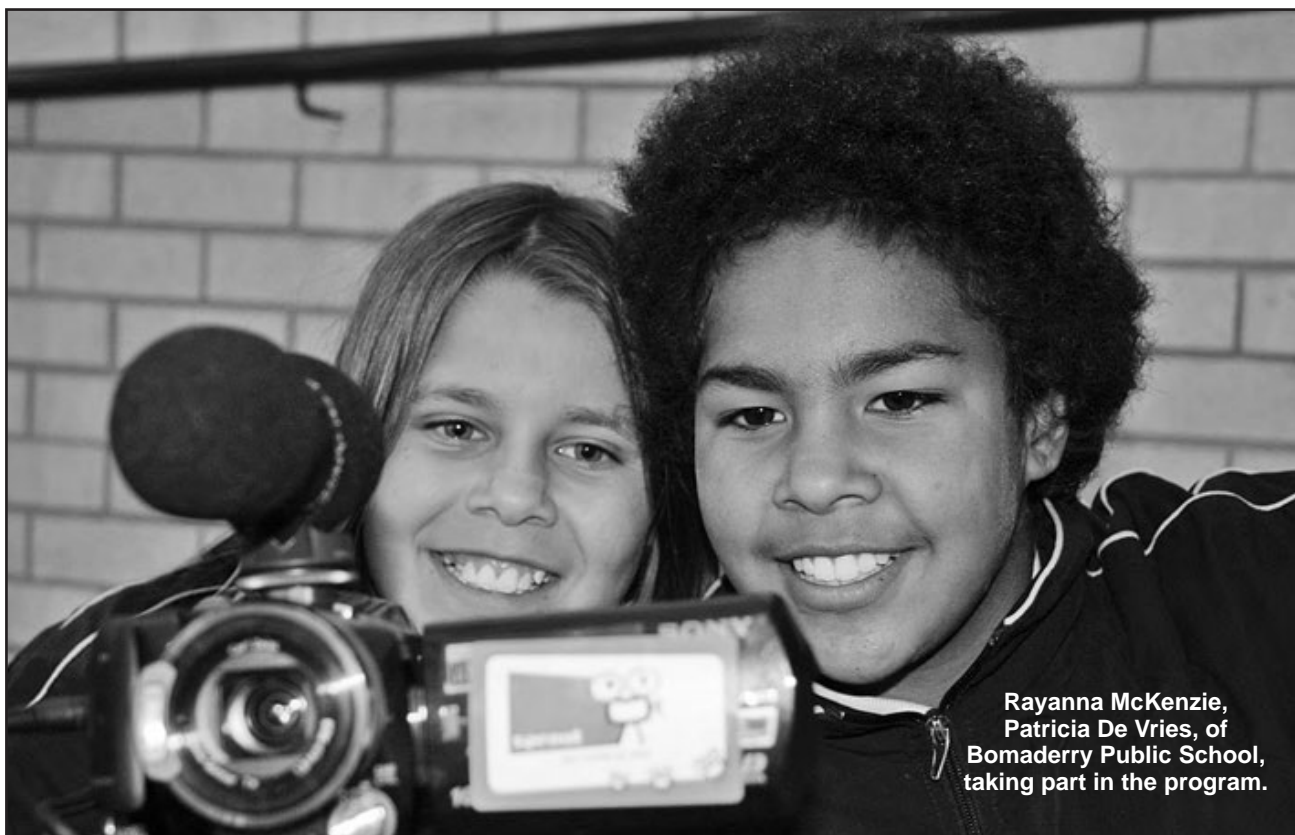
The project initially will focus on Melbourne and extend to other parts of Victoria and nationally during 2010–13.

The scholar will be required to have a background in anthropology, education or a similar social science discipline. A demonstrated knowledge of and interest in Indigenous Australian communities and people is required.

The scholarship includes a stipend of \$27,222 per annum (tax free) for three years.

CRICOS#00120C 110610HES

Information: anu.edu.au/caepr
T: 02 6125 8208 E: Jerry.Schwab@anu.edu.au



Rayanna McKenzie, Patricia De Vries, of Bomaderry Public School, taking part in the program.

Sprout focus on Kimberley



THE Sprout Media By Kids Outreach Program has received philanthropic funding from the Matana Foundation to help take its film workshops to communities in Western Australia’s far north. The workshops will be run in schools in the Kimberley region during terms three and four, after the program enjoyed success in the Shoalhaven area of southern NSW.

Targeted at children aged 8–12 in priority schools in low socio-economic communities, the workshops teach kids how to write, plan, shoot and edit their own work.

Four Sprout films were selected for the recent Sandfly Film Festival and screened on 19 June at the Husskison Cinema at Husskison, near Jervis Bay. Another two mini-documentaries

created by a group of Indigenous primary school students in Nowra were screened at the Institute of Contemporary Art Boston’s first International Children’s Film Festival in April this year.

Institute of Contemporary Art Family Programs Co-ordinator Kathleen Lomatoski said she was thrilled with the entries for the Boston festival.

Wonderful

“I wish we had time to show them all... I found each film wonderful and rich,” she said.

“The audience loved the work and I am sure many young film-makers were inspired.”

The films screened in Boston were created in November last year when documentary film-makers Mitzi Goldman, Pat Fiske and Danny Teece-Johnson worked with 60

Indigenous students from Nowra East Primary School, Bomaderry Primary School, St Michael’s Primary School and Huskisson Primary School, teaching them how to get behind the camera to tell their stories.

“Through our experience working with young people we have found that children who have trouble with concentration and behaviour at school embrace technology enthusiastically as an exciting way to express themselves,” said Ms Goldman, who conceived the Sprout outreach program.

She said it aimed to redress social and geographic disadvantages with a form of literacy and communication that allowed young people to employ film-making as a means of framing their world, expressing themselves and interacting directly with a broader peer group.



Lexi Carter, of Nowra East Public School.



Janaya Ebsworth learns new skills.

Top students get a taste of Parliament

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



YOUNG Jemmason Power already has some clear ideas about what she wants to do when she graduates from high school next year.

Topping her list of must-do experiences are attending university and travelling overseas.

Jemmason has, she admits, been fortunate in having two things she considers vital for her success – strong support from her family and community and the knowledge that education was, for her at least, the key to her future.

As part of her ongoing development, the young Indigenous student last week joined a group of 100 others during a week-long work experience initiative with the Federal Government, the first of its kind.

Indigenous students came from across the country – from the tip of Cape York across to Western Australia and everywhere in between – and converged on Parliament House as part of the Learn. Earn. Legend! initiative aimed at nurturing future Indigenous leaders.

Jemmason, who is completing Year 11 at St Peter's Lutheran College in Bowen, north Queensland, said the experience had been invaluable.

"It has been really good, one of the highlights was definitely meeting all the different leaders you've heard about but never seen up close. Question time for me was really interesting too, seeing all these politicians talking, and sometimes arguing.

"I've been placed with James Bidgood, the Member for Dawson, and I've been lucky enough to help out with research, that's been really interesting," she said.

Jemmason is considering primary school teaching for her tertiary studies and said the challenge of attending boarding school had taught her some good life lessons.

"I come from a big family and close community who have supported me all the way through, but it was definitely daunting to take that first step," she said.

"It was also exciting and a good opportunity and that's how I look at it."

Insights

Shaquille Oakley, also in Year 11, is adamant he won't ever become a politician, but says the experience at the nation's capital was a positive one and gave him insights into the inner workings of the country he might not otherwise have known.

"One of my teachers recommended me and it was a bit of an incentive because I was a bit behind in my studies and had to catch up if I wanted to go," he admitted.

"It's been pretty cool. I thought I'd enjoy having a bit of a look at how Parliament works."

Shaquille boards at Balga Senior High School in Western Australia and is working with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and Senator Richard Colgate.

"They're pretty cool. I've gained insights into the way government works. The highlight so far has been watching question time," he said of his placement.

"As far as the whole experience goes, I just hope to gain knowledge and insight so I might use it one day, it's been a real eye-opener."



Aboriginal students Shaquille Oakley and Jemmason Power during the week-long work experience initiative in Canberra.



Federal Employment Minister Mark Arbib, centre, with footballers Scott Prince (NRL), left, and Michael O'Loughlin (AFL).

The student's real passion, however, lies in acting, which he hopes to make a professional career out of one day.

"I was the fuzzy, curly headed dancer in *Bran Nue Dae*, the scene where the boys sing *There's nothing I would rather be than*

to be an Aborigine," he says proudly.

"I want to study performing arts at one of the academies. On the set of *Bran Nue Dae*, I learnt that there's a lot of hard work involved in being an actor. I really look up to Ernie Dingo and Jeffrey Rush, who I met

on the set of the movie. I also really like Hugh Jackman."

However, the young student says his biggest hero in his life is his mum.

"My mum is my biggest role model, she raised me and my three sisters, and with her strength it helps me to be strong," Shaquille said.

Students also got the chance to meet Gold Coast Titans NRL co-captain Scott Prince as well as AFL greats Michael O'Loughlin and Chris Johnson.

"This program is a brilliant opportunity for Indigenous secondary school students to find out about what it's like to work in government or the public service," Mr Prince said. "During this week students will be encouraged to see the opportunities available if they stay at school and work hard to get good results.

"Their world will be opened up to the many study and career choices available. Supportive relationships will be created to help these students overcome challenges, build their determination and go for their dreams."

Mr O'Loughlin said he was excited about the opportunities and possibilities the program might open up for the students.

Future

"Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people such as this may decide their future is to work in Government to improve the delivery of vital services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities," Mr O'Loughlin said.

"This program is a strong example of the Government's commitment to attract more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into the public service.

"What these students experience in Canberra will help prepare them as future leaders and hopefully for senior positions in the public service."

Employment Minister Mark Arbib and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomed the students to Canberra, saying they were the future leaders of their communities.

"They will be inspired by the array of career opportunities that exist within Australian politics and the public service," Mr Arbib said. "Learn. Earn. Legend! aims to encourage young Indigenous people to stay in school and training so they can gain great jobs and careers.

"Students will get to experience life in a political office, see the Australian Government in action, watch question time and tour Parliament House, before spending a day in public service agencies and departments."

Ms Macklin said the program would include tours of the National Gallery of Australia, the National Museum of Australia, the Australian War Memorial and the Australian Institute of Sport.

"It is great to have the next generation of Indigenous leaders here in Parliament House and across a range of Government departments," Ms Macklin said. "With the Learn. Earn. Legend! initiative we are building the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students."

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations partnered with Dare to Lead and the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation to organise and facilitate the program.

Tomorrow People visit Nowra



Olympic basketballer and spokesperson for the national Tomorrow People Healthy Living Tours Rohanee Cox speaking in Ceduna, South Australia.



THE Tomorrow People Healthy Living tour was welcomed on the NSW south coast last week with a performance by the Shoalhaven Yuin Dancers from Shoalhaven High School.

MC-ed by Olympic basketballer Rohanee Cox, the Nowra event featured a healthy 'cook-up', physical activities, local music, and practical tips on how the community could change the future of Aboriginal health.

As well as bringing the community together to talk about how healthy living practices – such as eating healthy foods and being physically active – could prevent chronic disease, the Tomorrow People tour also put the focus on role models in the community.

Speakers at the Nowra event included Yvonne Lenihan, a 57-year-old grandmother of 11 who has been a community worker for more than 20 years. The fit and active granny runs the Healthy Meals for Healthy Kids program, which helps families on low incomes budget for meals. She also runs a self-defence class for Koori



Shoalhaven Yuin Dancers, from Shoalhaven High School, performed the Welcome Dance at Nowra last Tuesday, as part of the Tomorrow People Healthy Living tour.

women in Shoalhaven.

The Nowra tour date featured the 'Looking After Your Mind' community forum hosted by the South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation, Regional Substance Use Service and Oolong Aboriginal Corporation as part of Drug Action Week.

Raechel Wallace, from South Coast Medical

Service Aboriginal Corporation, said the forum highlighted the link between substance use and mental health problems.

"Substance use and mental health problems often go hand in hand, and the earlier people start using drugs such as cannabis, the more risk they have of developing mental illness," Ms Wallace said.

"We want our young people to aim for their full potential and go to school, university and work, but unfortunately chronic drug users don't always do that."

The Tomorrow People Healthy Living Tour visited Ceduna in South Australia on 2 June and Bidyadanga in Western Australia on 10 June.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS PUGGY HUNTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

ARE YOU AN ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSON?

- who is currently studying or wanting to study in a health related field at TAFE or university
- wanting to further your career prospects through formal study
- who needs financial assistance with health related undergraduate or TAFE studies

Keep reading as you may be eligible for an Australian Government scholarship available across a range of health related fields.

The application form will be available for download from our website from: Saturday, 26 June 2010.

Applications close Friday, 20 August 2010



Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

RCNA, Australia's peak professional nursing organisation, is proud to partner the Australian Government as the fund administrator for this program.

For more information on eligibility or how to apply for a scholarship:



RCNA

freecall: 1800 688 628
scholarships@rcna.org.au
www.rcna.org.au

Sexual health plan is a first



THE Federal Government has launched a new national strategy to address blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections (STIs) among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon launched the third National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy on 9 June.

It is the first time that Federal and State governments have committed to work together towards eliminating syphilis in Indigenous communities.

Principal author of the Indigenous-specific strategy James Ward, from the University of NSW (UNSW), said there were fewer than 200 notifications of infectious syphilis a year reported from

mostly remote Aboriginal communities.

"Now is the right time to achieve this target. It's the right public health measure to be striving towards," said Mr Ward, program head of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program at UNSW's National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research.

Strategy

He said the strategy included approaches to reducing ill health and death related to blood-borne viruses and sexually transmitted infections, including gonorrhoea, chlamydia, HIV and viral hepatitis.

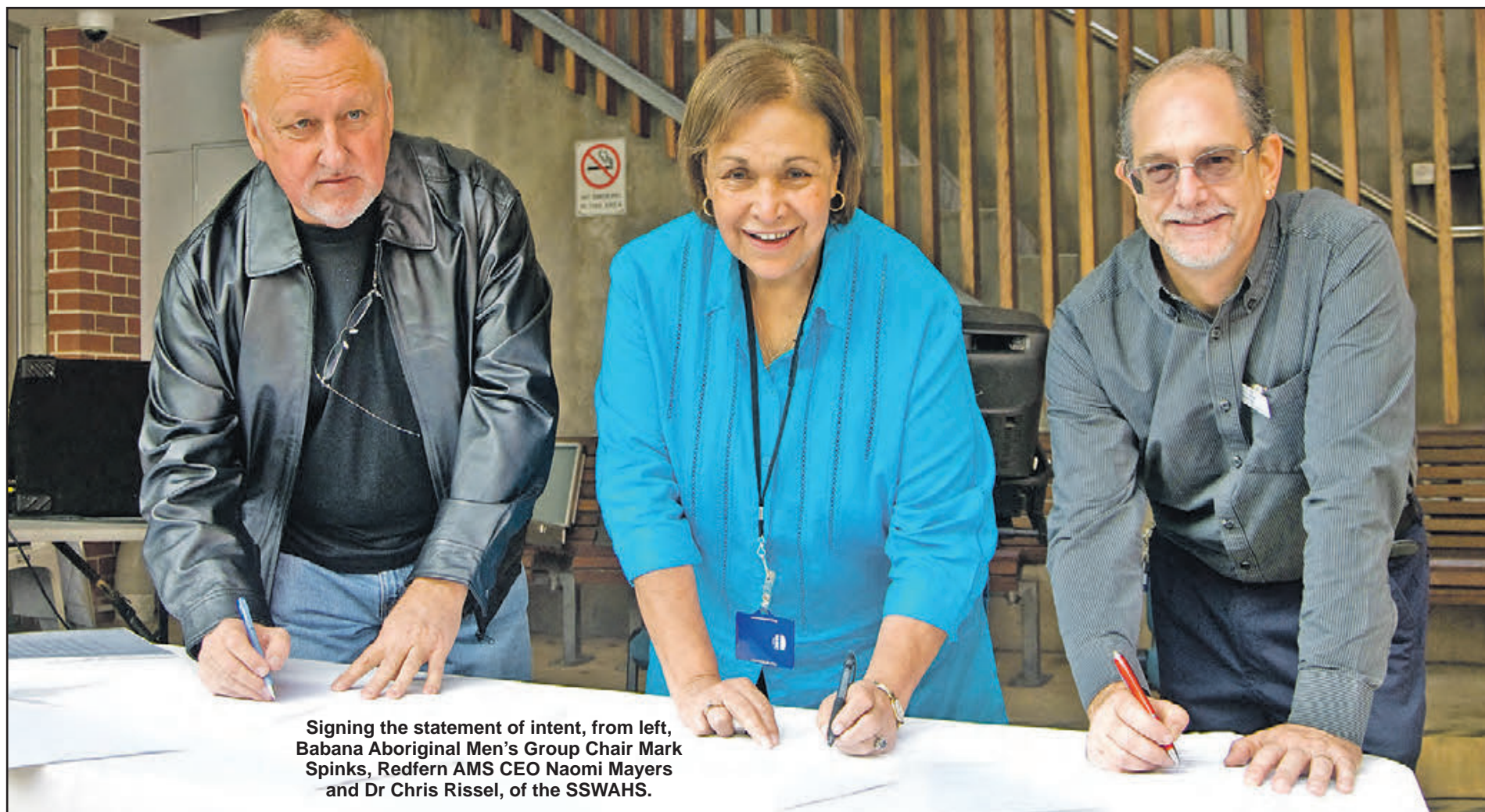
Gonorrhoea is 36 times more prevalent in Indigenous communities than in other communities. Chlamydia is six times more common.

There are four priority areas of the new strategy including annual testing, treatment and

follow-up for bacterial STIs of sexually active youth; increased efforts in the primary prevention to reduce the numbers of new cases of HIV and viral hepatitis among those who inject drugs; and competent, supported health workforces across all jurisdictions.

The strategy is one of a suite of five that were endorsed at the Australian Health Ministers Conference in April last year with an aim of reducing the transmission of STIs and blood-borne viruses in Australia from 2010-2013.

These documents were developed in consultation with stakeholders in the health and community sectors, and will guide government policies for the prevention, testing, treatment and more for viruses and STIs. They're available at: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-national-strategies-2010>



Signing the statement of intent, from left, Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Chair Mark Spinks, Redfern AMS CEO Naomi Mayers and Dr Chris Rissel, of the SSWAHS.

Partnership targets smoking



A NEW partnership has been formed to help reduce smoking in the Aboriginal population. Sydney South West Area Health Service (SSWAHS), The Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern (AMS), Babana Aboriginal Men's Group and the Tharawal Aboriginal

Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the common goal of reducing the Aboriginal smoking rate by five per cent over the next three years.

Fifty per cent of Indigenous adults are smokers, about twice the rate of the non-Indigenous population.

SSWAHS Health Promotion Service Director Dr Chris Rissel

said the agreement covered a long-term partnership to improve the health of Aboriginal adults and children.

"One of the aims of the project is to increase the number of homes and cars that are smoke-free," Dr Rissel said.

"We are also providing eight weeks' free nicotine replacement therapy to health workers, to

encourage them to lead by example and quit smoking."

The project will also provide tailored cessation support and services for the community.

AMS CEO Naomi Mayers said an advertising campaign appropriate for the community would also be developed as part of the project.

"There is a lot to learn about

what works and what doesn't, but by the end of this project we hope this partnership has helped reduce the number of people who smoke," she said. "We also expect to have gained new evidence about what does work and what our people want, so that we can change smoking behaviours and improve our people's health."

UN concern at no health plan



THE United Nation's Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Anand Grover, has raised concerns that efforts to close the gap in Indigenous health are still not supported by a comprehensive national Indigenous health plan.

Welcoming Mr Grover's report on health in Australia released on 4 June, Close the Gap Campaign Co-Chair Dr Tom Calma said developing a national action plan was also a long-standing commitment of Australian governments through the Close the Gap Statement of Intent.

"The Australian Government and the Opposition signed the Close the Gap Statement of Intent in March 2008 where they committed to developing a comprehensive, long-term plan of action that is targeted to need, evidence-based

and capable of addressing the existing inequities in health services," Dr Calma said.

Close the Gap Campaign fellow Co-Chair and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the Rapporteur's report reinforced the need for action.

Urged

"We have urged the Australian Government to deliver on its promise for a national plan for Indigenous health equality for more than two years now, since the Close the Gap Statement of Intent was signed," Mr Gooda said.

Early this month, the COAG Reform Council released its latest report into progress against the six closing the gap targets, including a target to achieve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy equality within a generation.

"Both of (these reports) highlight the

need for a concerted national effort to plan for Indigenous health equality," Mr Gooda said.

"Indigenous Australians are dying at least 10 years younger than their non-Indigenous counterparts," Dr Calma said.

"Australian governments must show they are serious and work with Indigenous Australians to develop a plan to close the gap in health status and life expectancy once and for all and as soon as possible."

Dr Calma said the Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee met regularly with Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon to work towards developing an Indigenous health equality plan.

The Federal, Queensland, Western Australia, the ACT, Victoria and NSW governments have all signed the Statement of Intent.



Queensland Government



mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services.

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Early July, Laura. Late July, Pompurow. Late July to August, Coen. Early August, Aurukun & Mapoon. Mid August, Weipa. Late August, Napranum & Lockhart River. Mid to late September, Murray Island. Late September, Yorke Island.

Gold Coast: Early July, Robina. Early July to late September, Beenleigh. Late September to Early December, Beaudesert.

Mackay: Early July to mid August, Proserpine. Mid August to late September, Cannonvale.

Rockhampton: Early July, North Rockhampton. Early July, Marlborough. Mid July, Woorabinda. Mid to late July, Gracemere. Late July to mid August, Calliope. Mid August to mid September, Boyne Island & Tannum Sands. Mid September to early November, Gladstone.

Sunshine Coast: Early July to early September, Bribie Island. Early September to early October, Kawana.

Toowoomba: Early July, Wandoan. Early to mid July, Miles. Mid to late July, Tara. Late July to late August, Chinchilla. Early to late September, Crows Nest.

Townsville: Early July, Bowen. Mid July, Magnetic Island & Palm Island. Late July to late August, Mt Isa. Early August, Balgal Beach. Mid August to early September, Ayr.

For women, age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Women aged 50-69 years are strongly encouraged to have a free breast screen every two years at a BreastScreen Queensland Service. Women aged 40-49 years and those over 70 are also eligible for a free breast screen. Please call **13 20 50** to arrange an appointment. Group bookings are also available. The schedule is a guide and subject to change.

EARLY DETECTION COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Stay strong, youth urged



THE Australian Government's anti-binge drinking campaign hit

Western Sydney earlier this month, encouraging local services and communities like Blackett and Mt Druitt to support Indigenous youth in choosing positive alternatives.

'Your life, your culture, You Choose!' is the theme of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component of the national campaign, which targets people aged 15 to 25 with the messages of strong culture, families and healthy choices.

Marrin Weeja, a nationally-recognised Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Centre, hosted the event at which young people from nearby Plumpton High School, Mt Druitt area residents and Western Sydney services saw traditional dance performances and modern crump dancing and heard from motivational speakers and Elders.

Sydney NAIDOC Elder of the Year Merle May spoke about the importance of young people staying strong and being smart.

"It's really important for our young ones to understand who they are and how they need to be strong in their families," Auntie Merle said. "I see these kids growing up and they need to make smart choices. They need options and they need



● **ABOVE:** Western Sydney Poster Competition winner Matthew Symonds with Auntie Merle May.

● **RIGHT:** A dance troupe member performing at the Your Life, Your Culture, You Choose! community event.



support and that's what these programs give them."

The event also featured information stalls from Western Sydney youth and health services, including mental health, sexual health, the Police-Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and the Aboriginal Health Van.

Campaign community events are also being held in

Shepparton, Katherine, Yarrabah, Perth, Adelaide and Broome. The campaign includes radio and print advertising in Indigenous media, an information kit and contacts for local services to support young people in getting help.

For more information visit www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au/yc



Dr Danielle Esler receiving her medal from Professor Geoffrey Metz at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Doctor's award 'is icing on the cake'



CAIRNS doctor Danielle Esler has received an award for her achievement as the highest-performing student in the Australasian Faculty of Public Health's final assessment.

Dr Esler shared the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine Medal with another trainee from Sydney. She said winning the medal was 'the icing on the cake'.

"The medal is only open to doctors training to be public health specialists. As the examination is difficult to pass, getting through and becoming a specialist is a great achievement," Dr Esler said.

"While hundreds of specialists were graduating, including cardiologists, paediatricians, as well as public health physicians, only a handful were honoured with special

recognition. From that regard, it's the achievement I am most proud of in my medical career thus far."

Dr Esler is a practising GP and conducts clinics at the Smithfield Medical Centre. She began her training as a specialist public health physician in 2005.

As a senior public health registrar for Queensland Health, Dr Esler has honed her public health management of communicable disease skills and has worked on a variety of sexual health projects. She is particularly interested in the contribution of public health medicine to addressing Indigenous disadvantage, especially in remote populations.

She said she enjoyed working at the interface between primary care and public health with an emphasis on supporting GPs to manage conditions of public health importance.

NAIDOC Week

4-11 July 2010

Acknowledging unsung heroes who are closing the gap by leading the way.

Hepatitis hurts your liver, which is one of your body's most important organs.

For information about hepatitis phone the *Hepatitis Helpline*

1300 HEP ABC or 1300 437 222

Stay strong, youth urged



THE Australian Government's anti-binge drinking campaign hit

Western Sydney earlier this month, encouraging local services and communities like Blackett and Mt Druitt to support Indigenous youth in choosing positive alternatives.

'Your life, your culture, You Choose!' is the theme of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component of the national campaign, which targets people aged 15 to 25 with the messages of strong culture, families and healthy choices.

Marrin Weejali, a nationally-recognised Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Centre, hosted the event at which young people from nearby Plumpton High School, Mt Druitt area residents and Western Sydney services saw traditional dance performances and modern crump dancing and heard from motivational speakers and Elders.

Sydney NAIDOC Elder of the Year Merle May spoke about the importance of young people staying strong and being smart.

"It's really important for our young ones to understand who they are and how they need to be strong in their families," Auntie Merle said. "I see these kids growing up and they need to make smart choices. They need options and they need



● **ABOVE:** Western Sydney Poster Competition winner Matthew Symonds with Auntie Merle May.

● **RIGHT:** A dance troupe member performing at the Your Life, Your Culture, You Choose! community event.



support and that's what these programs give them."

The event also featured information stalls from Western Sydney youth and health services, including mental health, sexual health, the Police-Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and the Aboriginal Health Van.

Campaign community events are also being held in

Shepparton, Katherine, Yarrabah, Perth, Adelaide and Broome. The campaign includes radio and print advertising in Indigenous media, an information kit and contacts for local services to support young people in getting help.

For more information visit www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au/yc



Dr Danielle Esler receiving her medal from Professor Geoffrey Metz at the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Doctor's award 'is icing on the cake'



CAIRNS doctor Danielle Esler has received an award for her achievement as the highest-performing student in the Australasian Faculty of Public Health's final assessment.

Dr Esler shared the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine Medal with another trainee from Sydney. She said winning the medal was 'the icing on the cake'.

"The medal is only open to doctors training to be public health specialists. As the examination is difficult to pass, getting through and becoming a specialist is a great achievement," Dr Esler said.

"While hundreds of specialists were graduating, including cardiologists, paediatricians, as well as public health physicians, only a handful were honoured with special

recognition. From that regard, it's the achievement I am most proud of in my medical career thus far."

Dr Esler is a practising GP and conducts clinics at the Smithfield Medical Centre. She began her training as a specialist public health physician in 2005.

As a senior public health registrar for Queensland Health, Dr Esler has honed her public health management of communicable disease skills and has worked on a variety of sexual health projects. She is particularly interested in the contribution of public health medicine to addressing Indigenous disadvantage, especially in remote populations.

She said she enjoyed working at the interface between primary care and public health with an emphasis on supporting GPs to manage conditions of public health importance.

NAIDOC Week

4-11 July 2010

Acknowledging unsung heroes who are closing the gap by leading the way.

Hepatitis hurts your liver, which is one of your body's most important organs.

For information about hepatitis phone the *Hepatitis Helpline*

1300 HEP ABC or 1300 437 222

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



It's thumbs up for Tennant Creek local Gordon Richards as he learns about the CAT off-road trucks used on site.

Paving the way



A GROUP of Indigenous people from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory are paving the way for others to tap into the local

mining industry. The group of seven has been working at the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine, 90 minutes' drive north of Tennant Creek, where they have been matched up with mentors, and rotated through various jobs to get a taste of life on the site.

Jobs have included working in

the processing plant, sample laboratory, the maintenance workshop and the dump trucks.

Occupational Health and Safety Manager for the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine Alan Walker has more than 15 years' experience engaging with Indigenous groups and said the group members were exceptional role models.

"They have proven themselves to be committed, hard-working and engaging, and have gained the respect of others working on-site, who expect nothing less," he said.

It's the final step in a pre-employment program developed in partnership with the mine, Charles Darwin University, the Central and Northern Land Councils, the NT Education and Training Department, the National Industry Skills Council, Skills DMC and others to give Indigenous locals their big break.

Skills

Set up in 2009, the program gives the students practical skills as well as increasing their awareness of safety, communication, teamwork and

planning. It also gives them the opportunity to experience life on a mining or exploration site.

The nine-week training program in Tennant Creek includes field trips to local mines and a week's work experience at Bootu Creek, living on site and following the regular 12-hour shifts.

Mr Walker said the respect gained by the new students would make their transition to mining life easier. "These guys are working to the same demands as everyone else here and we split up the group so they could prove

themselves on their own, which they did," he said.

General Manager of OM Manganese in the NT Brent Murdoch said the company was committed to empowering local Indigenous people through career and job opportunities.

"These guys have so far shown they have the determination to give it a go and have been happy to support a program that helps them achieve on a level playing field," he said.

"But the respect of their co-workers is the best measure of success."

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to The Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

Koori Mail – Our ABC audit means our readership is guaranteed. No other newspaper aimed at the Indigenous market can offer this!

Advertising disclaimer: Budsoar Pty Ltd, publisher of the Koori Mail, reserves the right to alter, omit or change advertisements, and while every care is exercised, it is not responsible for errors or non-insertions. No adjustments will be made for errors unless attention is drawn to them within the first week of

publication. Advertisers agree that all advertisements published by Budsoar Pty Ltd may also appear on a relevant web site operated by Budsoar Pty Ltd. **Privacy Policy:** Budsoar Pty Ltd collects your personal information to assist us in providing the goods or services you have requested, to process your

competition entries, and to improve our products and services. We may be in touch to let you know about goods, services or promotions which may be of interest to you. We may also share your information with other persons or entities who assist us in providing our services, running competitions or with other companies

who provide prizes for competitions or reader offers. If you would prefer that we do not do this, please write to us at: admin@koorimail.com or phone (02) 66 222 666, or fax (02) 66 222 600. Mail can be sent addressed to General Manager, Budsoar Pty Ltd, PO Box 117, Lismore NSW 2480.



Government of
Western Australia
Department For Child Protection

Senior Field Worker

Country Services

Web Search No: 005342

Level/Salary: Level 5, \$70,037- \$77,405, Level 2, SC \$75,392- \$83,322

The Senior Field Worker will work in the areas of child protection and children in care and is responsible for providing a professional service to individuals, groups and communities.

To Access Detailed Information: please visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Adam Tombs on Ph: 9175 1051.

Special Notice: (Aboriginal applicants are preferred and GROH available to suitable applicant.)

Location: Newman

Closing Date: Monday 5 July 2010 at 5.00pm.

adcorp F42916A

CatholicCare NT

**A Social Service
Agency of the Catholic
Diocese of Darwin.**



Family Services Manager Central Australia

CatholicCare NT is a Social Service Agency of the Catholic Diocese of Darwin that provides a range of family focused alcohol services, family services, employment and community development programs.

Do you want to experience a unique opportunity working in a career that makes a difference to families, children and communities? We are seeking a skilled, committed and passionate professional for the following vacancy in Alice Springs;

This position has responsibility for managing the Family and Community Services programs throughout Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

Role purpose includes ensuring:

- A high level of quality client service
- Contractual compliance
- Financial accountability
- Staff are effectively resourced, supported and supervised.

**To view a role description (inc selection criteria),
please refer to our website www.catholiccarent.org.au**

**Applications can be forwarded to Human Resources
by Friday 2nd July 2010
(response to selection criteria essential)**

**Kim Moon, Human Resources Admin,
Po Box 132 Berrimah NT 0828
Ph: (08) 8944 2000 Fax: (08) 8947 4222
Email: kim.moon@catholiccarent.org.au**



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY'S
HEALTH & WELLBEING

ACON is Australia's largest community-based GLBT* health and HIV/AIDS organisation.

Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer – Community Development

ACON is seeking an enthusiastic and creative person to work as an Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer within the Aboriginal Project. The Project builds the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay, lesbian, transgender/sistergirl people and those living with HIV in NSW. It does this through a culturally appropriate model focused on peer education, community development and outreach.

This position will involve the delivery of a diverse range of exciting and dynamic projects and events that address the sexual and broader health needs of Aboriginal communities.

This is a full time (35 hours/week) position, however part time arrangements will also be considered.

Aboriginality is a requirement of this position.

Applications for this position close 5pm Friday 9 July 2010.

For all the details, download a job pack from the ACON website (www.acon.org.au/jobs) or contact our reception after 11am Monday – Friday on 02 9206 2000.

ACON is an EEO employer and encourages people with HIV, in particular, to apply.

*GLBT = gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender

www.acon.org.au

773521

Looking for a rewarding full time job in Aged Care?

Nambucca Valley Community Services Council is a multi-service provider of aged care services. We are a not-for-profit, benevolent organization, with a reputation for excellence. We provide a friendly and caring work environment.

Community Services Coordinator

Our Indigenous Community Aged Care Program provides services including Community Aged Care Packages (CACP's), Extended Aged Care in the Home (EACH) and EACH – Dementia Specific packages.

We are looking for that special someone to join our team of dedicated staff providing quality aged care for older people in our community. This position is responsible for the co-ordination of services to clients in the 3 local government areas of Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca, along with case management, care planning, staff rostering, support and supervision.

We require a person with industry qualifications and a minimum 3 years experience in community aged care management. Knowledge and understanding of aboriginal culture and service provision, working with people who experience dementia and their carers is essential. Nursing qualifications are an advantage and Aboriginality is desirable.

For Information kit ring 65682522

Closing date: 10th July 2010

Applications including resume to be forwarded to: General Manager, Nambucca Valley Community Services Council Inc PO Box 132 Macksville NSW 2447.

Nambucca Valley Community Services Council is committed to OH&S and EEO Principles. Appointment will be conditional on satisfactory Federal Criminals Records check and medical checks.

**Salary Packaging – Innovative and Supportive Working
Environment – Training and Development - Career
Opportunities**



DEAKIN
UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE GEELONG WARRNAMBOOL

Lecturer in Education

Institute Institute of Koorie Education
Reference number 100241
Applications close Sunday 11 July 2010
Salary range \$70,597 – \$83,833 p.a. (plus 17% superannuation)
Position status Full-time and fixed term until 31 December 2012
Location Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds
Contact Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email wbrb@deakin.edu.au

Counsellor Student Support Officer

Institute Institute of Koorie Education
Reference number 100259
Applications close Sunday 11 July 2010
Salary range \$63,365 – \$69,958 p.a. (plus 9% superannuation)
Position status Full-time and fixed term until 31 December 2010
Location Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds
Contact Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email wbrb@deakin.edu.au

Apply online at www.deakin.edu.au/jobs

The difference is Deakin
Human Resources 03 5227 2304



Equal Opportunity is
University Policy



Caulfield
HOSPITAL

Aboriginal Liaison & Access Worker

Caulfield Community Health Service

Part time, 40 hrs p/f. Responsible for enhancing the access and health outcomes for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people you will have an understanding and awareness of the health needs of the ATSI people. Applicants are required to be of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background (VCAT EO Exception Application No: A88 / 2010).

Job ref: 646014

Enquiries: Colleen Slater on Tel 9076 6235

Apply online:
www.cgmc.org.au

the time to care

Fast Art 113248-v1

ACT GOVERNMENT



Graduate Program 2011



In the ACT Public Service Graduate Program, you'll be given a real job with real responsibilities. It's a big step towards a career that's both professionally challenging and personally rewarding. We're looking for graduates (and under-graduates) of all ages from a wide variety of disciplines, who are enthusiastic, creative, flexible and possess a strong interest in our local community.

The ACT Public Service Graduate Program is a ten month program, but its benefits will last a lifetime. The program will build on your academic success, developing both personal and professional skills to help you become a dynamic and innovative leader.

It offers challenging off-the-job training, three rotations across two agencies, permanent appointment and advancement upon successful completion of the program.

The ACTPS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to the principles of merit based selection, equity and diversity and procedural fairness in our recruitment processes. Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people with disabilities.

COMMENCING SALARY

\$53,616 (plus super). Salary will increase pending enterprise negotiations. The next program will commence in February 2011.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have completed a minimum three-year bachelor degree (or international equivalent) prior to commencing the program. Additionally, you must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or New Zealand citizen with a special category temporary residence visa (SCV).

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online at www.jobs.act.gov.au.
Applications close 5pm, 7 July 2010.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web www.jobs.act.gov.au
Email graduatejobs@act.gov.au
Phone (02) 6207 5460

**Great careers
come with
the Territory.**

www.jobs.act.gov.au



DHRT 00630/MC



Human Services
Housing NSW

Project Manager

Clerk Grade 7/8
Central Sydney Housing Services Region
Housing Services
Central Sydney Division, Sydney
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 10/HNSW_0991

Total remuneration package valued up to \$91,779 per annum (Salary \$75,137 pa - \$83,171 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Improve the quality and performance of Housing NSW built asset base through the management and delivery of the contracted local maintenance programs in a timely, financially and contractually sustainable manner.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience delivering complex projects using project management principles and practices.
- Demonstrated experience in contract administration with a working knowledge of NSW Government procurement and contract management policies and procedures.
- Appropriate professional, trade or post graduate qualification and/or equivalent experience (i.e. project management, construction or maintenance services).
- Ability to interpret internal and external environmental factors and anticipate their impact on the organisation.
- Superior oral/ written communication skills and interpersonal skills with an ability to influence and deal with staff at all levels.
- Ability to proactively analyse and evaluate issues using high levels of judgement and initiative.
- Proven experience managing conflicting priorities and timeframes with an ability to make sound judgements.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Further information about the position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Chris Ainsworth (02) 9268 3541 or email: Chris.Ainsworth@housing.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Closing Date: Friday 2 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

806126

Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation

Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation is a non profit vibrant Aboriginal Community Centre. We are currently seeking to employ a suitable, qualified and experienced in business management Chief Executive Officer who will lead the efficient and effective operation of the Corporation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Salary \$80,000 plus package

The successful candidate will address all the selection criteria that is set out in CEO package

Closing date for applications:

10 July 2010

No late applications will be accepted

Please ring reception for information pack 02 6024 7599 or email reception@mungabareena.com



TANGENTYERE COUNCIL ALICE SPRINGS

Tangentyere Council is a large multifunctional Aboriginal organization providing a range of social service programs to Aboriginal people in and around Alice Springs. The council is recruiting for the following leadership position:

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Remuneration Package - \$139,838

inclusive of leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrifice. Fully maintained fleet vehicle provided in addition to remuneration package.

The Chief Operating Officer is responsible for providing strong holistic operational leadership and strategic management to ensure efficient and effective service delivery, management practices, robust systems and processes and an open, dynamic and professional organisational culture.

The ideal candidate will be an experienced leader that shares the Council's mission and values and has relevant tertiary qualifications, demonstrated leadership experience and motivational skills. An ability to influence and lead change in a social service organization would be a distinct advantage.

Tangentyere Council offers generous salary sacrifice arrangements.

Duty statement & selection criteria can be obtained from www.tangentyere.org.au/employment/positions or job specific information can be obtained from Tracey Brand on 89514212.

Applications close 16 July 2010



TEAM LEADER MOREE

Aboriginal Intensive Family Support, Research and Family Support programs (Moree)

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic organisation that supports more than 6000 people with a disability and their families throughout NSW and the ACT.

We are extremely excited to be offering a 35 hr per week (21 month contract) Team Leader position to be based in our Moree office to oversee our Aboriginal Intensive Family Support, Research and Family Support programs.

If you are a person that is looking for a fulfilling and satisfying work environment that provides personal and professional challenges, flexible working conditions and a supportive and effective team environment, while assisting people with disability to achieve their goals and maximize their potential and community participation these positions will be of interest to you.

Please submit applications to our Human Resource Department PO Box 4055, PARRAMATTA 2124 or email recruitment@northcott.com.au

Position description is available at our website www.northcott.com.au or contact April on 0429 774 949.

CLOSING DATE is 9th July 2010.

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer



Aboriginal Youth Workers – Wagga Wagga

(12 hours per week – for 6 months)

Anglicare is seeking 2 Youth Workers to engage Aboriginal young people with sport and recreation.

If you are skilled and interested contact

Andrew on 0428 410 357

or e-mail andrew.sutton@anglicarecg.org.au

Written applications close on:

Friday 9th July.



Swift Australia

Swift Australia Indigenous Employment Program

Swift Australia (Southern), a leader in the meat processing industry, has recently commenced a new and exciting Indigenous Employment Program to recruit ten Indigenous Trainees, with the aim of ongoing employment.

Currently we are recruiting for our day shift at our Brooklyn plant (25min from Melbourne CBD) and opportunities exist for Labourers, Knife Hands, Boners, Slicers and Slaughter Persons

We offer job stability, shift flexibility, ongoing training with nationally recognised qualifications and career advancement.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply, please submit your Resume via email to debbyw@sedconsulting.com.au.

For enquiries please contact Debby Walker at SED Ingenuity Consulting on 0410 458 611.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 29TH JULY 2010

Swift Australia Pty Limited is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Labourers Knife Hands Boners Slicers Slaughter Persons.



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Relief Hostel Manager

Expected Vacancy

Darwin

Various Hostels

APS Level 2

\$40,748 - \$43,240 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Mayatilli Giles on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Natasha Leach on 08 8981 4388.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 3820, DARWIN NT 0801 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 9 July 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

www.ahl.gov.au



The Voice of Indigenous Australia

POLICE AUXILIARY OFFICER

WA Police is seeking a pool of successful applicants to make a big difference to the community as Police Auxiliary Officers. The pool of successful applicants will fill current metropolitan vacancies and any arising in Bunbury or Geraldton within the next 12 months.

A Police Auxiliary Officer's role is to provide essential support to Police Officers through a range of tasks including custody duties, processing recovered property, administration and more.

The selection process and assessments will take place in Perth. Successful applicants will undertake a 12-week paid training course at the WA Police Academy in Joondalup. Accommodation at the Academy may be provided for officers appointed to Bunbury or Geraldton for the period of the training should it be required.

Level/Wage: Band 1; \$50,856 - \$56,264 p.a., plus relevant shift penalties and allowances. A training wage of \$42,507 applies during the initial training period.

Location: Various Perth metropolitan locations including future vacancies arising in Bunbury or Geraldton.

Note that if you accept a position away from your current place of residence, any relocation costs will be at your own expense.

People from indigenous or culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

If you think you have what it takes, visit www.stepforward.wa.gov.au for more information or call Police Recruiting on 9301 9607.

To be considered for the October or November 2010 intakes, applications must be received by Friday, 9 July at 4.00pm.

Applications close: 9 July 2010 at 4.00pm.

adcorp F42946E

»STEP FORWARD



*Make a big difference,
a little differently.*





dicksmith LUXBET.com

Outback Programs Manager

The Tigers in the Community Foundation (TICF) in partnership with the Richmond Football Club (RFC) is establishing a position in Alice Springs to develop, manage and implement our community programs within Central Australia.

The Outback Programs Manager will be responsible for managing the planning, development, implementation and sustainability of the Outback Tigers Program, AFL Partnership program and Technology in the Territory program. Key areas of work are:

1. Working with primary and secondary schools and Indigenous students to deliver the Outback Tigers Program that is based around health, leadership, education and employment.
2. To coordinate the AFL Partnership program and Technology in the Territory program.
3. To work with and identify students suitable to attend Korin Gamadji (Institute for Indigenous Learning and Skills Development) in Melbourne.

The successful applicant will represent the TICF in Central Australia and will report back to the head office in Melbourne. Some travel between Alice Springs and Melbourne and significant travel throughout Central Australia will be required.

For more information on the role and position description please contact Luke Murray, Indigenous Community Engagement Coordinator for the Tigers in Community Foundation at the Richmond Football Club on 03 9426 4469 or alternatively you can email us at lmurray@richmondfc.com.au

Closing date for applications is 12.00pm
Friday 9th July 2010

TIGERS IN THE COMMUNITY

Operations Manager - Orana Far West: Get a career that matters.

Orana Far West - Dubbo (full time)
Excellent salary package plus vehicle

Responsible for overall management of Orana Far West programs providing supervision, direction and support to the Managers and Coordinators of the Child and Family Team, Family Referral Service, Community Placements Program and the Youth Services Team.

Applicants will require:

- Tertiary qualification/s in social sciences and/or management and significant experience in family support and/or disability
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage people; develop and maintain motivated, professional and effective work team/s.
- Demonstrated ability to manage complex multidisciplinary and multifaceted services

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
5 July 2010

www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

Apply online or call Jessykah on (02) 9768 6848
We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



because
children
matter



FINANCE OFFICER

(Funded by OATSIH)

A position is available as a Finance Officer based at Orange Aboriginal Medical Service (OAMS). The Finance Officer is responsible and accountable for the day-to-day financial operation of the service in consultation and under direction of the Chief Executive Officer.

Essential Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in financial management within a community controlled, public sector department or community organisation.
- Demonstrated knowledge & experience of MYOB Premier program, including payroll and its functions
- Demonstrated experience in financial and office administration.
- Demonstrated ability to work to deadlines with minimal supervision.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Microsoft Office suite including Windows, Excel and Outlook.
- Demonstrated experience in the development and completion of budgets, financial reports and policies.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Understanding of EEO, OH&S, EAPS and Ethical work practices.
- Current Drivers Licence

Desirable:

- Aboriginality
- Relevant tertiary qualifications.
- Willingness to undertake training and other tasks as required.
- Knowledge of Information Technology requirements for a small organisation.

ENQUIRIES:

All enquiries regarding this position are to be directed to Jamie Newman, Chief Executive Officer on 6361 7855 or 0428 979 711. A position description and application package is available on request.

Applications close Friday 30th July 2010 at 5.00pm.



Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker

(Chronic Disease and Men's Business) - Primary Health Care, Chronic Disease Team, Institute of Rural Health, Ayr, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10TV06278. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide Primary Health Care Services to the Indigenous and Islander Communities in the Burdekin Shire by delivering a range of high quality, culturally appropriate primary health support services, including clinical support, health promotion and education focusing on Men's Health and Chronic Disease. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Judith Townsend-Stahre 0439 075 331.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 12 July 2010.

Advanced Health Worker (Child, Family and Chronic Disease)

Primary Health Care, Institute of Rural Health, Ayr, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10TV06163. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide Primary Health Care Services to the Indigenous and Islander Communities in the Burdekin Shire by delivering a range of high quality, culturally appropriate Primary Health support services, including clinical support, health promotion and education. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Judith Townsend-Stahre 0439 075 331.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Tuesday, 6 July 2010.

Pharmacy Assistant

Pharmacy Department, Cherbourg Hospital, Darling Downs - West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$51,699 p.a., comprising salary between \$43,008 - \$45,312 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10SB06225.

Duties/Abilities: Support the Pharmacist in the provision of Pharmaceutical Services to internal and external clients of Queensland Health. Ensuring pharmacy services of the highest standard are provided in the most cost efficient and safe manner.

Enquiries: Irena Wiksel-Cholewska (07) 4162 9280.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 12 July 2010.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Kindergarten Transport Assistant

Bubup Wilam for Early Learning along with Melbourne Citymission are seeking people who are keen to assist children to access an Aboriginal specific Kindergarten program in Lalor. The role will involve supervising children travelling to and from Kindergarten on the Community Bus. There may also be the opportunity to work as a Kindergarten Assistant in the future. The positions are casual and will commence as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Kindergarten program is to nurture strong, proud and Deadly kids in a culturally rich and supportive educational environment.

The successful applicants will have the ability to communicate respectfully and effectively with children and their families and be able to work independently.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

To find out more about applying for this position please contact Tracey Borg, Aboriginal Early Years Project Officer, City of Whittlesea on 9217 2529.

For further details and a position description visit the jobs page at www.melbournecitymission.org.au

Applications close:

Wednesday, 7th July, 2010

and should be forwarded to:

Jacinta Harper
Children's Services Team Leader
Melbourne Citymission
123 Albion St, Brunswick 3056
or by email to jharper@mcm.org.au



Origin Communications Group

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMEN'S ALLIANCE (NATSIWA) – 2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

About NATSIWA - The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance (NATSIWA) is a newly established national group. NATSIWA will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to make strong, strategic and effective policy advocacy interventions into issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. For more information please contact admin@origincg.com.au

The YWCA Australia is auspicing the NATSIWA contract and will employ NATSIWA staff. For more information please visit <http://www.ywca.org.au/>

NATSIWA Program Manager

- Full time
- \$70,851 with 9% super and full salary sacrifice benefits
- 3 year term
- Location: YWCA Australia National Office in Canberra

As Project Manager you will be employed to deliver the NATSIWA contract, a government-funded program under contract to the Office for Women. Your primary responsibilities will be:

- Under general direction, manage delivery of NATSIWA meeting contractual requirements, acting within funding guidelines and in accordance with established accounting and project delivery principles.
- Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in communities to implement NATSIWA contract deliverables
- Develop, implement and evaluate delivery of NATSIWA contract deliverables and ensure accountability to funding agencies and compliance with legal, taxation and legislative obligations.
- Within project delivery guidelines, supervise program staff and promote team culture
- Develop and review operational systems and processes and maintain information flow to the NATSIWA Interim Executive/Executive in relation to the program and support the YWCA Australia ED to ensure information flow to the YWCA Australia Board, develop and review operational systems and processes, and maintain information flow to the NATSIWA members.
- Other duties as directed

NATSIWA Administration Officer

- 2 days per week
- \$45,780 (pro rata) with 9% super and full salary sacrifice benefits
- 3 year term
- Location: YWCA National Office in Canberra

As Administration Officer you will provide professional reception and administrative support to NATSIWA. Your primary responsibilities will be:

- Using established procedures, take minutes of meetings when required, prepare draft minutes and circulate the final copies to attendees after clearance.
- Under direction, provide logistical support to organise meetings
- Under direction, prepare financial records for the bookkeeper, and be responsible for banking of income received by NATSIWA.
- Under direction, respond to email, phone and mail enquiries from NATSIWA members and the general public.
- Support implementation of communication strategies.
- Assist with or provide a range of records management services for projects or the organisation as a whole.
- Act as IT systems administrators and maintain the security/integrity of the IT system
- Other office duties as required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. For selection criteria and further information about either position please call Sarah Noel on 1800 230 092. Email applications to admin@origincg.com.au

Position closes COB on Wednesday July 14th, 2010



Human Services
Housing NSW

Analyst Clerk

Grade 7/8
Registrar of Community Housing
Burwood

1 Permanent Full-Time
1 Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_1022

Total remuneration package valued up to \$91,779 per annum (Salary: \$75,137 pa - \$83,171 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Analyst implements the *Housing Act 2001* (NSW) as it relates to regulation of community housing providers. This involves undertaking registration and compliance assessments, and implementing strategies for dealing with non-compliance. The Analyst will also contribute to the development, introduction and review of regulatory policy, strategy and business systems.

Selection Criteria:

- Experience in a regulatory environment with responsibility for registration and compliance assessment work, complaint investigations or non-compliance activity.
- Strong analytical and assessment skills.
- Knowledge of administrative law principles.
- Experience in working with new policy or systems.
- Effective stakeholder relationship management skills, including customer service focus.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the community housing sector, operations and best practice.
- Tertiary qualifications in Law, Business Management, the Social Sciences or a related discipline, or relevant equivalent experience.

Job Notes: There are two positions available: 1 permanent full-time and 1 temporary until 30 January 2011 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. An eligibility list may be established for future vacancies. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Alex Valda (02) 8741 2506

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Closing Date: Wednesday 7 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

806128



Government of
Western Australia
Department for Child Protection

Field Worker (50d)

Country Services

Web Search No: 005817

Level/Salary: Level 2/4, \$48,730 - \$66,538
Level 1, SC \$53,665 - \$73,578

The Field Worker will work in the areas of child protection and children in care and is responsible for engaging, building and maintaining relationships with families and their children and communities. Aboriginal applicants are preferred and are encouraged to apply.

To Access Detailed Information: visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries:

Please contact Sarah King on 9182 1208.

Special Notice: Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position as per section 50d of the Equal Opportunity act 1984.

Location: Roebourne.

Closing Date: Monday, 5 July 2010 at 5.00pm.

adcorp F42928A



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 person to fill the following position at our Dandenong office.

Aboriginal Family Preservation Program Caseworker

We are looking for someone who possesses the following:

- Ability 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.
- To provide intensive casework to Aboriginal Families to ensure safety and well being of children and family members and where appropriate to support family reunification for families who live within the Southern Metropolitan Region.
- A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and the role of family within Aboriginal communities and current issues facing Aboriginal families.

For a copy of the job description and key selection criteria, which applicants must address, please contact Julie Macdougall on (03) 9706 6383.

Applications close: Friday 9th July 2010



Department of
Sustainability
and Environment

Land & Fire Cultural Heritage Values Officer

VPS 3 \$51,818 to \$62,917 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 814037

The Land and Fire Cultural Heritage Values Officer plays a key role in the protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage on public land. The Cultural Heritage Values Officer provides advice and support to Land and Fire staff during planned burning and other land management activities. A major part of the role is the ability to undertake on-ground inspections of cultural heritage sites and provide sound recommendations for the protection of sites. The ability to liaise with Indigenous communities, including Registered Aboriginal Parties, and other stakeholders is also a key part of this role.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 4 July 2010.

www.dse.vic.gov.au

Customer Service Centre 136 186

20040097



**Yarrabee
Community Aged
Care Program
(CACPs)**



Yarrabee CACPs operates as a community care programme for Elderly Aboriginal persons in the Northern Rivers; the office is located in Ballina NSW.

The service is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person as its **Community Care Manager**, reporting to a Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors.

The service is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and services 35 clients, with a care team of approximately 14 part time Care Workers.

The position holder leads a busy team and is responsible for ongoing case management of clients and day to day management of staff. Yarrabee supports innovation in service planning and delivery and candidates for this position will be required to address a range of selection criteria as part of the application process. The successful candidate will be required to undergo relevant statutory checks.

The NSW SACS award is applicable and remuneration payable under this award will be negotiated according to qualifications, skills and experience.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information and application packages please contact Mrs Veronica Williams on (02) 66 86 7055 or email yarrabeeadmin@bigpond.com

Applications close: Friday 9th July 2010 at 5pm.



**Congress Community
Development and
Education Unit Ltd**

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY IN INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Congress Community Development and Education Unit Limited (CCDEU) is a unique Indigenous organization, based in Townsville, with the aim of empowering Indigenous people across North Queensland to reach their full potential through education, training, and employment opportunities. The organisation currently works in the areas of Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation, Education, Health and Aged Care, Construction and Publishing across North Queensland.

CCDEU has a proven track record with the Stagpole Street Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit (DARU) in Townsville which is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been affected by substance dependency issues.

CCDEU is looking for applications for an **immediate start** for the following new positions to be actively involved in the implementation and developmental stages of CCDEU's new Cape Residential Rehabilitation Service. The service, which will be located near Cooktown, will meet the substance dependency needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the Cape York region. It is expected that the service will commence in June 2011. Attractive salary package including tax free fringe benefits is available.

CAPE DRUG & ALCOHOL RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION SERVICE

Clinical Program Coordinator

Reporting to the Service Coordinator, you will assist in the development and implementation of quality programmes in a drug and alcohol setting in this pre-operational phase. Previous experience in a residential rehabilitation service is desired. You will have an ability to provide leadership and motivation to a multidisciplinary team to achieve outcomes for clients undergoing alcohol and drug rehabilitation. A current knowledge of, and experience in, clinical best practice principles for alcohol and drug rehabilitation and a commitment to, and achievements in, Indigenous health is required. You will also need a high level of communication and interpersonal skills, including ability to build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders.

Tertiary qualifications in health/health management or behavioural science or significant related work experience is required

For the initial non-operational period, and while the infrastructure is being built, the focus will be on: community consultation; further development of the service model; and building relationships with partners and other service providers.

Case Worker/Counsellor

In this non-operational phase, assist with the development of Policies and Procedures, Program development and implementation. Once the service is operational, you will be required to Case manage clients using appropriate treatment therapies, counselling and support for substance dependent clients. A knowledge of, or the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of, drug and alcohol counselling is necessary. You will need to have relevant work experience in a similar role and have a strong interest in providing support for people who are drug and alcohol dependent. Qualifications are desirable but not essential.

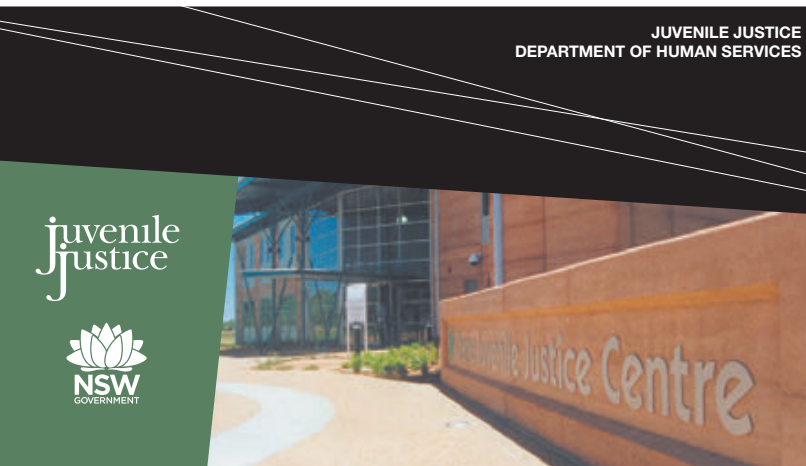
Administration Support / Reception

Are you interested in working in a dynamic team during the non-operational phase to assist with administration and HR support, with added reception duties once the service is operational? You need a high level of communication and interpersonal skills, have high level numeracy and literacy, including IT skills with previous experience with financial administration and administration support. Previous experience with recruitment and reception is desirable.

For an online Application Pack visit our website at www.ccdeu.org.au, email hr_ss@shalomcollege.qld.edu.au or telephone the Human Resource team on 07 4773 5077. Applications must be received by 5.00 pm Wednesday 14 July 2010.

Applicants must either possess or be able to obtain a Suitability Card for Working with Children (Blue Card).

Indigenous Australians are particularly encouraged to apply.



Careers in Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Services is NOW recruiting; permanent, temporary, full-time and part-time; and casual frontline staff for state-wide employment opportunities.

YOUTH OFFICER

Youth Officers working in Juvenile Justice are responsible for providing a positive leadership role while assisting in the care, development and security of young people in custody in NSW.

Salary package from \$48,765 to \$60,102 pa, plus shift allowances and/or penalty rates as applicable.

For further information about a career with Juvenile Justice or to apply, please visit our website: www.djj.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 355 562.

806344



Senior Customer Service Officer

WERRIBEE

VicRoads manages the Victorian arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

Come and join us where all the registration and licensing action happens! Our customer service roles are broad and varied and provide you with new challenges every day. Assist customers with their registration or licensing needs. Be involved in assessing applicants for their Learner permit and driver licence, as well as registering vehicles and processing payments. The successful applicant will also be required to work at our Hoppers Crossing Customer Service Centre.

We encourage applications from those that are team players, effective learners and have worked in customer-focused and fast-paced service environments. Applicants must also hold a current full drivers licence in order to perform licence testing activities. Applications from Indigenous persons are encouraged.

VicRoads is required to evidence your right to work in Australia and may ask for your consent to check records maintained by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship as well as records maintained by Police and VicRoads as part of the selection process. Information provided to VicRoads will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Salary is in the range of \$41,316 to \$50,267 p.a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range.

Applications close on Friday 9 July 2010.

For enquires please contact Chaise Egan on (03) 9854 2967.



Fast Act 113789-v11

for people going places



The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Human Services
Housing NSW

Senior Analyst Clerk Grade 9/10

Registrar of Community Housing

Burwood

1 Permanent Full-Time

3 Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_1015

Total remuneration package valued up to \$104,153 per annum (Salary: \$85,650 pa - \$94,384 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Senior Analyst implements the Housing Act 2001 (NSW) as it relates to regulation of community housing providers. This involves undertaking registration and compliance assessments, and implementing strategies for dealing with non-compliance. The Senior Analyst will also contribute to the development, introduction and review of regulatory policy, strategy and business systems.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in a regulatory environment with responsibility for compliance assessment work, complaint investigations or non-compliance activity.
- Strong conceptual and analytical skills.
- Knowledge of administrative law principles and a record of achieving procedural fairness.
- Experience with implementing new policy or regulatory frameworks.
- Experience in building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, including non-profit service providers.
- High level oral and written communication skills, including negotiating, conflict management and dispute resolution skills.
- Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the community housing sector
- Tertiary qualifications in Law, Business Management, the Social Sciences or a related discipline, or relevant equivalent experience.

Job Notes: There are several positions available: 1 permanent full-time, one position is temporary until 30 January 2011 and two positions are temporary until 30 June 2011 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Andrew Collins (02) 8741 2511

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Closing Date: Wednesday 7 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

806127

Legal Aid

NEW SOUTH WALES

Field Officer, Civil & Family Law (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 5/6, Aboriginal Services Unit, Executive Branch,
Campbelltown Office (Job Reference No.: EX10/074)
Aboriginal Services Unit
Campbelltown Office
Temporary Full-time (2years)
Clerk Grade 5/6

Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,502 pa including
salary (\$66,116 to \$72,952), employer's contribution to
superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description

- Liaise between Legal Aid and local Aboriginal communities and establish networks with local service providers to promote the services of Legal Aid.
- Work with Legal Aid staff to help develop and implement outreach services with Aboriginal communities in the Macarthur, Illawarra and south coast regions.
- Assist and advise Legal Aid staff on cultural issues that may arise in civil and family law matters involving Aboriginal clients.

Inquiries: Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109

Information Packages: www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: Online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au;

Closing date: 23 July 2010

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality and an extensive knowledge of the Aboriginal communities and the social issues affecting those communities.
- Ability to coordinate, facilitate and implement community education forums.
- Experience in working with communities to establish and maintain effective networks with relevant service providers, both government and non government
- Demonstrated negotiation, conflict resolution and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated organisational and project management skills.
- Proven ability to work effectively as apart of a team and with minimum supervision.
- Knowledge of or the ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of the civil and family law practices services of Legal Aid NSW.
- A current driver's license.

Job Notes

- This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.
- Applicants must obtain an information package and must address each selection criteria as listed in the advertisement.
- Please quote Job Reference No.: EX10/074 in your application and in all correspondence relating to this position.

803291



Government of
Western Australia
Department of the Attorney General

Senior Policy Officer

Executive

Web Search No: 003161

Level/Salary: Level 6, PSGA, \$81,501 - \$90,249 pa

Are you interested in the big picture? Do you have excellent written and oral communication skills? As part of the Aboriginal Policy team, you will research current trends in law and justice, provide advice on how policy and legislation affects outcomes for Aboriginal people in the WA justice system, and develop options for improving those outcomes. You will also have an opportunity to learn more about the law and justice system more broadly. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply for this position.

To Access Detailed Information: 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 Patricia Dodson on (08) 9264 1616.

Location: Perth CBD

Closing Date: Monday, 12 July 2010 at 4.30pm.

adcorp F43270



NSW Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship for Indigenous Medical Students*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students who are interested in rural medicine and are studying in NSW/or who completed Year 12 in NSW are encouraged to apply for the Cadetship.

Cadets receive \$15,000pa and in return spend two years at an eligible base hospital after graduation. Additional benefits to becoming a Cadet include contribution to relocation costs and participation in NSW Rural Doctors Network conferences and networking weekends.

Applications close 2 August 2010.

For more information about the Cadetship please go to
www.nswrdsn.com.au
or email **students@nswrdsn.com.au**

* Funded by the NSW Department of Health

Program Manager (Specified)

Regional Service Delivery Operations

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$93 944 - \$99 361 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/DOC24106/10

Key Duties: Supervise government coordination activities, including delivery and monitoring of government services to Indigenous communities.

Skills/Abilities: Communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with an understanding of both cultures and societies and the issues which impact upon them.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Friday, 9 July 2010

www.jobs.qld.gov.au



BIRPAI LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PORT MACQUARIE

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO will be required to assist and support the BLALC Board in implementing the BLALC's community business plan.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and an understanding of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of financial management principals and practices. An in-depth knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues, including social housing, 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 – Trent Lynwood, by email: trent.lynwood@alc.org.au or on (02) 6659 1207.

Applications can be forwarded to trent.lynwood@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

CEO Recruitment Panel
Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1912
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Applications close 16th July 2010

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



Human Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Manager Aboriginal Disability Service Development

Clerk Grade 11/12
Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery
Central Office, Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 10/ADHC_0827

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$126,424 per annum (Salary: \$99,063 pa - \$114,566 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Manager, Aboriginal Disability Service Development will lead a team to develop strategic initiatives and provide specialist advice and guidance to the Director, Aboriginal Service Development and Delivery to ensure that the needs of people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and their communities are reflected in innovative responses for Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers across ADHC and funded services.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated in-depth understanding of contemporary issues, as they relate to service and sector development of disability services for Aboriginal people with a disability.
- Demonstrated management skills with a proven ability to drive organisational change and service system reform in complex and culturally sensitive environments.
- Demonstrated capacity to develop new and innovative services and programs, which meet the needs of Aboriginal people with a disability.
- Demonstrated ability to develop & maintain partnerships & relationships with other Directorates, Regions & funded service providers to facilitate a collaborative approach in the development of new & innovative service models that meet the needs of Aboriginal clients with a disability.
- Proven ability to effectively manage a team and monitor work to ensure business plan and organisational priorities are achieved.
- High level written and verbal communication including the ability to negotiate and consult at all levels.
- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience, with commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6279

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Closing Date: Friday 23 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE



Human Services

Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Director, Aboriginal Strategic Development & Evaluation

Senior Officer Grade 1
Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 10/ADHC_0995

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$152,108 per annum (Salary: \$128,190 pa - \$138,129 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Lead and develop the capacity and accountability of ADHC services to Aboriginal people to improve access to, and outcomes of, ADHC programs and services, and the equity of participation in ADHC planning and decision making for Aboriginal people.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and an in-depth understanding of the Aboriginal culture with extensive understanding and experience in the delivery of programs and services for older Aboriginal people, Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
- Proven record of success in influencing enhanced outcomes for Aboriginal communities.
- Demonstrate leadership and management skills with a proven ability to drive organisational change and service system reform in complex and culturally sensitive environments.
- Demonstrated experience in establishing and managing complex and diverse stakeholder relationships/partnerships.
- Highly developed skills and experience in effective data and information analysis, evaluation and reporting systems.
- Demonstrated effective communication skills including excellent policy advice and report writing abilities.
- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline and/or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience, with a commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Pauline Brown (02) 4978 6201

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

Closing Date: Friday 23 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

803739/2



Project Officer (Aboriginal Programs)

Clerk Grade 7/8, Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit,
Long Bay Complex, Malabar (Relocating to Sydney CBD),
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 000005JL. Total remuneration package valued at \$91,779 pa including salary range \$75,137pa to \$83,171pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Contribute to the management, development and delivery of Aboriginal cultural programs. As well as deliver Aboriginal Awareness Training to Corrective Services NSW staff. This position will be responsible for the oversight of various established Aboriginal programs and projects within custodial and community settings.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated experience contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment. Ability to actively contribute to the implementation of the Aboriginal Offender Strategic Plan, demonstrated effective interpersonal and oral communication skills. Proven ability to design and deliver programs to Aboriginal offenders in custody and in the community. Demonstrated high level written skills, ability to undertake administrative tasks and special projects as required. Demonstrated ability to provide advice to internal and external stakeholders relating to Aboriginal offenders, programs and Aboriginal issues generally. Willingness to enter and work within Correctional Centre's across NSW. Knowledge of the criminal justice system and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Job Notes: Applicants may apply and address the selection criteria online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Applicants should attach their resume as a word document. Applications may also be sent marked 'confidential' to: Recruitment Services Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Level, Corrective Services Unit, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001 or via Email: CorporateRecruitment@dcs.nsw.gov.au. In this position, Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of Anti Discrimination Act 1977. In this position the applicant will be required to travel extensively throughout NSW. **Currently located at the Long Bay Complex, Malabar, will be relocating to Sydney, CBD in three months.** Applicants must provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries: Ken Jurotte, Ph: (02) 9289 2676.

Email: Ken.Jurotte@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Krista Christensen, Ph: (02) 9289 2676.

Email: Krista.Christensen@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 09/07/2010

810274V2



MANAGER, KULUNGA RESEARCH NETWORK

A rare opportunity has arisen for an exceptional leader to join a key management group of one of the nation's leading health and medical research organisations.

The position of Manager, Kulunga Research Network (KRN), at the prestigious Telethon Institute for Child Health Research will report via the Chief Administrative Officer to the Director, Academic and Research Services. The role will provide strategic research leadership in the integral area of Aboriginal Research at the modern, well equipped facility in Perth, Western Australia.

It is expected that the successful candidate will be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, (being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977) have a proven track record in research and some high-level management experience. The position represents the Institute in its relationships with Aboriginal groups, governments and other key partners.

Our ideal candidate will have a clear view of crucial future directions in the Aboriginal research areas, and a passion for capacity building and mentoring the next generation of Aboriginal health researchers.

To find out more, visit www.childhealthresearch.com.au, where information about the position and the Institute is available. Specific queries can be directed to Sash Tomson (08 9489 7961) or Julia Emmerson (08 9489 7976).

Applications should include a detailed CV and a summary of what you can offer if successful in your application, along with the name and contact details of 3 professional referees.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 12 JULY 2010.



Australian Government

Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

■ POLICY & PROGRAM OFFICER, APS 5, INDIGENOUS POLICY BRANCH

Australian Government Land & Coasts Division

Salary range \$60,621 – 65,409pa

We are looking for a motivated and talented individual to fill an ongoing APS 5 position based in Canberra.

The Indigenous Policy Branch delivers the Working on Country program, coordinates Indigenous issues within the Department; and provides Indigenous policy and program support and advice.

This is an identified position. Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures and issues affecting these cultures and an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and demonstrated experience in contract administration. Desirable skills include financial skills and strong communication skills.

Selection documentation for the position may be obtained via the internet at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html> or by emailing ruth.cid@environment.gov.au.

Closing Date: 12 July 2010

Please contact Christine Aughey for further information about the position on (02) 6275 9146

adcorp27959

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

No two people are the same and no two jobs are the same - we value diversity.

Information about the department and additional employment opportunities can be viewed via the internet address: www.environment.gov.au

One APS Career..... Thousands of Opportunities



Environment,
Climate Change
& Water

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER NSW, Department of

Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer

Environment Officer Class 2/7, Armidale and Nelson Bay,
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DECCW 183-10

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: Two permanent positions available. Applicants must indicate on their application which location they are applying for Armidale or Nelson Bay. 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: Hilton Naden (02) 6659 8259 (M) 0402 149 303 or hilton.naden@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kate Robson (02) 6659 8277; kate.robson@environment.nsw.gov.au or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 16 July 2010

808375



Justice &
Attorney General

COURT SERVICES

Aboriginal Client Service Specialist

Reference: JAG10/0462

Clerk Grade 3-4

Nowra Local Court, Temporary Full Time

Salary range: \$56,009 - \$61,328

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$67,675

The Aboriginal Client Service Specialists Programme (ACSSP) seeks to provide targeted and responsive service delivery to Aboriginal clients in order to improve access and equity, and enhance the ability of Aboriginal people to effectively participate in the justice system.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Knowledge of the needs/issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system;
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and other government/non-government agencies;
- Knowledge of community resources in the legal, advocacy, community and welfare sectors;
- Well developed oral and written communication skills, including the ability to develop material, organise and deliver information to groups;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

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

This is a temporary full time position for a period up to 26 November 2010.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Applicants must apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please quote JAG reference number when submitting application.

Inquiries:

Annette Hennessy (02) 8688 7360 annette_hennessy@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 9 July 2010

754774



Human Services
Housing NSW

Financial Analyst Clerk Grade 9/10

Registrar of Community Housing

Burwood

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_1018

Total remuneration package valued up to \$104,153 per annum (Salary: \$85,650 pa - \$94,384 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Financial Analyst implements the *Housing Act 2001 (NSW)* as it relates to regulation of community housing providers. This involves undertaking financial analysis for registration and compliance assessments. The Financial Analyst will also contribute to the development, introduction and review of regulatory policy, strategy and business systems.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience with data modelling, financial analysis and forecasting.
- Experience in developing and establishing systems and tools to enable ongoing statistical and financial analysis, modelling and reporting.
- Experience in compliance assessment and enforcement.
- Knowledge of or ability to quickly acquire knowledge of the community housing sector.
- Experience in building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
- High level oral and written communication skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Business Management, Finance or a related discipline, or relevant equivalent experience.
- Advanced skills in financial software use such as Microsoft Excel and other modelling applications.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Alex Valda (02) 8741 2506

Information Packages: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Closing Date: Wednesday 7 July 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

806129



JOIN AUSTRALIA'S PRE-EMINENT NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS STUDIES

One APS Career...Thousands of Opportunities

AIATSIS is Australia's premier national institution for Australian Indigenous studies. It has responsibility for a broad research program, manages world class collections of cultural and research material and publishes a range of material through its publishing arm, Aboriginal Studies Press.

AIATSIS Language Unit

AIATSIS has several vacancies in its Language Unit. The successful applicants will contribute to a new three-year research and service delivery program for Australia's Indigenous languages community. The Language Unit is a national program for research and resources on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages, operating in a nexus between Indigenous language communities, researchers, FATSIL and regional language centres, registered training organisations, State and Federal Governments and the wider Australian public.

We are planning to appoint one person to each of the following positions:

- **Language Access Research Fellow (EL-1)**
- **Language Programs Research Fellow (EL-1)**
- **Research Assistant (APS-4, 0.5 EFT)**
- **Communications and Administrative Support Officer (APS-3-4, 0.5 EFT).**

We are looking for a multidisciplinary team that is capable of working together productively and enthusiastically. Ideal applicants for these vacancies would have a good balance between qualifications and relevant work experience.

Successful candidates will be offered a contract until 30 June 2013. Salaries and other employment conditions are set out in the AIATSIS Agency Agreement 2007-2011, which is available at <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/corporate/docs/AgencyAgreement0711.pdf>. All positions are based in Canberra.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Position descriptions, selection criteria and instructions to applicants can be found on our website: www.aiatsis.gov.au. For those without access to the Internet, contact Sarah Cutfield on (02) 6246 1116 or e-mail: sarah.cutfield@aiatsis.gov.au.

If, after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Sarah Cutfield. Applications, together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of two recent referees, should be sent to:

Human Resources

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

GPO Box 553

Canberra ACT 2601

Or email: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Closing Date: 9 July 2010.

Blaze



Australian Government

Department of Human Services

Child Support Agency

Medicare Australia



The **Human Services Portfolio** is about people and the services we may need at different stages of our lives. It consists of the Department of Human Services—including the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia—and the Portfolio agencies, Centrelink, Medicare Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with a Human Services agency.

The **Department of Human Services** focuses on the development of service delivery policy and on the delivery of high quality, efficient and effective services to the Australian people, particularly in the areas of child support and rehabilitation services.

The **Child Support Agency** provides separated and separating parents with the tools, support, service options and assistance they need to transfer child support for the benefit of their children.

Centrelink serves the Australian community by delivering a range of services to assist people to become self-sufficient and supporting those in need.

Medicare Australia plays an integral role in helping improve health outcomes for Australians.

HR Indigenous Support Person

Centrelink – Area Pacific Central

APS 5

Tweed Heads, NSW

Salary \$58,950 - \$62,510

PN: APC 2010/0603

The HR Indigenous Support Person actively contributes as a member of the Human Resources Team by driving Indigenous HR projects, promoting HR support programs available to indigenous staff, advising the HR team on Indigenous issues and co-ordinating and participating in Indigenous staff forums.

The successful applicant will have strong cross cultural communication skills and the ability to engage members of the Indigenous community. Other key skills include: planning, organisational & presentation skills, communication & negotiation skills and computer literacy. The successful applicant will also have a demonstrated knowledge of Indigenous societies and cultures and an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people in contemporary Australian Society.

This is a non-ongoing position for a term of 6 months with the possibility of extension.

Please note this is an Identified Indigenous position.

To apply: Go to www.centrelink.gov.au or email recruitment.pac.cent.q@centrelink.gov.au for more information and an application kit. Please quote the relevant position number. Applications close at 5pm on 9/7/2010.

adcorp27875

One APS Career...Thousands of Opportunities



Human Services
Housing NSW

Referrals Manager

Clerk Grade 7/8
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Hunter Area, Newcastle
Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_0988

Total remuneration package valued up to \$91,779 per annum (Salary: \$75,137 pa - \$83,171 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

To support the objectives of the Newcastle Assertive Outreach Project via the development and management of partnerships with project partners, NGO's and communities. Facilitating access to Housing NSW services to achieve outcomes for homeless clients.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated project management and contract management experience.
- Ability to identify client needs and provide or refer clients to appropriate assistance.
- Highly developed interpersonal, oral and written communication, negotiation, influencing and conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrated ability to operate as an effective member of a team as well as the ability to take initiative and work autonomously.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective internal and external partnerships and relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations.
- Experience in working in a casework environment, and be proficient in managing customer and stakeholder expectations
- Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet complex client needs in a social housing context.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of up to 3 years under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Anna Zycki on (02) 4925 6362

Information Packages and to apply visit: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 4925 0035 or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 2 July 2010

806125



Australian Government

Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

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.

Research Administration Officer (Non-Ongoing)

Research and Analysis Branch, Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children Section
APS Level 5 (\$62,626 - \$65,024) Several Positions

Darwin, NT

Do you have an understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in the Darwin area including Galiwinku, Katherine, Hodgson Downs and other communities in the Katherine region? If you are self motivated, with the ability to learn quickly, this is the role for you!

Footprints in Time - The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children is seeking motivated people to conduct interviews with families in Darwin and surrounding areas which includes Galiwinku, Katherine, Hodgson Downs and other small communities in the Katherine region.

Your ability to show initiative, work independently, and be able to plan, organise and prioritise workloads will be highly valued in this environment.

How to apply

For further information visit "Careers in FaHCSIA" at www.fahcsia.gov.au or contact Recruitment on (02) 6200 9514.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with diverse culture and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

*One APS Career...
Thousands of Opportunities*

adcorp27974



Australian Government

Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

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.

Executive Assistant

NSW/ACT State Office, Sydney

APS Level 4 (\$55,478 - \$59,705pa)

FaHCSIA is looking for an energetic and motivated person for the Executive Assistant role in our Sydney office.

FaHCSIA offers challenging work in a friendly and flexible work environment. If you have high level administrative skills and well developed communication and organisational skills, please apply.

The Executive Assistant (EA) works within the Executive Support and Ministerial Section which provides information and secretariat support services to the State Manager and his Senior Management Team. Duties are varied and include: manage the State Manager's electronic diary, phone and email communications; coordinate meetings, prepare correspondence, manage travel arrangements, reconcile credit card expenditure, maintain records management systems, and assist on projects and program activities including media monitoring.

Previous experience in a similar role or a solid administrative background would be well regarded and an understanding of social issues particularly Indigenous disadvantage is desirable.

How to apply:

For further information and to apply for the position, go to www.fahcsia.gov.au/careers/vacancies

Applications close Sunday 11 July 2010

*One APS Career...
Thousands of Opportunities*

adcorp28109



Australian Government

Department of Human Services

Child Support Agency

Medicare Australia



The **Human Services Portfolio** is about people and the services we may need at different stages of our lives. It consists of the Department of Human Services—including the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia—and the Portfolio agencies, Centrelink, Medicare Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with a Human Services agency.

The **Department of Human Services** focuses on the development of service delivery policy and on the delivery of high quality, efficient and effective services to the Australian people, particularly in the areas of child support and rehabilitation services.

The **Child Support Agency** provides separated and separating parents with the tools, support, service options and assistance they need to transfer child support for the benefit of their children.

Centrelink serves the Australian community by delivering a range of services to assist people to become self-sufficient and supporting those in need.

Medicare Australia plays an integral role in helping improve health outcomes for Australians.

Business Development Officer

Medicare Australia, Regional Business Development

APS 5

Armidale & Paramatta

Salary: \$62,159 - \$63,909

PN: Various

We are seeking a highly motivated, self-starter who is able to perform a specialist customer service role focused on planning and promoting programs administered by Medicare Australia.

As a Business Development Officer, you will perform a specialist customer service role, focused on planning, promoting, supporting and achieving the strategic initiatives and programs administered by Medicare Australia for your customer group. Your responsibilities will include providing high quality service and expert advice, education and training for external stakeholders. Key to this role will be excellent stakeholder relationship management and cultural awareness.

To Apply:

Go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au for more information and an application kit. Please quote the relevant position number (PN). Applications close at 5pm on 15 July 2010.

adcorp28231

One APS Career...Thousands of Opportunities

Forest and Fire Officer – Landscape Mosaic Burning

VPS 3 \$51,818 to \$62,917 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 813922

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for fire management on public land, which includes suppressing wildfires and undertaking prevention works to minimise the impact of wildfires in Parks and Forests. DSE in partnership with Parks Victoria also uses prescribed fire to maintain the health and biodiversity of our natural ecosystems. This position is responsible for planning and coordinating the delivery of the Land and Fire landscape mosaic burning program in the Central Area. The position will also work across broader areas in partnership with internal and external stakeholders to identify and develop new landscape scale approaches to planned burning and monitoring.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 4 July 2010.

ZC040096

www.dse.vic.gov.au

Customer Service Centre 136 186



The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with community, industry and government to assist Indigenous students reach their potential.

The Foundation requires a Perth-based

PROJECT MANAGER

The Project Manager position facilitates the operations of The Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation's (PFF) Indigenous projects. It coordinates and reports on state and national projects and partnerships designed to ensure Indigenous students can complete their primary and secondary education, with an emphasis upon being able to compete effectively for apprenticeships, traineeships and employment or have the opportunity to pursue tertiary study. The position develops strong collaborative networks across industries and actively promotes stakeholder support across the public and private education/ employment/ vocational sectors, local communities and schools.

Applicants should provide their resume and a written application of not more than five pages which demonstrates their relevant experience in relation to the selection criteria. The full criteria is available from: Rob Veitch at Shelby Consulting on (08) 9472 8722

A broad experience in project management and the development of strong networks with senior stakeholders, as well as the ability to negotiate positive project outcomes will be critical in the position. An understanding of current policies, issues and approaches in Indigenous primary literacy, numeracy and out of school support programs is important. Frequent travel to coordinate state and national projects and relationships is an integral part of the role. Further information is available on our website: www.pff.com.au Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

The appointment is for a fixed term of three years. The salary and conditions align to that of a public service Level 7.1 position with a salary of \$90,727. This level is fixed for the term of the appointment.

To discuss the role, ring: Neil Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer on 0409 112 820 or Rob Veitch on 9472 8722.

Your written application and resume should be submitted by post or email to: Rob Veitch, Shelby Consulting, PO Box 137, Burswood, WA 6100 or to: rob@shelbyconsulting.com.au

Closing date for applications: 5.00pm Friday 9 July 2010.



Human Services
Housing NSW

Senior Client Service Officer – Clerk Grade 5/6 Aboriginal Specialist, ATSI Identified Position

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Region

Riverina Murray Area, Albury

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_1005

Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,503 per annum (Salary: \$66,116 pa - \$72,952 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate experience in working with people with high and/or multiple support needs, be motivated and have the ability to develop networks between Housing NSW and Aboriginal community support agencies.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to travel.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or extensive relevant industry experience.
- Excellent communication, negotiation and problem-solving skills in a human services environment.
- Demonstrated experience in the assessment and case management of client's support needs and an ability to develop networks with human service organisations to provide needed support.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute positively to team performance, support team members and provide training and development to team members in complex client work.
- Ability to assist the Team Leader and team to develop networks with the community and other human service providers.
- Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to assisting clients with special needs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from non-English speaking backgrounds and people with disabilities.

Job Notes: This is a temporary full-time position for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 to cover a Maternity Leave vacancy. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Allan Mason (02) 6041 9680

Information Packages and to apply online: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6363 6150 or post application to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 9 July 2010

806130



Byron Shire Council

Join Us - We are Committed to Excellence in Local Government

Are you looking for professional challenges and a great lifestyle on NSW's beautiful North Coast?

Byron Shire Council offers fine beaches, a diverse lifestyle, a magnificent natural environment and a sub-tropical climate. Council is recognised for its environmental initiatives and commitment to sustainable development.

Council invites applications for the following employment opportunity closing on **Monday 19 July, 2010:**

Aboriginal Projects Officer

Term: 14 hpw Fixed Term (12 months)

Salary: \$46K - \$53K (Pro rata rates & conditions apply)

Further Information: Catherine Diamond on 02 6626 7217.

Other benefits include 9% superannuation, education and training support and an attractive salary packaging scheme.

The **Employment Information Package** is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council's employment line on 02 6626 7145 (recorded message).

Byron Shire Council is an EEO employer and committed to the principles of workplace diversity

Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator

Julian Burton
BurnsTrust

- Engage, influence, educate
- Remote community visits
- Newly created role

The Julian Burton Burns Trust is Australia's leading social enterprise committed to prevention, care and research of burn injury nationally. They now invite applications for the newly created role of Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator.

Your key responsibilities will include design, development and implementation of prevention and awareness programs that will benefit indigenous communities across South Australia.

Reporting to the Manager, Community Projects and Programs, the co-ordinator will play a pivotal role in establishing new networks, facilitating education strategies and engaging with Indigenous communities in remote, regional and metropolitan settings. Working together with key partners, your role will also include assisting in identifying funding opportunities, training volunteers and undertaking review and evaluation of programs.

Your success in this role will be reliant on your ability to work independently while building key relationships with a diverse range of people across government and corporate sectors. You will be part of a small, dynamic team committed to increasing health and safety prospects within Aboriginal communities.

For more information, visit www.burnstrust.com.au

Applications including a resume and cover letter should be forwarded to: Deb Bates via email admin@burnstrust.com.au

Telephone enquiries are welcome on 08 72202197.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Program Coordinator

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program (AIP)

Part-Time 30 hours/week

Caritas Australia is the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development in Australia and works with partners in Australia, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific to address the causes of poverty and bring about long term change. The Agency is a member of the Caritas Internationalis network and is active in the network's response to emergencies, supporting aid and grass roots programs in nearly every developing country.

The primary aim of Caritas Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program is to work in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities within Australia to pursue justice and help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. Caritas does this by supporting sustainable development projects that are developed and implemented by Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders and which therefore reflect their respective views of the world.

The Program Coordinator – AIP will work in collaboration with and report to the Group Leader – AIP to ensure that Caritas Australia's organisational and strategic objectives are enhanced through our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

You will need to have significant community development experience with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities or significant experience (3 or more years) working in the international development field, preferably in an NGO context. This role also requires considerable experience managing development programs, including submitting proposals, reporting on and acquitting of funds.

The successful candidate must have a deep, experiential understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia today and a strong commitment to work in a team environment and within the principles and values of Catholic Social Teaching.

To apply for this role visit www.caritas.org.au/jobs to view the full Position Description and send your application to jobs@caritas.org.au by 5pm Friday 16 July 2010.

Applications must specify residency or work visa status, include a CV and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria indicated in the referred Position Description. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note: only those applicants who address each item of the Selection Criteria will be considered for the role.

In the spirit of hope and peace, Caritas Australia works in partnership with some of the most disadvantaged members of our global community regardless of race, gender and religion to alleviate poverty and injustice. Caritas Australia is committed to promoting children's rights, as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Appointment to this position is dependent upon successful completion of Working with Children Check and a relevant country of work and residence Police Check.



Australia Council for the Arts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division

Do you want to work in a flexible, creative and professional environment?

Over the last 30 years we have supported and promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and organisations, including Archie Roach, Christine Anu, Deborah Mailman, Doris Pilkington, Ken Thaiday, Bangarra, Banduk Marika, Leah Purcell, Yirra Yaakin and Yothu Yindi as well as the next generation of young and creative artists such as Wire MC, Emma Donovan, Alick Tipoti, Shakaya and Jason Pitt.

JOIN US

Our team is dedicated, highly motivated and passionate about Keeping Culture Strong.

WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING

We are looking for highly motivated, dynamic people who will facilitate the implementation of an Indigenous Arts Strategy. You will be expected to work with a range of stakeholders within the arts, government and industry.

Program Officer

Full-Time Position (ongoing)

Salary: Commencing from \$62,544 per annum

Plus employer contribution to superannuation

This is an Indigenous position

The position is based in Surry Hills, Sydney.

For more information about the role and how to apply, please phone Mark Stapleton (02) 9215 9014 or toll free on 1800 226 912 or go to www.australiacouncil.gov.au/employment

Applications close: 23 July 2010 by 5pm

What you need to do

1. Read the Position Profile.
2. Complete your application. This should include:
 - (i) brief covering letter or email
 - (ii) a competency statement (addressing the selection criteria as set out in the position profile)
 - (iii) your resume
 - (iv) a completed Australia Council for the Arts application form
3. Email your application to careers@australiacouncil.gov.au

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



Nura Gili was established to provide academic, cultural and personal pastoral care to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UNSW; to increase access, participation and retention rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; to provide academic programs across the University; to raise the understanding of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, their knowledge and cultures; and to increase research activities that respond to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian communities. Nura Gili is seeking a number of staff to join its team.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (2 Positions) Indigenous Studies/Aboriginal Studies

Base: \$78K - \$109K pa + 17% Super + Leave | Ref. 7283

Nura Gili is seeking staff to join its academic team to teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and conduct research. Nura Gili teaches a minor in Aboriginal Studies and a Master of Indigenous Studies. One position is full-time continuing and one position is fixed-term for two years with a possibility of extension based on funding.

Librarian (Fixed term)

Base: \$54K - \$61K pa + 9% Super + Leave | Ref. 7284

Nura Gili is seeking a customer service focussed Librarian to manage the Nura Gili Resource Centre which houses a specialist Indigenous collection and provides support to students and academics. This position is a nine-month full-time contract (covering maternity leave) with a possibility of ongoing part-time work thereafter.

Student Support Officer (Fixed term)

Base: \$69K - \$75K pa + 9% Super + Leave | Ref. 7285

Nura Gili is seeking a team and student focussed professional to assist with recruitment activities, school visits, orientation programs, outreach activities and delivery of Nura Gili specialist programs such as the UNSW Indigenous Winter School. This is a one year fixed term position.

UNSW considers that being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions, under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Applicants will be subject to a Working With Children Check proceeding.

For full details, application procedures and other vacancies check our website at
www.hr.unsw.edu.au/jobs.html

**Applications
Close:
23 July 2010**



UNSW
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES



Human Services
Housing NSW

Senior Project Officer Homelessness Clerk Grade 9/10

**Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Business Performance & Service Improvement
Newcastle**

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 10/HNSW_0908

Total remuneration package valued up to \$104,153 per annum (Salary: \$85,650 pa - \$94,384 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

In this role you will be responsible for developing, managing and implementing a range of projects across the Department/Agency, to support and improve service delivery.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated project management experience including experience in developing and monitoring project plans, coordinating resources and managing budgets.
- Proven research, analytical and problem solving skills, including ability to recommend solutions to support the development of key projects.
- Strong oral, interpersonal and written communication skills, including proven experience in preparing a range of project related documents.
- Demonstrated experience in managing relationships with a diverse range of internal and external stakeholders and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with business partners.
- Tertiary qualifications in Human Sciences, Business Administration or related discipline or equivalent experience.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period up until 30 June 2011. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. Further information about the NSW Homelessness Action Plan can be found at www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: George Adams (02) 4925 6313

Information Packages and to apply visit: www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 4925 0000 or post application to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 2 July 2010

806124v2



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.

Senior Project Officers

Northern Territory Office

APS 5 \$62,326 – \$64,728 (Several Positions)

DARWIN / ALICE SPRINGS Ref No: 10-0909

The Department of Health and Ageing, Northern Territory Office located in Darwin and Alice Springs is looking for several self motivated people with excellent team orientated skills to fill current ongoing and non-ongoing positions of Senior Project Officer.

You will have sound skills in program management, a keen interest in working within the Government sector and knowledge in or the ability to gain an understanding of a variety of health and ageing programs including those for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Duties include liaising with stakeholders, monitoring funding agreements, formulating recommendations, providing advice in relation to health and ageing services, regulatory frameworks, preparing documentation, and (in some cases) supervising staff

Contact officer: Robyn Simpson on (08) 8919 3430 or robyn.simpson@health.gov.au

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Applications close 15 July 2010, 7pm AEST

Diversity is important to us. Information about working for the department and workplace diversity is available on the Health website.

adcorp28176

www.health.gov.au | "ONE APS CAREER... THOUSANDS OF OPPORTUNITIES"



Australian Government
Indigenous Business Australia

making a difference
www.iba.gov.au

Principal Home Lending Officer Darwin based

Salary \$63K - \$67K plus 15.4 super & performance bonuses

Are you:

- + Experienced in home or business lending?
- + Seeking to make a real contribution in a dynamic and challenging, yet rewarding work environment?
- + Interested in promoting Indigenous economic empowerment?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated person to join its Darwin home lending team. The successful applicant will be part of a small team that provides a range of flexible and affordable home loan products to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to assist them buy their own home.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description, selection documentation and how to apply go to www.iba.gov.au. If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions, please contact David Collinson (08) 8936 1084 or email david.collinson@iba.gov.au.

Applications close on 14 July 2010

adcorp28252

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.



Australian Government

**Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts**

■ EL 2

Director, Indigenous Policy Branch

Australian Government Land & Coasts Division

Salary range \$101,991 – \$118,029pa

We are looking for a motivated and talented individual to fill an ongoing EL2 position based in Canberra.

The Indigenous Policy Branch delivers the Working on Country program, and provides Indigenous policy and program support and advice. This position will manage a small team that has responsibility for coordinating whole of government Indigenous policy issues across the department and portfolio; and financial and contract management functions for the Indigenous Policy Branch and Working on Country program.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures and issues affecting these cultures; an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and skills and experience in managing budgets and programs, and in providing high level advice on the implementation of Government Indigenous policies and programs.

This is an identified position. Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Selection documentation for the position may be obtained via the internet at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/opportunities/index.html> or by emailing Alison.Archer@environment.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday 12th July 2010

adcorp27958

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

No two people are the same and no two jobs are the same - we value diversity.

Information about the department and additional employment opportunities can be viewed via the internet address: www.environment.gov.au

One APS Career..... Thousands of Opportunities



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
20/2138-51	Resource Exploration Ltd	261.3ha	8km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 117°57'	Cue
26/3668	Barrick (Australia Pacific) Limited Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd	96.09ha	10km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3739	Aurum Gold Pty Ltd	76.54ha	7km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3764	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	67.23ha	23km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°05' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3765	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	134.53ha	23km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°04' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3778	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	45.72ha	18km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°08' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1173	Rocky Reef Mining Pty Ltd	26.55ha	79km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°30' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
40/1255	Gianni Holdings Pty Ltd	161.34ha	52km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°26'	Menzies
40/1256	Gianni Holdings Pty Ltd	128.34ha	51km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°25'	Menzies
46/1644	David Brian Nilon Darral Terrence Parsonage	8.86ha	3km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°52' Long 120°08'	East Pilbara
47/1539	Central Pilbara South Iron Ore Pty Ltd	23.09ha	84km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°42' Long 118°36'	Ashburton
47/1540	Central Pilbara South Iron Ore Pty Ltd	32.78ha	82km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°43' Long 118°35'	Ashburton
47/1541	Robert Keith Leslie	199.91ha	82km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°02' Long 118°28'	Port Hedland Town
47/1542	Sheffield Resources Pty Ltd	23.4ha	93km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°17' Long 117°00'	Ashburton
47/1543	Sheffield Resources Pty Ltd	23.4ha	92km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°16' Long 117°01'	Ashburton
47/1545	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	55.35ha	94km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°21' Long 116°57'	Ashburton

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: 30 June 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 **30 September 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. 30 October 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.

adcorp F43363



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1894	Zinc Co Australia Ltd	39.76km ²	55km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°36' Long 125°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/2003	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	18.93km ²	122km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°48' Long 116°33'	Ashburton
08/2102	Ashburton Gold Mines NL Resource Exploration Ltd	125.36km ²	67km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°45' Long 117°26'	Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne
08/2103	Ashburton Gold Mines NL Resource Exploration Ltd	291.8km ²	72km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°35' Long 117°06'	Ashburton
08/2114	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.48km ²	99km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°31' Long 116°14'	Ashburton
08/2130	Onslow Resources Ltd	43.1km ²	104km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°23' Long 115°43'	Ashburton
08/2132	Onslow Resources Ltd	88.61km ²	104km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°27' Long 115°49'	Ashburton
09/1755	Integrated Resources Group Ltd	207.11km ²	158km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°38' Long 115°23'	Carnarvon
09/1758	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	161.31km ²	142km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°05' Long 116°37'	Upper Gascoyne
20/741	Michael Morawa	45.62km ²	30km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°27' Long 118°11'	Cue
26/150	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	2.93km ²	22km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°05' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2071	Image Resources NL	26.37km ²	97km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 122°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2072	Image Resources NL	14.61km ²	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°31' Long 122°41'	Dundas
39/1546	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	18.09km ²	52km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°10'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1550	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	12.59km ²	79km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°19' Long 121°58'	Leonora/Menzies
40/286	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	2.98km ²	51km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°25'	Menzies
45/3495	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	25.55km ²	59km NE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°46' Long 118°36'	Port Hedland Town
46/759	Sinclair Tenements Pty Ltd	219.8km ²	16km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°45' Long 120°09'	East Pilbara
47/2177	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	189.93km ²	83km N'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 22°37' Long 119°35'	East Pilbara
47/2232	Hammersley Iron Pty Ltd	12.59km ²	31km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°07' Long 117°58'	Ashburton
47/2276	Sheffield Resources Pty Ltd	3.16km ²	93km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°16' Long 117°00'	Ashburton
47/2292	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.64km ²	106km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°35' Long 116°21'	Ashburton
52/2562	Imic Pty Ltd	86.86km ²	171km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°14' Long 119°19'	Meekatharra
52/2563	Kimba Resources Pty Ltd	41.08km ²	44km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°29' Long 117°58'	Meekatharra
57/826	Mithril Resources Ltd	71.01km ²	25km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°12' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/827	Mithril Resources Ltd	189.62km ²	102km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°45' Long 119°52'	Menzies
57/828	Mithril Resources Ltd	212.02km ²	31km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°03' Long 119°36'	Sandstone
57/829	Mithril Resources Ltd	212.23km ²	18km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°56' Long 119°28'	Sandstone
59/1674	Magnetic Resources NL	209.58km ²	104km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°36' Long 115°41'	Murchison
59/1675	Asphar Survey Pty Ltd	212.05km ²	69km W'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°52' Long 117°11'	Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
59/1679	Black Peak Holdings Pty Ltd	2.99km ²	50km NE'ly of Merkanooka	Lat 28°59' Long 116°27'	Yalgoo
63/1405	Robin Christopher Cooper	5.8km ²	94km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°31' Long 120°48'	Dundas
63/1406	Robin Christopher Cooper	2.89km ²	91km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°32' Long 120°49'	Dundas
69/2631	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	408.7km ²	145km W'ly of Eucla	Lat 31°21' Long 127°24'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2632	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	417.56km ²	125km E'ly of Cocklebidy	Lat 31°41' Long 127°21'	Dundas
69/2633	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	326.24km ²	118km E'ly of Cocklebidy	Lat 31°55' Long 127°20'	Dundas
69/2634	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	305.23km ²	115km E'ly of Cocklebidy	Lat 32°06' Long 127°19'	Dundas
69/2635	Anglo American Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd	328.63km ²	131km E'ly of Cocklebidy	Lat 32°03' Long 127°29'	Dundas
69/2695	GTI Resources Ltd	86.51km ²	102km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°40' Long 120°59'	Wiluna
70/3326	Matilda Minerals Ltd	14.44km ²	15km E'ly of Busselton	Lat 33°39' Long 115°30'	Busselton
70/3327	Matilda Minerals Ltd	2.85km ²	18km E'ly of Busselton	Lat 33°37' Long 115°32'	Busselton
70/3354	Matilda Minerals Ltd	11.42km ²	24km E'ly of Busselton	Lat 33°40' Long 115°36'	Busselton/Capel
70/3618	Darling Range Pty Ltd	262.9km ²	27km S'ly of Brookton	Lat 32°36' Long 117°05'	Cuballing/Pingelly
70/3844	Headland Metals Pty Ltd	439.92km ²	12km N'ly of Katanning	Lat 33°35' Long 117°31'	Katanning/Wagin/Woodanilling
70/3845	Headland Metals Pty Ltd	433.16km ²	18km S'ly of Katanning	Lat 33°51' Long 117°36'	Katanning
70/3861	Kimba Resources Pty Ltd	140.05km ²	18km NW'ly of Eneabba	Lat 29°41' Long 115°09'	Carnamah/Irwin
77/1590	Great Western Exploration Ltd	5.78km ²	87km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°37' Long 119°45'	Kondinin
77/1768	Polaris Metals NL	206.33km ²	20km NE'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°50' Long 119°15'	Yilgarn
77/1779	Ausquest Ltd	593.11km ²	98km NE'ly of Bencubbin	Lat 30°09' Long 118°33'	Mukinbudin/Westonia/Yilgarn
77/1781	Ausquest Ltd	596.03km ²	100km SE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°39' Long 118°37'	Menzies/Sandstone/Yilgarn
77/1782	Ausquest Ltd	598.14km ²	78km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°17' Long 118°29'	Menzies/Sandstone
80/4419	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	22.81km ²	52km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°45' Long 127°40'	Halls Creek
80/4420	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	127.17km ²	59km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°42' Long 127°37'	Halls Creek
80/4421	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	16.32km ²	93km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°24' Long 127°53'	Halls Creek
80/4422	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	199.56km ²	141km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°00' Long 128°01'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4423	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	653.94km ²	132km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°05' Long 128°02'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4424	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	297.18km ²	94km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°23' Long 127°51'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4425	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	9.79km ²	109km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°22' Long 128°10'	Halls Creek
80/4426	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd	9.79km ²	100km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°27' Long 128°09'	Halls Creek
80/4428	Ausquest Ltd	324.44km ²	75km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°39' Long 127°07'	Halls Creek
80/4430	Swancover Enterprises Pty Ltd	164.4km ²	114km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 16°08' Long 127°19'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4431	Placer Gold Pty Ltd	176.23ha	109km NE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°44' Long 126°31'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
80/4433	Placer Gold Pty Ltd	159.72km ²	60km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°03' Long 126°08'	Derby-West Kimberley
80/4435	Timothy Vincent Tatterson Paul Winston Askins	159.22km ²	258km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°39' Long 126°02'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4436	Ausquest Ltd	84.5km ²	103km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°29' Long 126°30'	Halls Creek
80/4437	Ausquest Ltd	12.99km ²	94km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°32' Long 126°24'	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: 30 June 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 **30 September 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. 30 October 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.

adcorp F43316



ANGLICARE
CANBERRA & GOULBURN

Aboriginal Youth Workers Wagga Wagga

(12 hours per week – for 6 months)

Anglicare is seeking 2 Youth Workers to engage Aboriginal young people with sport and recreation.

**If you are skilled and interested contact
Andrew**

on

0428 410 357

or e-mail andrew.sutton@anglicarecg.org.au

Written applications close on:

Friday 9th July.



**Justice &
Attorney General**

LAWACCESS NSW

Customer Service Officer (ATSI Identified)

JAG10/0746

Clerk Grade 3/4

Parramatta, Temporary Full Time for up to 3 years

Salary range: \$56,009 – \$61,328

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$67,675

The Customer Service Officer (ATSI) will provide telephone assistance and referrals to Indigenous callers who identify as Aboriginal and request referral information. At times this may require supporting those customers when they are receiving legal advice where they request this support.

- Aboriginality;
- Admission as an undergraduate law student with a NSW university;
- Excellent interpersonal skills including verbal communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills;
- Commitment to and experience in providing excellent customer service to a diverse range of customers;
- Ability to apply initiative in demanding situations and to plan and organise personal workload, set priorities and meet performance targets;
- Flexible problem solving skills and an ability to collate and analyse information and make timely and effective decisions;
- Understanding of the legal system and legal issues confronted by customers;
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team.

Job Notes:

This is a temporary appointment/employment for a period of up to 3 years. The successful applicant will be required to complete a National Security Clearance. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Applications should be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please quote JAG reference number when submitting application.

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

Inquiries:

Julianne Evans (02) 8833 3160 Julianne_Evans@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 16 July 2010

754776



**Justice &
Attorney General**

COURT SERVICES

Assistant Client Service Officer (ATSI Identified)

JAG10/0622

Clerk General Scale

Waverley Local Court, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: \$29,262 - \$47,485

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$52,400

Provide a range of Clerical and Client support services to meet the needs of clients. Services may include routine customer enquiries, courtroom assistance, daily correspondence, data entry and records management.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good Clerical and computer skills including data entry, process documentation, filing and operating office equipment;
- Strong commitment to client service;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills to communicate effectively with a wide range of people;
- Capacity to work effectively in a team;
- Ability to organise and complete high volumes of work within set time standards.

Job Notes:

This position is part of the JumpSTART NSW Cadetships Program. Applicants must:

- be under 25 years at the time of application
- have their HSC or a minimum of a Certificate IV qualification
- be a permanent resident of Australia

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement and apply on line at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please quote JAG reference number when submitting application.

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

Inquiries: George Blacklaws, Ph: (02) 8688 8043

Email: George_Blacklaws@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 16 July 2010

754775



POSITIONS VACANT

ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & LEGAL SERVICE VICTORIA

We provide services across Victoria for Aboriginal victims of family violence and sexual assault, including

- legal assistance
- counselling
- information and referral
- community education programs
- *Sisters Day Out*® workshops

We employ lawyers, paralegal support workers, project officers and office support staff. Check out our website for job vacancies over the coming weeks.

Website: www.fvpls.org Tel: 1800 105 303

FVPLS VICTORIA – STANDING FIRM AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE



Environment, Climate Change & Water

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER NSW, Department of

Aboriginal Information Officer

Environment Officer Class 3, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: DECCW 184-10

Total remuneration package to \$66,186 p.a. including salary \$53,454 p.a. to \$59,978 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Assist with processing Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) searches from various clients and carry out clerical duties such as invoicing external clients. Assist with the maintenance of the AHIMS and maintain records of information provided.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of current Aboriginal issues, the Aboriginal Land Council system and the role of traditional owner and other Aboriginal groups.
- Experience in communicating with Aboriginal people and organisations, dealing with contractors, developers and other organisations involved in Aboriginal cultural heritage issues.
- Knowledge of basic operation of Word, Excel and database systems, such as the AHIMS, basic accounting and invoicing procedures and skills in Data entry and office procedures.
- Demonstrated Skill in customer service and interpersonal relationships.
- Ability to work within a multi disciplinary team environment.
- Ability to prioritise work duties and working to an agreed plan with minimal supervision.

Job Notes: Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Note: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977, this position will be required to deal with sensitive information and to liaise in a culturally appropriate way with local Aboriginal information in the collation and dissemination of this information.

Inquiries: Cheryl Brown (02) 9585 6570 (M) 0448 831 241 or cheryl.brown@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6570 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 16 July 2010

808376

NOTICE TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD (ACN 143 270 044) of 63 Conyngham Street Glenside SA 5065 has made application for the registration of 4 contiguous Mineral Claims in relation to which, pending registration, LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD will make further application for a Mining Lease/s in respect of the land covered by the intended 4 Mineral Claims and upon grant of any Mining Lease/s, proposes to carry out mining operations on the said Mining Lease/s which will incorporate the land (**LAND**) which lies approximately 50 km south east of Yunta and is bounded as set out below:

Mineral Claim Applications 1 to 4 inclusive: bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 404065 mE and northing 6368080 mN, thence south to easting 405165 mE and northing 6367495 mN thence south west to easting 401402 mE and northing 6360418 mN thence north to easting 400302 and northing 6361004 mN and then north east to the point of commencement. TOTAL AREA: approximately 1000 hectares

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66 Zone 54.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Development of an open pit mine that progressively advances along the iron formation to extract iron ore which

will then be ground and processed on site to produce a direct shipping, high iron magnetite concentrate. This concentrate will be trucked to the railway line at the township of Yunta. The mine will include all ordinary associated infrastructure including but not limited to waste rock stockpiles, tailing storage facility, run-of mine ore pad and crushing facility.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relations to the Land to which this notice relates LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971* authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister, may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971* for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

LILYDALE IRON PTY LTD

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers

262 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8223 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290

Contact Person: Abigail Steed



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/222	The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd	731.54ha	130km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°00' Long 118°51'	East Pilbara

Nature of the 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: 30 June 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 **30 September 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 miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 30 October 2010**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licences.

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 F43365



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
29/644	International Petroleum Ltd Silvertree Nominees Pty Ltd	346075	154.31ha	81km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°09' Long 120°27'	Menzies
38/1867	Crescent Gold Ltd	329259 329265	65.91ha 2.03ha	35km SE'ly of Laverton 35km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°42' Lat 28°46' Long 122°44'	Laverton Laverton
47/1329	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	347683	144.37ha	106km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°52' Long 118°48'	East Pilbara

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 30 June 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 **30 September 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. 30 October 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.

adcorp F43364



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
27/326	Anglogold Australia (Brocks Creek) Pty Ltd Cyprus Amax Australia Corporation Great Southern Mines NL	159.19ha	36km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
38/1251	Regis Resources Limited Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	909.77ha	52km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°55' Long 122°22'	Laverton
46/518-9	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	1124828.6ha	65km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°26' Long 119°54'	East Pilbara
47/1437	Central Exchange Ltd	174.7ha	103km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°33' Long 116°19'	Ashburton
74/246	Paxton Enterprises Pty Ltd	197.08ha	10km SE'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°37' Long 120°08'	Ravensthorpe

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: 30 June 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 **30 September 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. 30 October 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 F43367

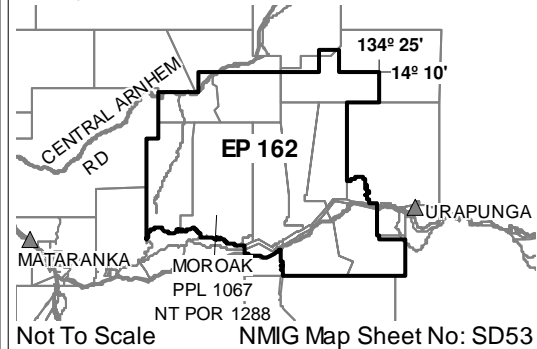
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT (PETROLEUM)

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) that an application has been made for, and the Minister intends to grant, an Exploration Permit (Petroleum) ("Permit") under Division 2 of Part II of the Petroleum Act (NT) as follows.

Application(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit 162 sought by TAMBORAN RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 135 299 062 over an area of 107 Blocks depicted below for a term of 5 years, within the ROPER RIVER locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a permit under the *Petroleum Act*, gives the person to whom it is granted the exclusive right, for a term of up to 5 years, to explore for petroleum and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the area covered by the Permit including(but not limited to) use of machinery and equipment for carrying out works, removal of material for testing, use of water resources for domestic use and to seek renewals. A

permit may be renewed no more than twice. If petroleum is discovered in the permit area, production licences and/or retention licences may subsequently be granted. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801, or Centrepoint Building 40-50 Smith St Mall, Darwin NT 0800.

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.

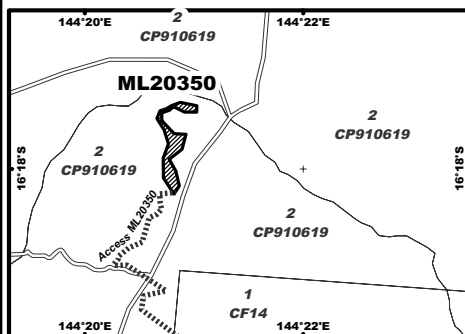
Notification Day: For the purposes of section 29(4) of the NTA, the notification day is 30 June 2010.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

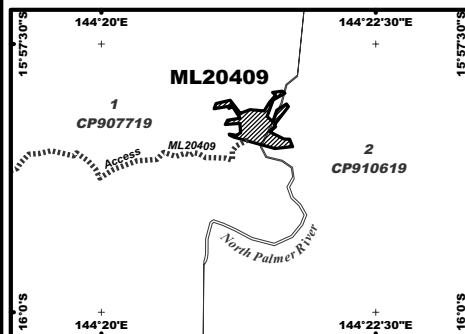
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

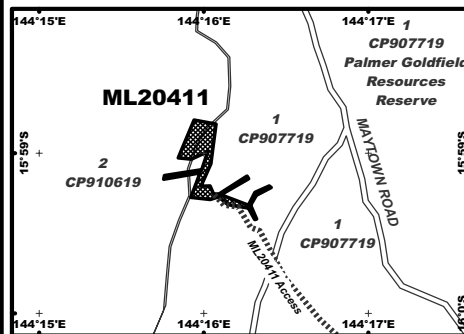
Mining Lease 20350 sought by Gilbert Errol Kelly over an area of 28.63 ha, centred approximately 28km South, South East of Maytown, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



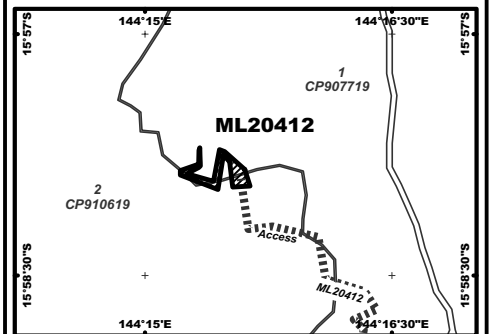
Mining Lease 20409 sought by Matthew Simon Vaughan over an area of 45.83 ha, centred approximately 8km North, North East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



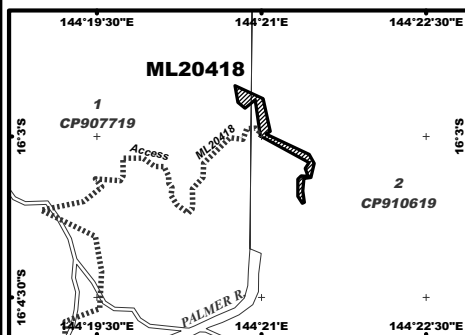
Mining Lease 20411 sought by Cheryl May Fitzgerald over an area of 23.72 ha, centred approximately 6km North of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



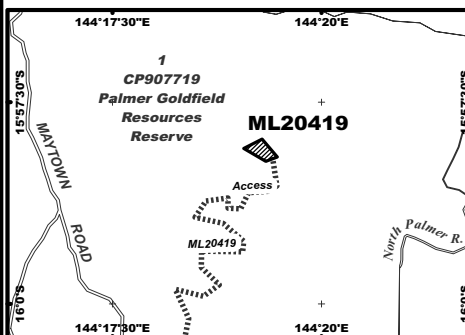
Mining Lease 20412 sought by Cheryl May Fitzgerald over an area of 10.69 ha, centred approximately 10km North West of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



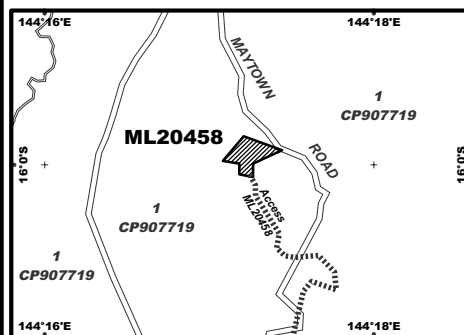
Mining Lease 20418 sought by Cheryl May Fitzgerald over an area of 32.21 ha, centred approximately 7km East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



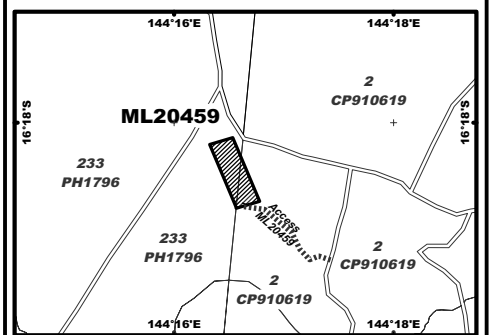
Mining Lease 20419 sought by Cheryl May Fitzgerald (50%) and Ralph De Lacey (50%) over an area of 17.43 ha, centred approximately 10km North, North East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



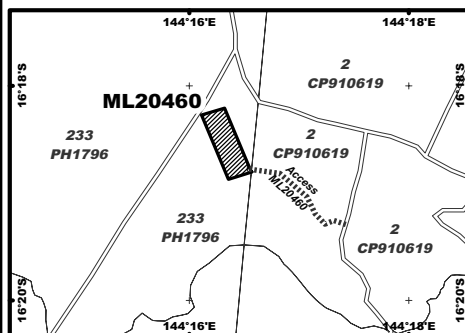
Mining Lease 20458 sought by Cheryl May Fitzgerald (50%) and Ralph De Lacey (50%) over an area of 12.97 ha, centred approximately 5.5km North of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



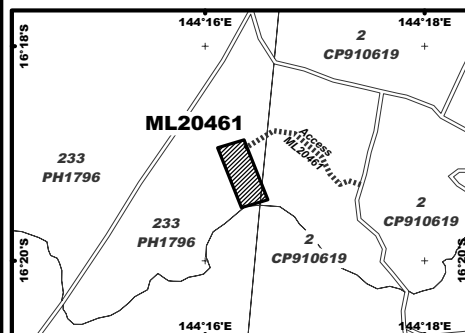
Mining Lease 20459 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 46.73 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



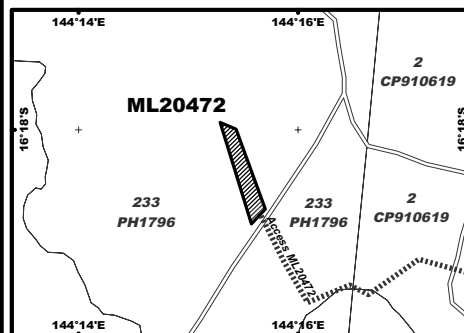
Mining Lease 20460 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 46.52 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



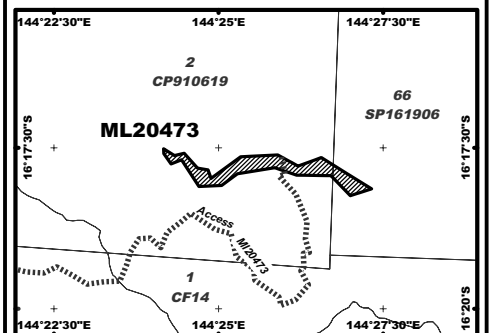
Mining Lease 20461 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 49.32 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



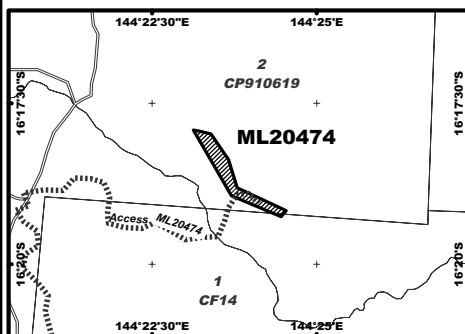
Mining Lease 20472 sought by Gilbert Errol Kelly over an area of 41.14 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



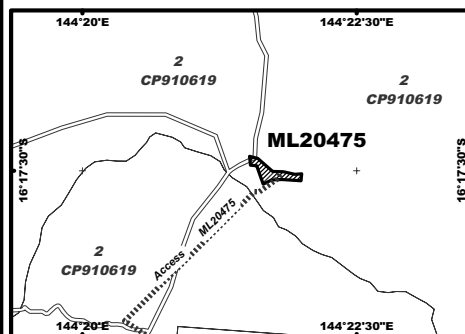
Mining Lease 20473 sought by Gilbert Errol Kelly over an area of 209.69 ha, centred approximately 130km North West of Mareeba, in the locality of Cook Shire.



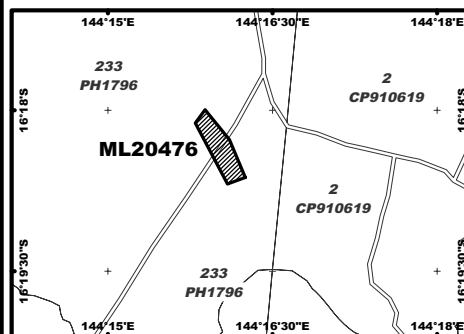
Mining Lease 20474 sought by Gilbert Errol Kelly over an area of 105.84 ha, centred approximately 132km North West of Mareeba, in the locality of Cook Shire Council..



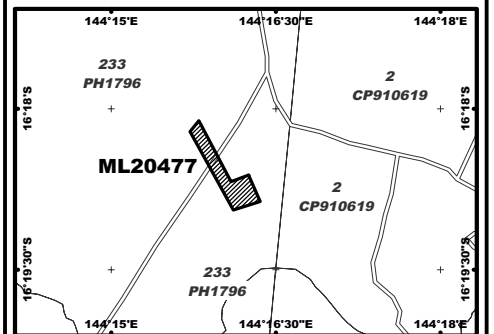
Mining Lease 20475 sought by Gilbert Errol Kelly over an area of 13.80 ha, centred approximately 28km South, South East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20476 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 41.02 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



Mining Lease 20477 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 45.14 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



Nature of Act(s): Grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for ML 20350, ML 20409, ML20411, ML 20412, ML 20418 and ML 20472 and ML 20475; for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years for ML 20473; for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years for ML 20419; for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years with the possibility of renewals not exceeding twenty one (21) years for ML 20474; for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years for ML 20458, ML 20459, ML 20460, ML 20461, ML 20476, and ML20477.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 28 Peters Street, Mareeba Qld 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4785, Fax: (07) 4092 4224.

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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6 Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000.

Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

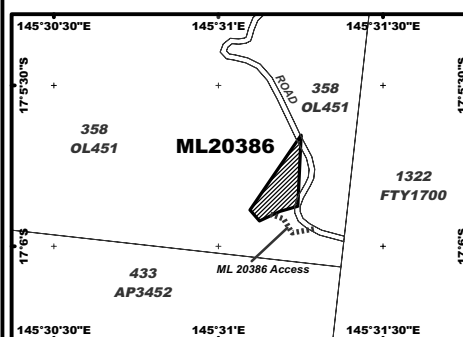
Notification Day: 21 July 2010

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

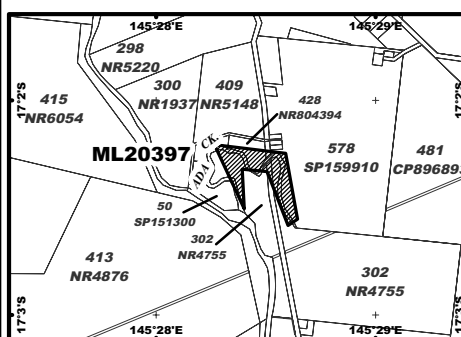
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

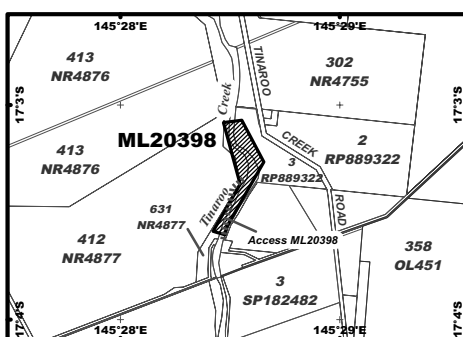
Mining Lease 20386 sought by Ian Earl Wallace over an area of 5.99 ha, centred approximately 16km South East of Mareeba, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



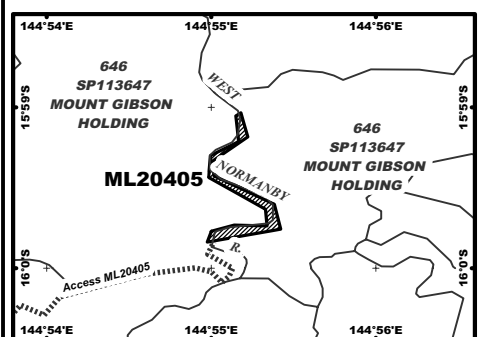
Mining Lease 20397 sought by Ian Earl Wallace over an area of 17.84 ha, centred approximately 7km South East of Mareeba, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



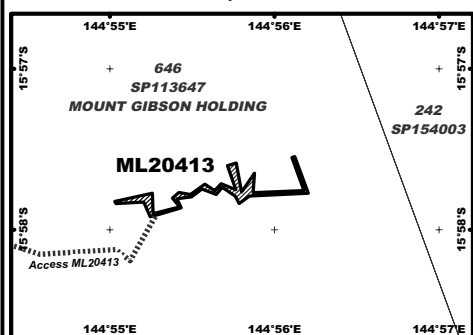
Mining Lease 20398 sought by Ian Earl Wallace over an area of 13.78 ha, centred approximately 9km South East of Mareeba, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



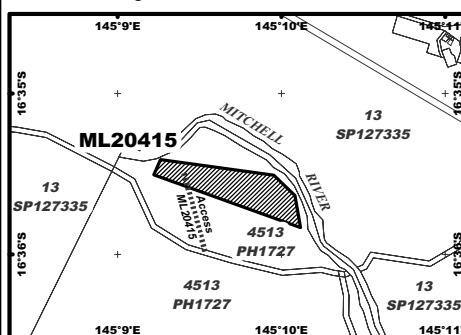
Mining Lease 20405 sought by John Victor Gaudion (50%) and Jillian Vilma Bergerson (50%) over an area of 20.30 ha, centred approximately 16km South East of Lakeland, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



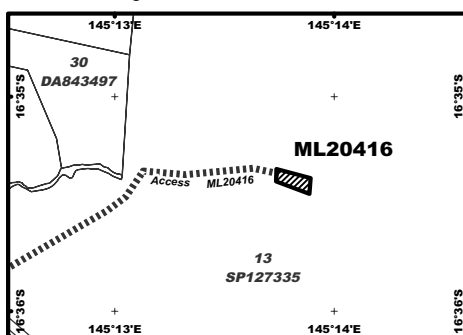
Mining Lease 20413 sought by John Victor Gaudion (50%) and Jillian Vilma Bergerson (50%) over an area of 16.67 ha, centred approximately 14km South East of Lakeland, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



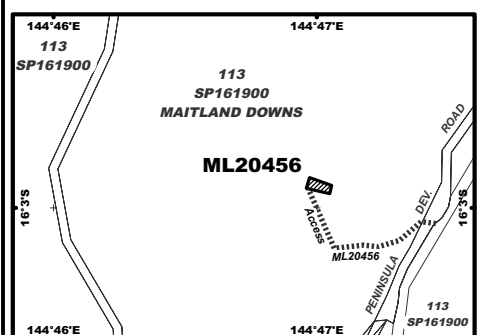
Mining Lease 20415 sought by Ian Earl Wallace over an area of 53.95 ha, centred approximately 8km South, South East of Mount Carbine, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



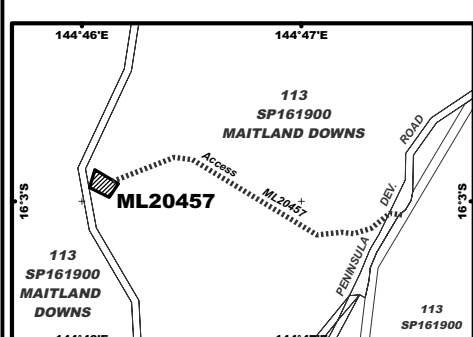
Mining Lease 20416 sought by Ian Earl Wallace over an area of 3.38 ha, centred approximately 12km South East of Mount Carbine, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



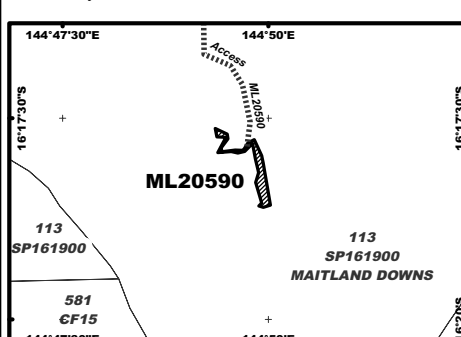
Mining Lease 20456 sought by Ian Richard Reid over an area of 1.13 ha, centred approximately 6km North of Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



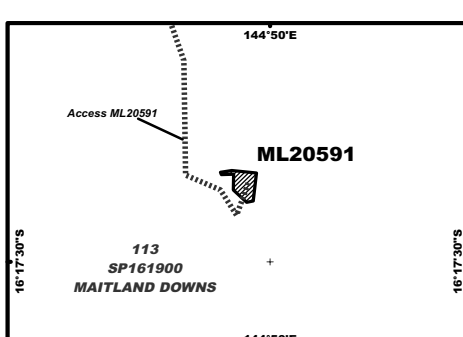
Mining Lease 20457 sought by Henry Ernest Pepper over an area of 2.98 ha, centred approximately 6km North of the Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



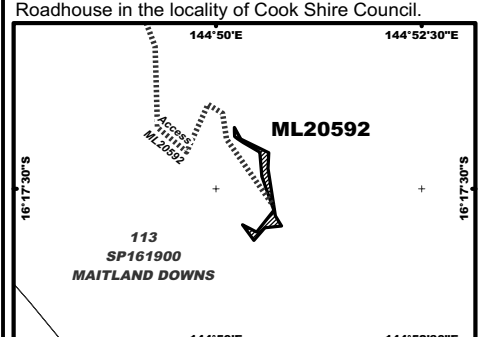
Mining Lease 20590 sought by Raymond Michael Fitzgerald over an area of 33 ha, centred approximately 23km South, South East of Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



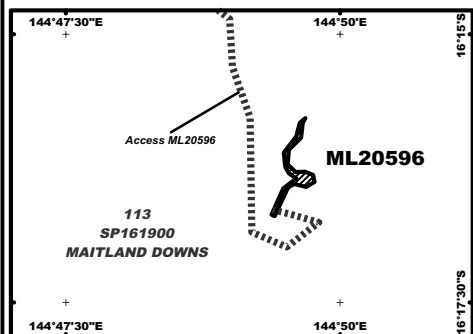
Mining Lease 20591 sought by Raymond Michael Fitzgerald over an area of 16.97 ha, centred approximately 20km South, South East of Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



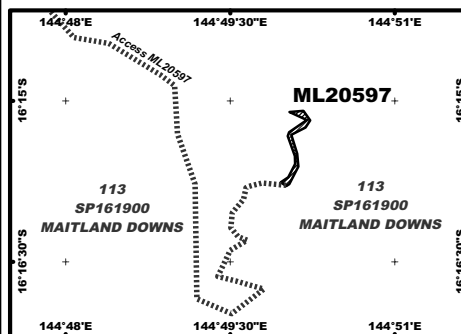
Mining Lease 20592 sought by Matthew Byron Coleing (40%), Stephen Leslie Coleing (40%), and Leslie Carl Coleing (20%) over an area of 35.07 ha, centred approximately 22km South, South East of Palmer River Roadhouse in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



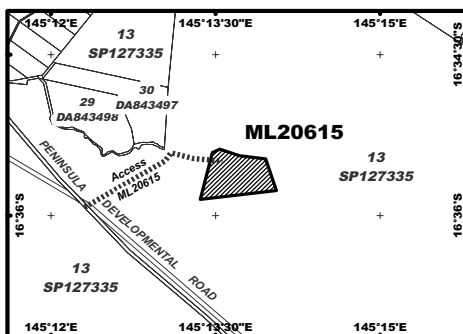
Mining Lease 20596 sought by Raymond Michael Fitzgerald over an area of 17.01 ha, centred approximately 19km South, South East of Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



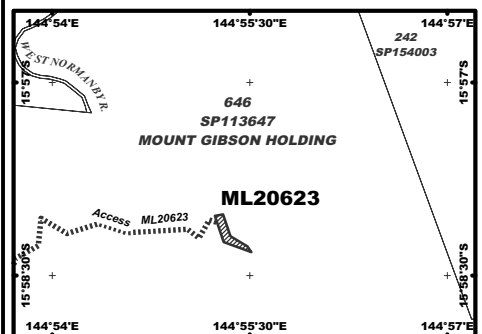
Mining Lease 20597 sought by Raymond Michael Fitzgerald over an area of 10.83 ha, centred approximately 18km South, South East of Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



Mining Lease 20615 sought by Consolidated Tin Mines Limited over an area of 72.38 ha, centred approximately 13km South East of Mount Carbine in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



Mining Lease 20623 sought by William Raymond Johnson over an area of 6.83 ha, centred approximately 14km South East of Lakeland in the locality of Cook Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): Grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for ML 20590, ML 20591, ML20592, ML 20596, ML 20597 and ML 20615; for a term not exceeding eighteen years (18) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding eighteen years (18) years for ML 20386, ML 20397, ML 20398, ML 20415 and ML 20416; for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years with the possibility of renewals not exceeding fifteen (15) years for ML 20623 and ML 20405; for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years with the possibility of renewals not exceeding twenty (20) years for ML 20456 and ML 20457; for a term not exceeding thirty one (31) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty one (31) years for ML 20413.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease applications, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 28 Peters Street Mareeba Qld 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4785, Fax: (07) 4092 4224.

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 Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6 Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000.

Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 21 July 2010

Midnight Basketball planned for Coffs Harbour



ATTEMPTS are being made to establish Midnight Basketball in the NSW north coast city of Coffs Harbour.

A community meeting will be held this week in the hope of getting the project off the ground.

The meeting will be hosted by Sandra Rowe, Byrony Barber and the Midnight

Basketball Association and will be held at the C.ex Club bowls auditorium, Vernon Street, at 6pm.

Midnight basketball has taken off around Australia. It is a program for 12-to-18-year-olds that combines sports with education on Friday and Saturday nights in a safe and motivating environment.

Each program runs for eight weeks

from 7.30pm to midnight. The night starts with a healthy meal, followed by compulsory life-skill workshops, then basketball and a bus ride home.

Shooting hoops, developing teamwork, learning new skills, making friends and keeping fit are some of the benefits for those taking part.

"We have found that Midnight Basketball fills a gap by providing a fun,

positive solution to boredom and disruption which is often the caused by having nothing to do on weekends," said Midnight Basketball Australia CEO Tess White.

"It's a fantastic initiative. We hope it gets the support it deserves."

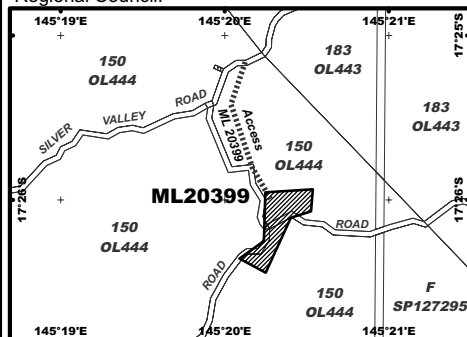
For further information, contact Sandra Rowe on 0401 201 662 or Bryony Barber on 0402 867 018.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES AND A MINING CLAIM

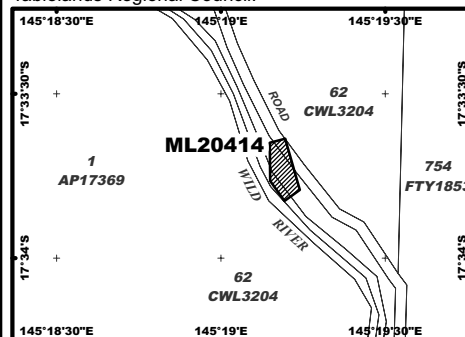
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of each of the Mining Leases and a Mining Claim shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

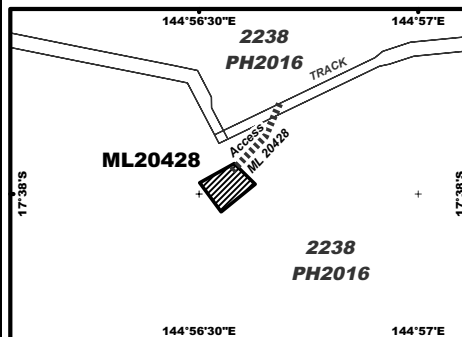
Mining Lease 20399 sought by Jason Byrne (50%), Lynette Burn (25%) and Graham William Byrne (25%) over an area of 28.44 ha, centred approximately 8km South West of Herberton in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



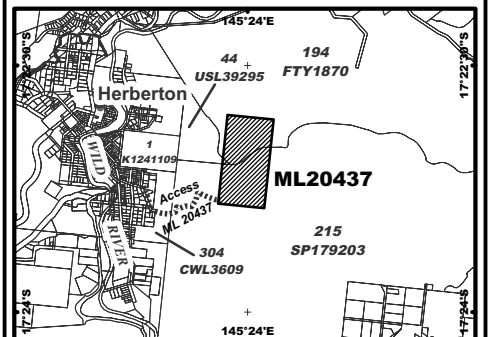
Mining Lease 20414 sought by Mayra Eugenia Foster (60%) and Stuart Valentine Foster (40%) over an area of 3.68ha, centred approximately 15km North, North East of Innot Hot Springs, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



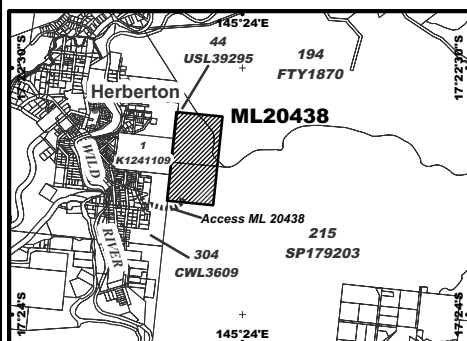
Mining Lease 20428 sought by International Metals (QLD) PTY LTD over an area of 2.28 ha, centred approximately 20km West, North West of Mount Garnet in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



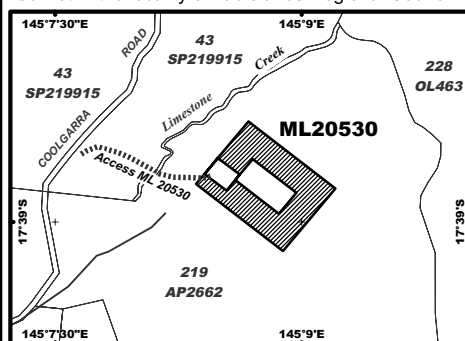
Mining Lease 20437 sought by Cormin Resources PTY LTD over an area of 50 ha, centred approximately 2km East of Herberton, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



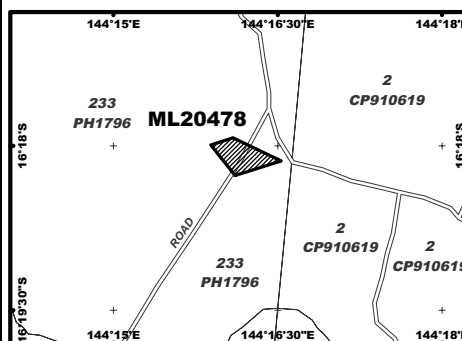
Mining Lease 20438 sought by Cormin Resources PTY LTD over an area of 50 ha, centred approximately 1.5km East of Herberton, in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



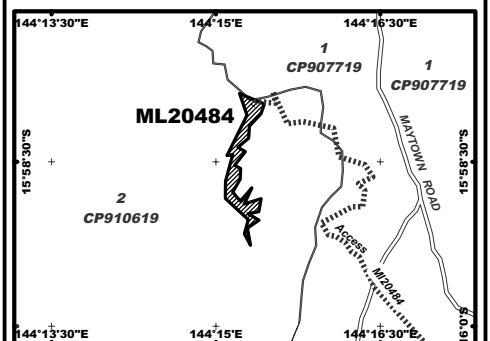
Mining Lease 20530 sought by Maxwell John Wilkins (33.34%) Russell Ross Wilkins (33.33%) and Robert James Wilkins (33.33%) over an area of 81.86 ha, centred approximately 5km North East of Mount Garnet in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



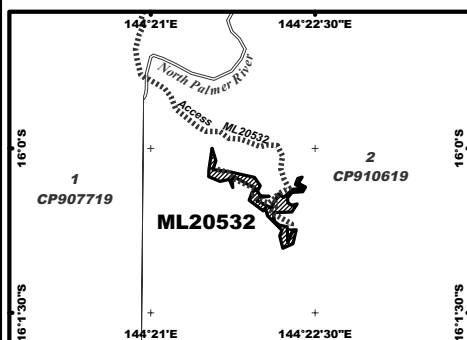
Mining Lease 20478 sought by Colleen Anne Donovan over an area of 35.79 ha, centred approximately 90km North, North West of Chillagoe, in the locality of Cook Shire.



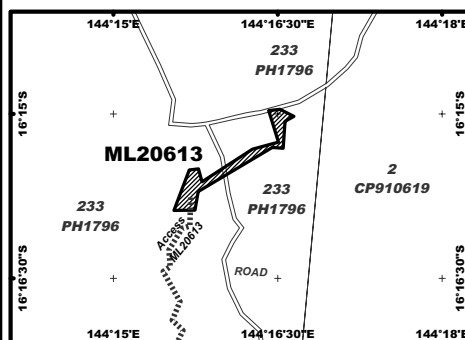
Mining Lease 20484 sought by Frank Zopponi over an area of 46.29 ha, centred approximately 10km North, North West of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



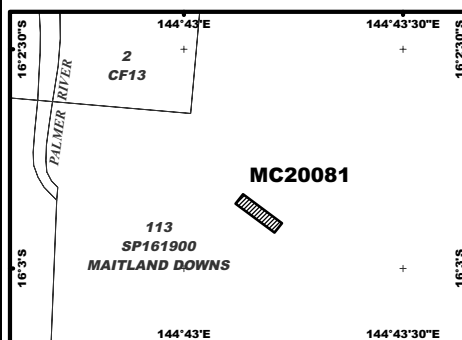
Mining Lease 20532 sought by Prospect Hill Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd over an area of 36.63 ha, centred approximately 10km North East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



Mining Lease 20613 sought by John Edward Saxby over an area of 47.54 ha, centred approximately 25km South East of Maytown, in the locality of Cook Shire.



Mining Claim 20081 sought by Geoffrey Arthur Jaynes (50%) and John Gilbert Grigg (50%) over an area of 1 ha, centred approximately 8km North West of the Palmer River Roadhouse, in the locality of Cook Shire.



Nature of Act(s): Grant of Mining Leases and a Mining Claim under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*, for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) years for ML 20399, ML 20484, ML 20613 and MC 20081; for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) years for ML 20414, and ML 20428; for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years with the possibility of renewals not exceeding twenty one (21) years for ML 20437, ML 20438, ML 20530 and ML 20532; for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years for ML 20478.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases and the Mining Claim be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases and the Mining Claim, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease and Mining Claim applications, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 28 Peters Street, Mareeba Qld 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4785, Fax: (07) 4092 4224.

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 Mining Leases and the Mining Claim. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6 Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000.

Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au. Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 21 July 2010

Palm's army invasion

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island will host the Reconciliation rugby league match between local club Skipjacks and the Army Thunder team for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield for the first time during NAIDOC celebrations on Saturday 10 July.

The match will start at 11am at the Palm Island football oval against a backdrop of coconut palms.

Two hours later, a game between another Palm Island club, Mount Bentley Raiders, and the visiting Injinoo Warriors from

the Northern Peninsula Area will be played.

Skipjacks were equal first with premiers Butler Bay Bulls and Jets in the Palm Island seven-club domestic competition after week eight of fixtures on 19 June.

On the same day, the Raiders scored a handsome 78-12 win over Brothers to snare fourth place on the ladder.

This will be the third year of the Skipjacks v Army game and the previous two clashes have been held at Brothers Leagues Club in Townsville.

This match is about relationship building between the Indigenous community of Palm Island and the Army.

The Koori Mail visited Palm

Island on 21 June and spoke to the late Bill Coolburra's son Jason, and he was looking forward to the game.

"It will be a very emotional time on the day of the game and we will all be thinking of Dad," Jason said.

Skipjacks official and coach Alex Morgan said it was exciting to have the match on Palm Island.

"Army officials visited Palm recently and gave our facilities the thumbs-up. The upgrading of our football oval has ensured we can now have it here every second year," Morgan said.

He said the game would coincide with NAIDOC celebrations – one of the most important times of the year.

"They (Army) are looking at bringing players in by helicopters and may even arrange a ferry over and back that day to carry supporters," he said.

The shield is named after the late Palm Islander Bill Coolburra, who served with



Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan, left, with his players at training.

distinction in the armed forces.

"It had been for the Bill Coolburra Shield and now it will be the Memorial Shield. He was a great man," Morgan said.

Mr Coolburra passed away on Palm Island last 28 October and his funeral on the island was one

of the biggest yet.

The two clashes have a great history, with Skipjacks winning both after scores were deadlocked each time at 28-all.

Skipjacks won the shield because they scored the first try in each match.

Baseball to spread wings



BASEBALL is out to attract more Indigenous Australians to the sport.

Sydney's newest baseball club, the Redfern Red Sox, is targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

There are some promising Indigenous baseballers, including Shannon Pender, Corey Pringle and Caleb Penrith.

Pender is a key player in the NSW State team, while Pringle is the catcher in the NSW Country under-17 squad.

Penrith is the short stop in the under-17 State team. He has attracted the attention of the Boston Red Sox and has already been to their training camp in the United States.

He also will attend the Australian Institute of Sport later this year to join their Major League camp on the Queensland Gold Coast. In a bid to unearth more Indigenous talent, the Redfern Red Sox are opening their doors to boys and girls, with girls playing with boys who are a year younger.

"Soon there will be an opportunity for our local community to have a go at this sport," a club official said.

"Baseball is easy to learn and favours the natural athlete. We are sure that we will have a club that will strike fear in the competition in no time."

In preparation for entering junior competitions, the Redfern Red Sox are running a series of events:

- National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy clinics at Tempe, Marrickville and Alexandria Park Community School clinics (by Red Sox and Baseball NSW), during June, with a combined school Yardball carnival at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence

- Introduction to baseball days (try baseball) at St Andrew's Gawura Campus late July and

Our Lady of Mt Carmel (28 July)

- The National Centre for Indigenous Excellence is including baseball clinics in its July school holiday program.

- There will be a 'Fun with Baseball' and registration day on 31 July at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence. A former US Major League player will be making an appearance, and there will be fun activities and small awards for fastest throws (measured by radar guns) and longest hits from a pitching machine (or a T for the younger players).

The plan is for the Red Sox to field four teams and start a weekly training program at Alexandria Park Community School Oval over four weeks in August, then on 4 September there will be a gala day one week before the season starts. Three established clubs will field teams to take on the Redfern Red Sox under-8s, under-10s and under-12s.

Personalities

The Red Sox under-16 team will take on a team of Indigenous sports stars likely to include Tony Mundine, Claude Williams and Eric Robinson.

The emergence of the Redfern Red Sox coincides with a change of direction for baseball in Australia.

A new national major league competition, similar to soccer's Hyundai A-League, is about to be launched.

It will be played during the 'off season' in United States baseball, allowing US-based Major League Australians to return home to prepare for the US competition.

About 450 Australians have made professional baseball careers around the world, with 26 of them playing US Major League.

Contact details for the Redfern Red Sox: Email: redfernredsox@gmail.com Website: www.isis.aust.com/rrbc/

5TH Annual
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
MELBOURNE
"INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL AT ITS GREATEST"

WHEN:
Mon 15th- Thurs 18th
November 2010 9am-3:00pm Everyday

WHERE:
Dandenong Basketball Stadium
 270 Stud Rd, Dandenong North-Victoria

DIVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR TEAMS:
A Grade Men & Women
Under 18, 16 & 14 Boys & Girls

Team Nomination Fees: \$250

Dunk Comp
 (A Grade Men)

3 Point Shoot Out
 (A Grade Men & Women)

To obtain an information package
NIKITA RIDGEWAY Tournament Director
 EMAIL: koorigirl@mail.com
 MOB: 0415 095 661

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

Premiership glory

By PETER ARGENT



FOUR developing Indigenous talents – Josh Simpson, Garry Warren, Lethanuel Rigney and Braden Allen – were a part

of the North Adelaide Football Club's under-16 premiership side in the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) last month.

Simpson, who is from Yalgoo, in Western Australia, South Augusta lad Warren, Rigney, from Ingle Farm, and Central Augusta recruit Allen were all a part of a Roosters side that dominated the competition.

Undefeated during the 2010 campaign, North Adelaide brought their A game to the Macca's Talent Shield season decider against Glenelg on Sunday 16 May at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide.

After a first-quarter shoot-out, the Roosters kicked 11 goals in the middle two terms, and eventually won by a handsome 54-point margin.

Slow start

Glenelg kicked four of the first five goals of the contest, but from the 17-minute mark of the opening term the Roosters started to assert a telling influence.

"It is good to go through unbeaten," North Adelaide coach and club premiership player David Tiller said.

"This effort to finish our season in style is a great positive for this squad, which has a huge amount of talent.

"It is fair to say we didn't have too many passengers and a pretty complete effort today.

"I've seen enormous potential in this group and many are capable as a minimum of playing



The Indigenous connection – North Adelaide under-16 premiership players, from left, Josh Simpson, from Yalgoo (WA), Garry Warren, (South Augusta), Lethanuel Rigney (Ingle Farm) and Braden Allen (Central Augusta).

league football at Prospect."

North Adelaide talent manager Neil Sanders was high in his praise of the Aboriginal quartet.

"Josh, Gary and Braden are all part of the Indigenous program at Rostrevor College," Sanders said.

"Josh is new to our club and only came to us through our connection with Rostrevor.

"We have several lads in the boarding house, and Peter Oswald, the boarding house master, drove them to training one night a week in term one.

"Josh played five of the nine-game program and was best-on-ground against Centrals.

"He was injured early in the grand final, so he had only a minimal impact."

North Adelaide has alerted the West Australian selectors of Simpson's ability and he may come under consideration for the WA under-16 State side.

Warren was a member of North Adelaide under-15 Country combination last year that was beaten by Glenelg in the grand final.

"From that championship, he was selected as one of 50 Indigenous players to attend a week-long camp," Sanders said.

"From that he was selected for the Australian AFL Kickstart

team that toured South Africa in March. Gary played four of the games and showed brilliance on occasions, but needs to improve his consistency.

"Rigney is a local lad who has come through the Roosters' suburban development program."

Sanders said the past 12 months had seen Lethanuel come on as a player.

"Again, he probably needs to be a bit more consistent, but he has the ability to go a long way and has been invited to train on with the under-18s," he said.

Allen was in his second season of SANFL under-16s football, having finished third in

the club's best-and-fairest at this level in 2009.

"He has sublime skills, probably playing his best game in the grand final," Sanders said.

"Braden has outstanding awareness, and his ability to find team-mates, even when in traffic, is sensational.

"He is a member of the group of 55 trying out for the State squad to be announced in a few weeks.

"I believe he is an outstanding chance to make the final 25 to go to Sydney for the Nationals."

Sanders did not confirm whether Simpson, Warren and Allen would return to college commitments with Rostrevor.

TI rugby league matches suspended

By ALF WILSON



RUGBY league fixtures on Thursday Island, in the Torres Strait, have been suspended for the last three scheduled rounds because some of the four clubs have not paid player insurance premiums.

The Kaiwalagal Rugby League runs the competition which features Knights, Roosters, Suburbs and Gladiators. Games are held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

Players who contacted *The Koori Mail* said that fixtures were not held on 5 June and another two weekends. No fixtures were scheduled for the Queen's Birthday long weekend on 12 June because of the Island of Origin series on Badu Island.

A source told *The Koori Mail* that Gladiators had been the only club to pay the insurance premiums, which covers players who are injured.

Queensland Rugby League (QRL) Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy confirmed the suspension.

"The KRL executive has suspended the

competition because three clubs have not paid their insurance. That is as much as I know," Mr Nosworthy said.

He advised *The Koori Mail* to contact KRL President Harry Cook.

On 24 June, Mr Cook confirmed the competition had been suspended and that delegates had met on 22 June and that teams had until that night (24 June) to provide receipt of insurance payments before games could proceed again.

"Gladiators were the only team to pay their insurance. Knights Club has provided a copy of the cheque sent to our insurance broker. Suburbs and Roosters need to provide proof of the transaction or as mentioned, a certificate of insurance payment," Mr Cook said.

On 25 June – after the deadline – Mr Cook said that Suburbs signatories were not available on the island to make payment to meet that deadline.

"Therefore, there will not be any games this weekend (26 June) in the KRL Cup competition. The original deadline was 28 February this year – which all clubs were informed about," Mr Cook said.



Kaiwalagal Rugby League President Harry Cook: "There has been a culture of taking risks within our region..."

He said that Suburbs and Roosters clubs had until Tuesday 29 June to produce evidence of insurance cover for games to begin the following weekend (3 July).

"This will provide sufficient time for organisers to prepare the venue. It is frustrating for the committee to address Insurance matters at this period of the KRL Cup competition," he said.

"I am sending a strong message to all teams to prioritise what is most important."

A similar situation occurred on Palm Island when the season was put back several weeks when some clubs had not paid premiums.

Mr Nosworthy visited Palm Island and advised club delegates of the importance of paying premiums.

Palm Island now runs a highly successful seven-club competition which is into its second round.

"There has been a culture of taking risks within our region because of the inconsistencies in the development of strong foundations," Mr Cook said.

"The level of competent administration within remote communities is limited and there seems to be a lack in the importance of establishing and maintaining sound governance within the administration that delivers rugby league in remote communities.

"Also, there seems to be a lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities of volunteers within the administration."

Mr Cook said it was vitally important for teams to understand the procedures, especially considering Torres Strait looked set to have a stand-alone team in the Foley Shield competitions.

"In other words, we will not settle for second best," he said.

Cook signs off

303-game career comes to an end

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



TROY Cook called an end to his decorated 303-game senior football career and received the ideal send-off with his West Australian Football League (WAFL) side Perth winning its first game of the season as he now turns his attention to his family and continuing to help Indigenous communities throughout Western Australia.

Cook finished his AFL and WAFL career with 108 games with the Perth Demons either side of 43 matches with the Sydney Swans, 150 with the Fremantle Dockers and two while representing Western Australia.

Along the way he captained Perth in the WAFL after retiring from the Dockers at the end of 2007 where he earned life membership, won a fairest-and-best award and was named the best clubman. But more than the accolades was the universal respect he won from the football community.

Cook was never the quickest or highest skilled, but more often than not was the hardest working and most determined person on the football field which, more often than not, turned him into the best player.

His ferocious tackling became his trademark, as did his ability to run all day, pick up plenty of the ball, lead from the front and constantly put his body on the line.

Tenacious to the end

He did that right to his last game when he laid eight tackles, collected 20 disposals and kicked two goals as Perth beat Peel Thunder by 91 points to record its first win of a so-far disappointing 2010 season.

The 33-year-old has no doubt he is retiring at the right time.

"At the start of this year I gave up the captaincy and I wanted to have a bit of fun in my last year and hopefully be part of winning enough games to be around the mark to try and play some finals footy. With the way the season has panned out, it's not too much fun any more," Cook said.

"I now know that I'm ready to step away from the game. I finished second in the fairest-and-best the last couple of years, so I was still contributing, but I'm probably the oldest bloke at the club by seven years so they have to look to the future and keep pushing the colts up to generate the depth."

Cook ends his career with the rare distinction of leaving a strong legacy at two football clubs – Perth and Fremantle – and his heart will remain with both as he now moves into retirement and takes a break from the game before considering coaching.

"To go back to the

club that gave me my opportunities and finish off has been great. I knocked on the door at Perth at the start of the 1993 pre-season and to then come back after I retired from the AFL to Perth and be asked to captain the side was a great honour for me," Cook said.

"The Perth footy club has a great history and now my name will always be up there as a captain. It's all over now and it's been a great ride. I've learned so much through my whole footy career, it has taken me to some great places and I've made some great friendships along the way.

"My heart is with Freo. I'm a life member there and to end my career as a life member, fairest-and-best winner, best clubman and part of their short history is great. Hopefully a little bit of success isn't too far away and I can go back there to help celebrate and be part of the future."

Family comes first

Cook's focus now turns to his family consisting of partner Tamara, son Xavier and recently born daughter Lola, and he can't wait to spend more time with them.

"No matter how hard things are during the day and when you lose a game of footy, there's nothing better than coming home and giving my little boy and girl a hug," he said.

"It makes everything else seem insignificant really and a big part of my



Troy Cook carries son Xavier as he does a farewell lap with WAFL side the Perth Demons.

decision to not go on is so I can spend a bit more time with my kids and partner. I'm looking forward to closing one chapter and opening up another with my family."

Cook's other focus will be to continue his work with the Wirrpanda Foundation, where he has been since retiring from Fremantle in 2007.

He is committed to helping the Indigenous communities, but he did miss playing East Perth and Wirrpanda one last time due to the birth of Lola earlier in the season.

"It would have been good to play against Wirra, but my little daughter was born on the Friday before. I didn't get home until three o'clock in the morning so it wasn't the best preparation. It would have been good, but I played plenty against him in the AFL anyway," Cook said.

Carnarvon soft spot

"I got an opportunity (recently) to go up to Carnarvon, where I'm from, and I never forget where I come from. To be part of the community with the foundation and going out to a school where we played different sports with them to give them a lot of different experiences was great.

"Hopefully, those kids have aspirations to go on and play sport at the best level they can or go on and keep studying at school or going into the workplace with an apprenticeship or whatever. The important thing is to help them set a goal and do everything they can to try and achieve it."



Team-mates chair Troy Cook from the field after his final game.

Mills heads Aussie squad



INDIGENOUS point guard Patrick Mills headed a 15-man Boomers

training squad for the three-match basketball series against Argentina.

Mills has recently completed his first NBA season with the Portland Trailblazers.

Also included in the squad for the training camp in Perth was another Indigenous player – Bamaga product centre Nathan Jawai – who is recovering from an ankle injury.

The Boomers beat the world No 1 ranked Argentinians 97-58 in Perth on Friday. Mills was in fine touch and scored 13 points, while Jawai scored ten.

The teams were to play again in Melbourne on Sunday and Adelaide yesterday.

Australia then will head to China to defend its Boris Stankovic Cup title against Slovenia, Iran and China from 28 July.

Another pre-world championship tournament will be held in France between Australia, Ivory Coast, Brazil and the hosts from 22 August.

From there, the Boomers head to Kayseri (Turkey) for their world championship opener against Jordan on 28 August.

Drawn in Group A, Australia face the world's top teams including Argentina, Germany, Serbia and Angola.

The Boomers must finish in the top four of the group in order to progress to the knock-out stage.

The Boomers' remaining 2010 international schedule:

28 July, v Slovenia in Liuzhou, China

19 July, v Iran in Liuzhou, China

31 July, v China in Liuzhou, China

1 August, Boris Stankovic Cup final in Liuzhou, China

22 August, v France in Lyon, France

23 August, v Ivory Coast in Lyon, France

24 August, v Brazil in Lyon, France

18 August, v Jordan in Kayseri, Turkey (FIBA world championship)

29 August, v Argentina in Kayseri, Turkey (FIBA world championship)

30 August, v Germany in Kayseri, Turkey (FIBA world championship)

1 September, v Serbia in Kayseri, Turkey (FIBA world championship)

2 September, v Angola in Kayseri, Turkey (FIBA world championship) – AAP

Our mid-season

THE 2010 Australian Football League (AFL) season has evoked a huge amount of interest. Now, with nearly 11 per cent of the AFL playing list having an Indigenous heritage, *The Koori Mail's* PETER ARGENT takes a look at the Indigenous component in each side and looks at individual performers over the first half of the competition.

*= rookie list player.

Adelaide (6 Indigenous players)

Tony Armstrong (5 – 2010 AFL games, 0 – 2010 AFL goals), Jonathon Griffin (4, 0), Jarrhan Jacky (0, 0), Graham Johncock (6, 2), Andrew McLeod (11, 9), Jared Petrenko (11, 6)

Tony Armstrong, collected in the 2007 national draft from the NSW-ACT Rams, made his debut in round one this year and has displayed real promise in his five senior games as a defender.

Ruckman **Jonathon Griffin**, after playing the season opener, took another eight rounds to break back into a Crows side which wasn't winning.

He had produced strong form at SANFL level and the second half of the 2010 campaign will be critical to his future at the Crows.

West Australian **Jarrhan Jacky** has struggled with form and injury, playing both SANFL league and reserves football for Woodville-West Torrens.

Graham Johncock has played only six of the possible 12 games because of injury and discipline issues, but is a key player in Adelaide's defence.

Of the four veteran players at the West Lakes-based club that includes Simon Goodwin, Tyson Edwards and Brett Burton, the Adelaide Crows' record games holder, **Andrew McLeod**, is the only one not to announce his retirement.

Before he received a significant knee injury in round 11, McLeod was one of the more consistent performers for the club.

In the Friday night fixture on 23 April, McLeod played his 333rd game since his debut in 1995. This took him into the leading 15 players in the history of the game.

At the middle of the season, the Crows are at the foot of the ladder and are on course for their worst season in the club's short history.

Brisbane Lions (4)

Ashley McGrath (10, 3), Albert Proud (2, 1), Xavier Clarke (0, 0), Sam Sheldon (3, 0)

For a Brisbane side which has struggled after the opening month, **Ashley McGrath** has been one of their more consistent players. He had a career-high 31 disposals against Adelaide at AMMI Stadium in May. Unfortunately, a hamstring problem is expected to have him sidelined until round 16.

Albert Proud has played just a couple of games at senior level and has been on the injury list from round nine.

Sam Sheldon, one of the form defenders at the Lions last year, finally returned to the senior side in round ten, adding value as a 'run and carry' player.

Knee problems have made a mess of **Xavier Clarke's** first season in the Lions' colours and he is yet to don the club's jumper.

A season that started with real promise in

the first month for Brisbane looks close to tatters at the half-way point of the winter.

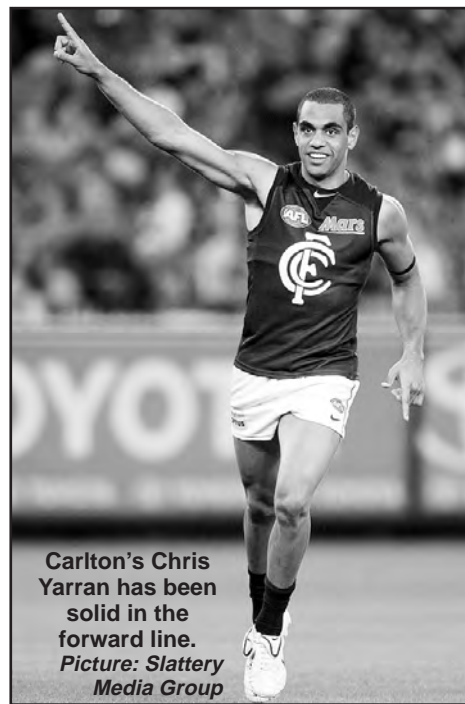
Carlton (5)

Chris Yarran (9, 14), Andrew Walker (8, 0), Jeff Garlett * (9, 14), Eddie Betts (12, 24), Joe Anderson (5, 0)

Darwin lad 21-year-old **Joe Anderson**, who was drafted in 2006, played another five senior games in the first half of the season, but can't seem to cement his place in the senior 22 at Carlton.

Eddie Betts has become a critical component in the Blues' forward line, averaging two goals a game over the first 12 rounds. He played his 100th senior match in the round-three fixture against Essendon and has season-high five-goal hauls against St Kilda and North Melbourne.

After taking three rounds to force his way



Carlton's Chris Yarran has been solid in the forward line.
Picture: Slattery Media Group

into the Blues' senior side, livewire small forward **Jeff Garlett** has started to make his presence felt. His four-goal effort in the Monday night win over St Kilda was a standout.

Chris Yarran, the third member of the Carlton Indigenous forward line, played the first nine games, helping himself to 14 goals, including three-goal efforts against Richmond and Adelaide.

Andrew Walker played eight games in the first half of the year and when on song is one of the dashing defenders in the competition. He is a vital component in the Blues' defence.

The jury is out about how good the Blues side is, despite still being in the top eight.

Collingwood (4)

Anthony Corrie (0, 0), Leon Davis (11, 15) Brad Dick (1, 4), Sharrod Wellingham (10, 8)

Leon Davis and **Sharrod Wellingham** have been key components in the Magpies' first half of the season.

Wellingham has averaged upwards of 20 touches a game over the ten matches he's played, while Davis, a senior player at Collingwood, is being used more in the mid-field rotations, improving his output over the course of the match.

Brad Dick finally got his first chance for the year in round 12, and kicked four goals as a small forward in the draw with Melbourne. He had a late start to the

season and played four games at VFL before being promoted.

Anthony Corrie has been dealing with knee problems, which have curtailed any opportunities, only playing a couple of VFL games at the start of the year.

Collingwood are now a likely top-four finisher and on the second tier of contenders after the potent Geelong side.

Essendon (8)

Courtenay Dempsey (12, 2), Jarrod Atkinson (6, 1), Alwyn Davey (9, 15), Leroy Jetta (5, 8), Nathan Lovett-Murray (8, 3), Patrick Ryder (12, 12), Anthony Long (0, 0), Mark Williams (4, 5)

Jarrod Atkinson, a mature-age selection, played six games in a row after being elevated to the Bombers' side in round six, and is starting to understand the demands of football at the top level.

After a breakout season in 2009, **Courtenay Dempsey** has plateaued a little this year. He is still an important component across half back, but his attention to his immediate opponent needs to be more diligent.

Conversely, **Leroy Jetta** has made some giant strides in the first half of the season and is developing into an integral member of the squad.

The defensive side of Jetta and **Alywn Davey's** games are key attributes this year.

In three of his five first-half appearances, Jetta, at five tackles a game, and Davey produced an amazing 11-tackle effort against the Western Bulldogs in a nine-point win.

Nathan Lovett-Murray, who was an All-Australian country footballer back in 2002, after a slow start with injury finally got to his 100th game milestone for Essendon in the round-three win over Carlton and has been a regular and integral member of the side, when not injured.

Patty Rider took a month or so to get going as well, but his form over the second six-week period confirms the assessment he is among the most talented young big men in the game.

Key recruit up forward **Mark Williams** struggled with form early and has been dealing with injuries since.

First-year Bomber **Anthony Long** has spent this season so far playing with Bendigo in the VFL. From his seven appearances he was among the best players twice.

The Bombers are one of the clubs developing a young list and at best can only hope to scrape into the top eight.

Fremantle (8)

Antoni Grover (4, 0) Roger Hayden (12, 3), Des Headland (4, 7) Stephen Hill (12, 10) Michael Johnson (8, 7) Casey Sibosado * (0, 0), Michael Walters (0, 0), Joe Houghton (0, 0)

Antoni Grover, a veteran of the Dockers for more than a decade, had a slow start to the season due to injury, but was able to force his way back into the senior team from round nine, while fellow defender **Roger Hayden** has been a constant in the back line, playing consistent football.

Des Headland, another Dockers veteran, played the opening four rounds, but injury has put a big dent in his season.

Stephen Hill, the runner-up in the 2009 Rookie of the Year award, has displayed many flashes of brilliance, and his 32-possession game against the Brisbane Lions was sublime.

Unfortunately for **Michael Johnson**, his off-field dramas having negated any on-field performances. He played the first eight games before a club-imposed suspension.

Rookie **Casey Sibosado**, **Michael Waters** and **Joe Houghton** haven't been able to force their way into the senior side in an impressive first half of the season for the club.

Sibosado has been playing in key positions for Perth in the WAFL and is performing soundly.

Waters has been flashy as a small forward during his 11 games with Subiaco, while Houghton started in the reserves, playing six games, before being promoted to the Perth seniors in early June.

Having over-achieved in many people's eyes in the first half of the year, it will be interesting to see if Mark Harvey's Dockers can continue the momentum. They are a definite top-four possibility.

Geelong Cats (6)

Adam Varcoe (0, 0)*, Travis Varcoe (7, 12), Mathew Stokes (5, 8), Nathan Djerrkura (1, 0), Steven Motlop (1, 0), Allen Christensen (0, 0)

Travis Varcoe, one of the most gifted players in the AFL, missed the first five games with injury, but slotted back into the groove and had an outstanding five-goal game against Essendon.

There has been no doubting the endeavour of **Mathew Stokes** since his club-imposed ban – he's played the past five games and had two three-goal hauls against Collingwood and Melbourne.

One of the frustrations with such a dominant team is the lack of opportunities for fringe players.

Nathan Djerrkura only had the single chance this year in the round three loss to Fremantle and was relegated to VFL football. His form at the second level has been consistent.

Another member of the famous **Motlop** clan, **Steven**, earned promotion for a single game. His debut was in round two against Hawthorn. There was sweet and sour for Motlop in his initial game as he received a hard blow to the back of his shoulder in a contest where he felt the full impact of team-mate Tom Hawkins' knee.

He underwent surgery on the shoulder and will be sidelined for at least 12 weeks. Geelong then placed young forward Steve Motlop on the AFL's long-term injury list.

Adam Varcoe and first-year listed player **Allen Christensen** have been playing in the VFL.

Christensen, wearing the number 66, has played seven games and the younger Varcoe sibling is kicking a goal a game on average.

Geelong is certainly the competition yardstick and outright favourites for the 2010 premiership.

Hawthorn (7)

Cameron Stokes* (19, 8), Carl Peterson * (11, 9), Cyril Rioli (11, 16), Lance Franklin (11, 25), Chance Bateman (7, 3), Rhan Hooper (4, 5), Shaun Burgoyne (5, 0)

After a horrendous one-win and six-loss start, the Hawks' return to form has coincided with **Shaun Burgoyne's** debut in

● Continued next page

2010 stocktake

● From previous page

a brown-and-gold jumper in round eight. The former Power premiership player has added another dynamic to the playing group, while **Lance Franklin** has continued to prove why he is a superstar of the game. Over the same period, Franklin kicked 5.4 in the 50-point win over Carlton, and three-goal efforts against Sydney and Adelaide, either side of a one-match rest given out by the judiciary.

Chance Bateman has had an up-and-down year, with the outstanding performance being the 31-touch effort against Collingwood in the round-four loss.

After a brace of goals in his debut for the Hawks in round one, **Rhan Hooper** injured himself in his 50th AFL appearance.

Cyril Rioli, the young star with a huge heritage in the game, notched up his 50th milestone match in round seven against the West Coast Eagles.

His best effort has been a four-goal bag against Richmond at the start of the Hawks' winning sequence which has them back in the top eight.

Carl Peterson, off the rookie list, has displayed real flair at times during the opening half of his first senior season.

Cameron Stokes – just about to turn 21 – has made one AFL appearance this year, to add to his nine in 2008 and ten last year.

He's played four games over the past month at VFL level and has been steady.

Considered no chance of seeing finals action after seven rounds, the turnaround by the Hawks has been epic.

Melbourne (5)

Austin Wonaeamirri (2, 2), Liam Jurrah (0, 0), Neville Jetta (4, 4), Aaron Davey (12, 5), Jamie Bennell (11, 9)

In his second year of senior football, **Jamie Bennell** has been reinvented as a livewire small forward after spending the majority of his first year in defence.

His best effort was a four-goal haul against Port Adelaide in a one-point win.

2009 best-and-fairest **Aaron Davey** has continued from where he left off last year and is one of the on-field leaders.

Neville Jetta forced his way back into the seniors in round nine and has been solid over the past month.

Disappointingly, **Liam Jurrah** was injured in a trial game at Elizabeth Oval and has missed the first half of the year, recently resuming in the VFL.

Jurrah, after significant injury issues early in the season, played a VFL game in round ten without having any real impact.

Austin Wonaeamirri has been among the goal kickers for the Casey Scorpions over the past month and produced his best game at this level, also in round ten.

The progression and the competitiveness of the Demons would have excited many fans during the first half of the year. They will not make the top eight, but have progressed steadily.

North Melbourne (5)

Lindsay Thomas (12, 25), Daniel Wells (11, 11), Cruize Garlett (4, 1), Matt Campbell (6, 1), Warren Benjamin (0, 0)

After playing the first two games of the year, injury forced **Matt Campbell** to wait until round nine to make his 50th senior appearance for North Melbourne. When fit, he is considered an important member of the senior 22.

Cruize Garlett, promoted to the senior list this year, has played four games since round seven in the North Melbourne's league team.

Lindsay Thomas has started to prove himself among the elite small forwards. His match-winning 7.5 against Carlton in the 25th year anniversary of Friday night football blockbuster in round 12 included 20 possessions and eight tackles and was among the best individual performances for the entire season.

Daniel Wells is regarded in the top echelon of players in the code, although his game is marred by inconsistency. His 33-disposal performance in round three against the West Coast ensured the club's first win of the year.

Warren Benjamin has played nine of the possible ten games for the reigning VFL premiers, North Ballarat, holding down his position in the senior side.

Inconsistent describes North Melbourne's first half of the year. At their best they can compete against anyone in the league, but collecting a string of victories has been hard in Brad Scott's first year in charge.

Port Adelaide (5)

Nathan Krakouer (5, 0), Daniel Motlop (5, 6), Marlon Motlop (0, 0), Wade Thompson (0, 0), Danyle Pearce (12, 7)

From the famous **Krakouer** dynasty, **Nathan** was an important part of the Power back six in the opening four round, but has played only one game since, being sidelined with groin problems.

Marlon Motlop has missed a lot of football this year after a fractured foot, and this is expected to have him sidelined for at least another month.

The freakish **Daniel Motlop** has been unable to put total focus on his football due to personal issues. His best effort this year has been three goals in the thrilling round-seven win over Essendon.

Now a 100-game AFL footballer (this was achieved in round seven against Essendon) **Danyle Pearce** is a key ingredient in the Port Adelaide engine room.

Wade Thompson has spent the season with North Adelaide in the SANFL. After consistent performances at reserves level, he finally forced his way into the Roosters' league side for the match against Glenelg.

After a promising start, the Power have spiralled out of contention over the past month, not being able to arrest the losing streak.

Richmond (5)

Shane Edwards (12, 4), Alroy Gilligan *(0, 0), Richard Tambling (10, 3), Troy Taylor (2, 2), Renton Roberts (2, 0)

Now a fourth-year AFL footballer, **Shane Edwards** has begun to adapt to the rigours of football at the top level, performing consistently over the first 12 rounds of the year. He played his 50th senior game in round three against Sydney Swans and had played his part in the Tigers' victories.

Richard Tambling had his landmark 100th AFL game against Fremantle in round five, but has struggled this year with consistency.

Mature-aged selection **Renton Roberts** made his debut in round one and a second game in round three, but has struggled with the requirements of football at the top level.

Troy Taylor, regarded as a long-term prospect, had his first taste of AFL football in rounds four and five, kicking a goal in each match.

From Fitzroy Crossing in outback WA, **Alroy Gilligan** is still yet to turn 20 and is playing with Coburg reserves in the VFL.

His season only began in May and he was best-on-ground in the 13 June match against the Box Hill Hawks.

There is some light at the end of the tunnel for Tigers' fans after a painful start to the season, but there is still a long road ahead.

St Kilda (2)

Raphael Clarke (8, 0), Nick Winmar (0, 0)

After an injury-riddled start, **Raph Clarke**, one of the coach's favourite players at St Kilda, returned to the senior team in round four against Fremantle as has been a regular member of the Saints' frugal defence.

Nick Winmar has been playing with Sandringham in the VFL competition. After



Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli carries the Rioli heritage with distinction. He's one of the Hawks' finest.

starting his season in the seconds, he was among the best players in two of his three games, earning a promotion to the senior team.

The Saints, one of the leading teams in the competition despite the loss of captain Nick Riewoldt for the majority of the season, are one of the true contenders in 2010.

Sydney Swans (3)

Adam Goodes (12, 24), Lewis Jetta (11, 0), Byron Sumner (0, 0)

Adam Goodes, one of the marquee players in football and a person who has achieved everything – two Brownlow Medals, a premiership in 2005, club best-and-fairest and longevity in the game, continues to be a critical component for the Swans.

A versatile footballer, Goodes was the lynchpin in a number of early wins.

Lewis Jetta burst on to the scene and was very damaging early, giving the Swans much-needed run and carry through the middle of the ground.

Drafted out of the WAFL competition, Jetta quickly adjusted to the pace and intensity of AFL football.

As expected in this first year at the top level, as we get into the heart of the season his form is tapering off a little.

Byron Sumner, after a late start, is

finding his feet for the Swans reserves side in the AFL Canberra competition.

The Swans are expected to be a definite top-eight side, but whether they are a top-four prospect is questionable.

West Coast Eagles (4)

Adam Cockie *(0, 0), Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls*(0, 0), Gerrick Weedon (0, 0), Lewis Broome (0, 0) *

Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls, playing for East Perth, has displayed consistency at WAFL level, averaging upwards of 18 possessions a game over the first 12 rounds.

Adam Cockie, after an initial game at reserves level, has played eight in the league company, producing satisfactory performances without taking the competition by storm.

After a six-game apprenticeship at reserves level, **Gerrick Weedon** has moved up to senior WAFL football. In the four games, his best effort was two goals against Peel Thunder.

Lewis Broome has been playing at reserves level for Claremont, being a solid performer.

Having under-performed this year, the Eagles are destined to finish at the foot of the table.

Western Bulldogs (5)

Josh Hill (10, 19), Jarrod Harbrow (12, 1), Brennan Stack (6, 8) Liam Jones (0, 0), Shane Thorne (0, 0)

Jarrod Harbrow, having developed into one of the Western Bulldogs' important outlet defenders, reached his 50th AFL game in round two against Richmond and has played every game this year.

A high possession winner and creative half back, in the round-six loss to St Kilda, Harbrow collected 36 possessions.

Josh Hill reached the 50-game landmark for the Western Bulldogs in round ten. Used as a medium-sized forward, he has averaged just under two goals a game as support to Barry Hall in attack.

After forcing his way into the side in round seven, **Brennan Stack** has kept his place in the 22 over the following six weeks. He delivers another option in attack as a small to medium forward for the Bulldogs.

Developing young forward **Liam Jones** has been consistently among the goal kickers for Williamstown in the VFL, with his best haul being a four-goal bag against the Gold Coast in round two.

Shane Thorne injured his knee and at best is expected to return to football in late July.

The Bulldogs are a side vying for a top-four final, but have been a little inconsistent in the first half of the year.

Gold Coast (2)

Roland Ah Chee* (0, 0), Liam Patrick (0, 0)

After starting in the AFL Queensland competition, **Roland Ah Chee** has now played five senior games for the Gold Coast franchise, being among the best players once.

Liam Patrick's football development has grown quickly during the first half on his initial season at VFL level.

Despite being competitive in a number of matches, the Gold Coast has only enjoyed one victory in the first half of the 2010 VFL season.

Swans reclaim Marn Grook Trophy

● **RIGHT:** Sydney Swans player Adam Goodes receives the Marn Grook Trophy from former Swans star Michael O'Loughlin after the Swans beat Essendon by nine points at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 6 June.

In a tight contest, the nine-point final margin was the biggest between the two teams at any point of the game. Scores were tied at half time and again at three-quarter time, but two goals in the final term in torrential rain was enough to secure the Swans their first victory in five weeks.

Marn Grook is the name given to a

traditional game played during a corroboree of the Djabwurrung and Jardwadjali clans in Victoria's Western District. It is believed that this game is one of the inspirations for Australian football as it is known today.

The traditional game was played with a ball made from possum skin about the size of an orange which was filled with pounded charcoal and/or grass and was bound into a hard ball with kangaroo sinews and then kicked and tossed by two opposing teams of up to 50 players.

Picture: Slattery Media Group



Racism has no place!

THE topic of sport and racism has filled the papers and consumed television news over the past few weeks.

The high-profile incident in rugby league involving three of that sport's biggest names – Greg Inglis, Timana Tahu and Andrew Johns – caused a lot of hurt for a lot of people, and not just the fans of that game.

Many of the Indigenous players in the AFL sent messages of personal sport to those involved in the incident and it was seen as a stark reminder that we all need to be vigilant in the fight against racism.

I have been a proud supporter of the Australian Football League (AFL) in its work in Indigenous communities and in its promotion of Indigenous people within the game.

But while the AFL can rightly be seen as a leader in this area, we should not for a moment think that we are immune from racism.

As always, the voice of my good mate Adam Goodes brought reason into the debate when he admitted that in recent seasons, he had been subject to the sort of racial slurs used by Johns.

Ironically, he was speaking at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern, which is a beacon of hope for our future generations.

"Within the past five years," Goodes answered when asked a direct question.

"Look it happens, it happens in all levels of sport.

"I definitely know in my instances that after having dealt with them, after getting an apology from them, they didn't really think it was offensive to call someone that.

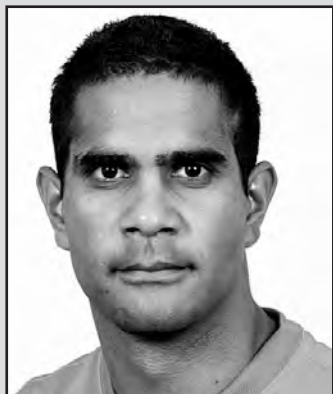
"So it is a little bit of educating them as well and standing up for your own rights and beliefs."

The importance of education cannot be over-emphasised and we need to continue to provide opportunities for our youth in particular

Like all of us, Goodes provided public support for Timana Tahu.

"I think it's fantastic that he stood up for what he believes in

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

magic@koorimail.com

and obviously he was offended," Goodes said.

But Adam amazed some when he revealed that he himself had been racially vilified in 2002 by another AFL player.

Goodes emphasised how times have changed and how he now has a different approach to matters, but it is a timely reminder to us all that racism or comments that cause offence affect all levels of life.

It's how we handle it that matters.

From Adam's perspective – and I agree with him – it is up to the individual.

"I think for me, growing up in high school, I was able to just take it, move on from it and deal with it that way," he said.

"But now that I'm playing professional sport, I'm doing something I love doing and someone says something that really hurts me and it does hurt my family, because I know what we've grown up with, the hard times; I'm gonna stand up for that, because that's what I believe in.

"And as a younger kid, I

probably didn't know what I really stood up for or what I really believed in.

"So I'd definitely stand up again if it happened and I hope people out there don't turn to violence when people do say things to them, because that's not the right answer either.

"Standing up for yourself might just be telling that person, 'Look, what you said really offended me and I'd really like it if you don't say that to me again'."

Adam's words should speak for us all.

To respond with violence just demeans us all.

To respond with offensive language just makes us as bad as those who seek to vilify us.

We need to make a stand and continue to maintain standards of respect and decency.

And unlike former player Mal Brown, we cannot use the justification of the past to excuse comments made today.

His 'cannibal' comments were equally offensive to me as I am sure they were to many others.

And then we had the unfortunate case of Robert DiPierdomenico, who has been a prominent advocate for the rights of Indigenous footballers, making an uncalled-for remark.

I took great pride in the stance of Andrew Demetriou, who refused to trot out excuses.

"He's (DiPierdomenico) been an incredible ambassador for children and with the role that he's played with us in promoting football, particularly in the Indigenous community," Demetriou said.

"I don't think that he can continue on in that gig (as Auskick Ambassador) in the short term because... it's a really unacceptable thing that he's said.

"He hasn't got a racist bone in his body, this bloke, but this is a completely stupid, ignorant comment and completely unacceptable.

"There's no place for it in the Australian community."

This is a stance to be shared by all.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



INDIGENOUS softballer Stacey Porter is captaining the Australian women's softball team at the

International Softball Federation's world championships in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Australians lost their opening match 4-1 to hosts Venezuela and were to play China on Saturday morning (Australian time) in their second game.

The world championships are the pinnacle of the sport after softball was cut from the Olympic program, and Porter told her home-town *Northern Daily Leader* (Tamworth, NSW) that the Australians would be disappointed with anything but a medal.

"(But) with our form leading in, we are certainly on track for this," Porter said.

At the last world titles, they finished with bronze, the same as they did at the Beijing Olympics.

The event in Caracas is Porter's second time at the world championships, but captaining the side is something special.

"It definitely wasn't something I was expecting so I was a little shocked when I was called into the coach's office when he told me," she said.

"But I'm looking forward to the challenge," she said before leaving Australia.

The Aussie Spirit headed into the championships ranked third but have, in Porter's opinion, drawn the toughest of the two pools.

"We have to play the USA, China and Venezuela, who will be tough on home turf, among other teams who will not be easy," she said.

New Zealand, Botswana, Dominican Republic and the Czech Republic round out their pool.

Their form in the run-up to Venezuela fuelled high

expectations in the Aussie camp, having completed a successful 14-game preparation in Los Angeles. They played various teams, most of them made up of local college players, and Porter said to win all 14 games was a great result.

There are eight new faces in the Australian squad.



STACEY PORTER



Our favourite picture of Stacey Porter shows the Australian third baseman making a catch in foul territory over a cameraman during the game against Canada at the Beijing 2008 Olympics. – AP photo

Looking forward

OVER the past few weeks, Timana Tahu has had my personal support and, I believe, the support of the overwhelming majority of National Rugby League (NRL) players and fans.

Anybody who has been the victim of racial abuse or a racial slur will have felt the pain that Timana experienced on behalf of Greg Inglis and the other players who were referred to in the comments of Andrew Johns.

I am pleased that Timana has received and accepted the support offered to him by the game through personal meetings with NRL Chief Executive David Gallop and the Rugby League Indigenous Council and hope that he and his family reach a point of resolution and can now move forward with their lives.

Reconciliation

I also hope that, in time, Timana and the others involved can reach some form of personal reconciliation with Andrew so that the hurt that has been caused can be resolved.

We can never forget acts or words that cause hurt, but it is my personal belief that we need to forgive when we believe an apology is genuine so that we can heal and move on.

By not forgetting, we remember the need to always stand up against racism wherever we encounter it.

By forgiving, we show that we are better people than those who continue to discriminate.

Timana's stance and personal sacrifice

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

showed great courage and he deserves our continued support.

He also showed that he was against all forms of discrimination, which shows the true depth of his values and his respect for the heritage of all people.

We will now work with him in ensuring that his actions leave a positive legacy for the game and general society.

It will be for his kids and all our kids as we continue to work for a brighter future.

I am excited that Timana will be joining me and Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Sam Thaiday, Matt Bowen and Nathan Merritt on the Advisory Council.

We can help him share the burden of expectation that some people have placed on him and make sure that rugby league continues to be a game for all.

Positives

So much that has happened over the past three years in the game has been positive, and I hope we can return to that building opportunities for Indigenous people within the game as well as using our profile to help our people.

The All Stars game next year promises to be an even bigger stage for advancing our cause and with the game and the support of players from all cultural backgrounds, we can make a stance that promotes zero tolerance to racism and all forms of discrimination.

It was a pity that Timana missed the All Stars experience due to his suspension.

It was one of the proudest moments of my life and an occasion where I not only felt pride in my culture, but felt accepted for my Aboriginality.

At the same time, the game allowed us to pay respect to the pain that was part of our shared history of the Stolen Generations.

It was a reflection that caused me personal sadness, especially when I considered the disadvantage still

experienced by so many of our people.

Each player was able to tell his own personal story as we used the game to reach out to the broader community and give a personal face to our story.

The story of the Stolen Generations is one where families had their kids taken away and felt helpless that they could do nothing to prevent it.

It was for them that we played on the night, and when I hugged my grandmother after the game, I hoped that in some small way I had helped heal the memories of that age.

We also played for our kids. In respecting our past, we wanted to give our kids hope for the future.

Timana's experience may have caused many to relive their own personal hurt or injustice.

Can't forget

Like the memories of the Stolen Generations, these are things we can't forget, but maybe there is a chance we can forgive.

The only way we can move forward as a country and as human beings is to work together, and that is what the All Stars game was all about.

But it just can't be about one game or one day.

It has to be about the whole game and the whole of society.

It has to be all day every day.

Let us all work together to stamp out racism and look to a brighter future for our kids.

League deadlock



THE establishment of an independent commission to take control of rugby league seemed no closer following a high-powered Australian Rugby League board meeting in Brisbane on Friday.

The introduction of the commission appeared to take a backward step after the Queensland and NSW Rugby Leagues threw legal punches during a two-hour meeting.

ARL Chairman Colin Love emerged from the talks, held at the QRL's Milton headquarters, with a mixed message.

"We had a healthy discussion about the independent commission and things are progressing," he said.

"We're going to organise another meeting with News Ltd and hopefully progress further.

"I should really discuss the details (of the meeting) with them (News Ltd), but nothing's really changed."

If nothing has changed, then the chances of the commission being implemented by the NRL clubs' deadline of 1 November haven't improved.

The QRL is deeply concerned it will not have a voice on the commission under the model already agreed to by the ARL,

News and the NRL clubs.

The QRL has not ruled out legal action after receiving advice that it has good grounds to challenge how the original 6-4 vote by the ARL board was conducted.

One concession the QRL wants is to have the right to be able to appoint one of the eight independent commissioners to protect the grass roots of the game.

One vote each

Under the ARL's model, both the QRL and NSWRL would have one vote each, while the 16 NRL clubs, including those funded by News Ltd, and the eight commissioners, would also have a vote.

QRL Managing Director Ross Livermore, who along with Chairman John McDonald are reportedly under fire from Queensland Cup clubs angling to dump them, said no decision had been reached about the make-up of an independent commission.

"They had (legal) advice on our proposal, but there was technically no decision made on which way we're going to go," Livermore said after the meeting.

"The composition of how the commission will be structured is still to be worked out.

"They want to get some more legal advice and opinion from News and go back to the steering committee and take it from there.

"There was no outcome other than we were all unanimous to get the commission going by the end of the season."

Livermore said the QRL had made it very clear why they were pushing their model rather than the one being pedalled by NSW.

"There's a resolution on the books that we don't agree with in its current format," he said.

"We could take a legal challenge if we wanted to, but we're waiting to see what happens.

"We have challenged the way the original resolution (for the independent commission) went through the ARL (in March).

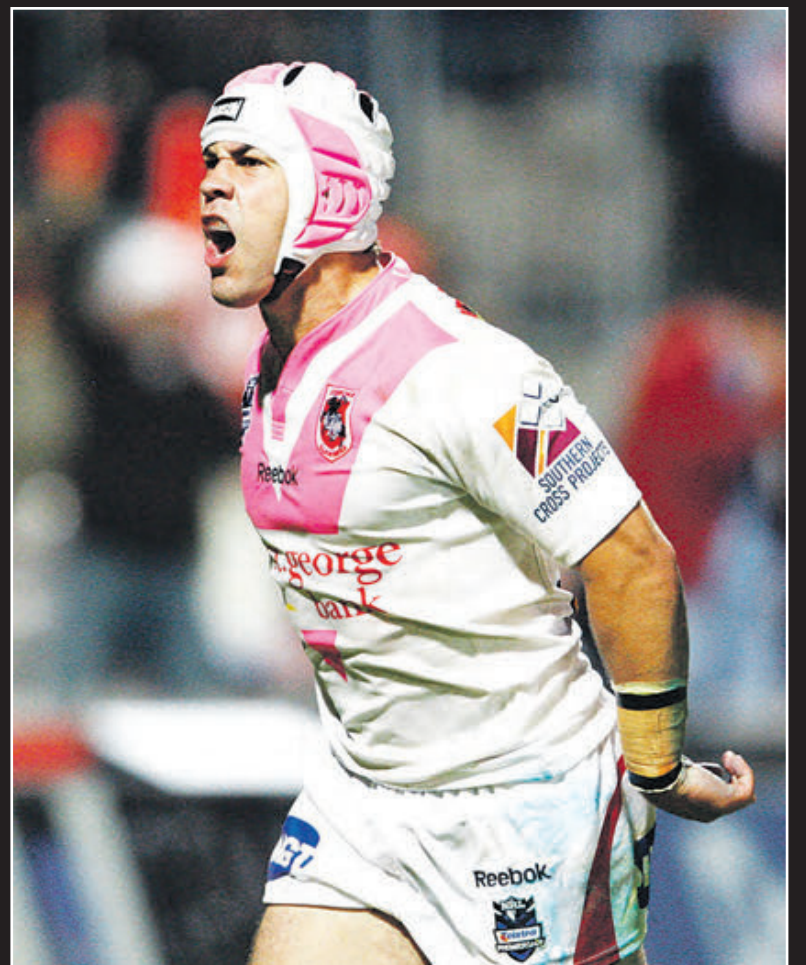
"We still reckon we're right about that. We put together an alternative model and we're debating that new model.

"If that comes about the way we see it, then everything should go ahead.

"At the moment the model that's on the table is the one that was put through on 11 March and it's not acceptable to us in its current form.

"With some adjustment and modification, it may be." - AAP

Soward's classic try



St George-Illawarra star Jamie Soward celebrates his try during the National Rugby League (NRL) round-16 game against the Tigers at WIN Jubilee Stadium, Wollongong, on Friday night. The Saints won 34-10. - AAP Image

25th jubilee Torres Strait Island

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Melbourne Storm footballer Sam Joe led Mua Razorbacks (from Moa Island) to an historic 50-26 win over Boigu Island side Malu Kiai in the grand final of the 25th Sea Swift Jubilee Island of Origin rugby league carnival on Badu Island.

A large crowd watched as 12 men's and five women's sides battled it out on Badu's Joe Mairu Memorial Oval from 10-13 June. Players and supporters travelled by outboard motor powered dinghies or small planes, with five referees from Cairns there to control the games.

In the men's grade, three sides from host Badu, two from Moa (St Paul's and Kubin combined), and one each from Mabuyag, Darnley, Boigu, Murray, Saibai, Yorke and Yam battled it out for the most prestigious sporting prize in the Torres Strait.

Women's teams came from Thursday Island, Mabuyag, Saibai, St Paul's and Badu.

Big hits

Features of the carnival were massive tackles and exhilarating backline movements.

Prizemoney of \$10,000 was up for grabs for the winner of the men's division and \$4000 for the runners-up, with a new rule stipulating that players in each side must have bloodlines to the islands they represented.

With so much on the line, protests were received from officials of two teams questioning the heritage of some players representing teams. But each was dismissed after officials from sides in the game involved appeared before the governing committee and Badu United President Wayne Guivarra.

Mua Razorbacks represented Moa Island and team stalwart and organiser David Bosun, who spent money from his own pocket for jumpers and players' travel, said it had been the first time his island had won the series decider.

Recruiter, selector

Bosun, who was a runner during the Mua Razorbacks' games, even recruited and selected the players he said had ancestral connection to Moa Island.

"I had balanced out the side from the forwards to the backs. I made sure that when a player was replaced during the interchange, he was replaced with a player from the reserve bench with the same capacity of speed, power and strength," Bosun said.

Bosun even co-ordinated the players' positions on the team squad sheet.

Malu Kiai deserves special mention after losing their first round-robin game against a powerful Badu No 1 team when having just ten players.

Moa side too good



The winning team
Mua Razorbacks.

Former Melbourne Storm player Sam Joe led by example for his home – Moa Island – and had his mother Flora there watching.

The big number 12 starred at this jubilee series, although less than two years ago he could not play for his Moa side Arkai Brothers, which lost the 2008 final of the Zenadth Kes (Torres Cup) carnival on Thursday Island.

Back then, Sam Joe was contracted to the Melbourne Storm and had to run the water.

This time, the only water came from the emotional tears from big Sam, who this year is playing football at Blackwater, Queensland.

"This is just so good," he said as Mua supporters ran out on to the field carrying flags and beating makeshift drums.

In the final, Sam Joe scored a try, while fellow forward Robbie Wilson crossed three times, Palm Islander Josiah Geia scored two tries, and hooker Dale Pablo and centre Patrick Ropeyarn also played large parts.

"Our forwards paved the way, with our speedy backs finishing off brilliantly," said Bosun.

For Malu Kiai, forward John

Wigness, Wrench Mau and backs Solomon Daniel and Soki Dai were brilliant.

Badu Island sides had won 17 of the previous 24 carnivals, according to organiser Wayne Guivarra, and this time it looked likely to be no different.

Three sides were entered by Badu, and the star-studded Mura Badulgal No 1 looked like continuing the tradition and most expected the captain to be holding the Sea Swift trophy aloft late on 13 June.

Foley Shield stars

It included many champion All Black carnival performers, including Foley Shield stars Solomon Ahmat, Tremayne Bowie and Jimmy Ahmat, plus quality players like Keiji Bowie and Harry Mooka.

But Mua Razorbacks rolled them by two points in a semi-final and astute and respected Badulgal No 1 team coach Tala Nona was offering no excuses.

"We lost because of our bad attitude and over-confidence and once they beat the champions, they were always going to take the title," Nona told *The Koori Mail*.

Player of the carnival Robbie Wilson scored three tries for

Razorbacks in the final, with two to back Josiah Geia, one of four Palm Islander who lined up.

■ ■ ■

MABUYAG Island team Bauau Stingers won a hard-fought women's grand final, beating Thursday Island side Sundown Sirens 26-14.

Opinion was divided over the possible outcome of the women's division as both sides were unbeaten after having played a 4-all draw earlier that morning. Stingers had a huge mobile forward pack while Sirens possessed fast and highly credentialed backs.

Those tipping a winner possibly gave Sirens a slight edge because of their impressive trophy cabinet after many previous wins, especially on Thursday Island.

Stingers players pocketed the \$4000 cash prize after leading 10-4 at half time, while Sirens collected \$1000 as runners-up.

Best for the winners were Ruth Bon, Thelma Toby, Kema Mairu, Ellen Baira and Lorna Bosun.

Sirens were well served by halfback Kristy Wilson and lock Elsie Seriat, with both subjected

SCOREBOARD

Men's grand final: Mua Razorback 50 (Robbie Wilson 3, Josiah Geia 2, Jerry Savage, Sam Joe, Wees Nawai, Mako Wilson tries; Patrick Ropeyarn 4, Mako Wilson 2 goals) d Malu Kiai 26 (Deba Pabai, Emriah Manus, Soki Dai, John Wigness, George Toby tries; Stanley Dai 3 goals).

Qualifying semi-finals: Mua Razorbacks 32 (Dale Pablo 2, Robbie Wilson 2, Sam Joe 2 tries; Patrick Ropeyarn 2, Mako Wilson, Ted Mosby Jnr goals) d Magun Warriors 10 (Joey Mareko, Robert Amber tries; Robert Amber goal).

Malu Kiai 24 (John Peter 2, Chris Jawai, Samson Jawai, John Wigness tries; Stanley Daniel 2 goals) d Mura Badulgal (3) 20 (Alex Namai, Walter Nona, Danny Yorkston, John Nona tries; Alex Namai, Sergio Ahmat goals).

Men's awards: Top goalkicker, Solomon Ahmat; most tries, Dale Pablo; best back, Stanley Daniel; best forward, John Wigness; player of the final, Sammy Joe; player of the carnival, Robbie Wilson.

Women's grand final: Bauau Stingers Maguyag Island 26 (Ruth Bon, Ellen Baira, Ina Misi, Kema Mairu, Paula Whap tries; Francesca Sagigi 2, Leila Whap goals) d Sundown Sirens Thursday Island 14 (Betty Namok, Maria Henry, Elsie Seriat tries; Ethel Mosby goal).

Women's awards: Best Back, Kristy Wilson; best forward, Kema Mairu; top goalkicker, Lilly Solomon; most tries, Lorna Bosun; player of the final, Elsie Seriat; player of the carnival, Paula Whap.

Golden Oldies: Over 45 men's match: Waii Blue 8 (Kura Stephen, Frank Whap tries) tied with Sorbai Gold 8 (Ezra Kris, Frank Cook tries).

to special attention by the defence.

Sprints over 100m were held to decide the fastest man and woman in the Torres Strait, with a \$300 purse to each winner.

Francesca Sagigi beat a field of nine in the women's sprint, and Pinau Blanket took out the men's division, beating 11 others.

Two teams of former players aged over 45 entertained the crowd in a golden oldies game and many had been involved in the initial Island of Origin carnival.

Waii Blue team had tries scored by Kura Stephen and Frank Whap, and for Sorbai Gold, Ezra Kris and Frank Cook crossed for four-pointers.

The game ended in a thrilling 8-all draw.

of Origin rugby league carnival



Ned Mosby from Yorke Island tackled by George Bagiri, to his right, in the Golden Oldies.



A Mau Razorback player tackled playing the Badu No 1 team.



Yorke Island team Kailag Thurud Wap.



A Stingers player is tackled by Sirens defence in the women's final.



Players from both sides in the Golden Oldies game.



- FAR LEFT: The winning women's sprinter Francesca Sagigi jumps for joy after collecting \$300.
- LEFT: Badu women's player Akira Trinkoon keeps ice on an injury.
- ABOVE: Sam Joe, right, with his mum Flora and Richard Passi.



A Goemu Bau Raiders player tries to burst a tackle against Malu Kiai.



Star Goemu Bau Raiders halfback Billo Mosby holds the ball as a Malu Kiai opponent gets a ride.



Sam Backo leads a lap of honour after playing in the Golden Oldies game at the Island of Origin.

Talent to burn, says Backo

SLAMMIN Sam Backo reckons National Rugby League (NRL) talent scouts should get up to the Torres Strait as often as possible to check out rugby league matches because more stars like Sam Thaiday and Michael Bani are from there.

The former Australian Test and Queensland State of Origin prop was speaking while being a guest at the 25th Island of Origin Series on Badu Island.

Backo played 115 A grade games for the Canberra Raiders, 20 for the Brisbane Broncos, seven State of Origin games for Queensland between 1988 and 1990 and six Tests for Australia.

He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for his contribution to Australia's standing in rugby league, and was included in the Indigenous Team of the Century which was announced in 2001.

In 2004, Backo was named in the Canberra Raiders' All-Indigenous team.

"From what I have seen, there are many more players who could be as good as Broncos forward Sam Thaiday and North Queensland outside back Michael Bani," Backo said.

Now aged 49, Backo made the trip from southern Queensland at the invitation of long-time friend and Island of Origin chief Wayne Guivarra.

For most of the four days of competition, Backo sat on the commentary box verandah watching the games.

"There is some real talent here. Fast backs and tough forwards," he said.

Backo also donned the boots, playing in a golden oldies game for men aged 45 and over.

Women impressed

One major positive for Backo was the quality women's football games, with lots of big tackles and smart attacking play.

"In the past the women would be in the kitchen during football games cooking food, but now they have equal opportunity with men and I have enjoyed this," he said.

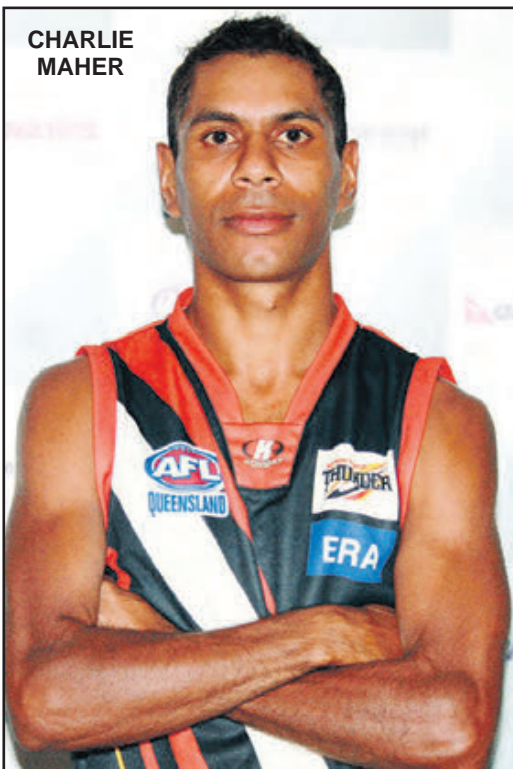
Backo said he had never been to Badu Island before, but had visited and worked in other parts of the Torres Strait.

"I have been to Thursday Island and worked on a fishing and banana trawling boat up here," he said.



Sam Backo, centre, on the verandah of the Badu Island commentary box with Wayne Guivarra, left, and Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman Toshie Kris.

New York ... here they come



CHARLIE MAHER

By GRAHAM HUNT



THE four Indigenous athletes chosen to run in the New York

Marathon in November have returned from East Timor where they competed in a 10km event as a build-up to New York.

They are Northern Territory Thunder Australian footballers Charlie Maher and Caleb Hart, both from Alice Springs, Juan Darwin, from Maningrida (NT) and Joseph Davies, from Kununurra (WA).

They were the four to make the final cut from a larger squad of Aboriginal athletes selected from remote areas of the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The squad was mentored by former world marathon champion Rob de Castella as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project.

Charlie Maher said the four Aboriginal athletes used the East Timor 10km race as preparation for the 42km New York Marathon in early November.

He told *The Koori Mail* he found conditions to his liking in the Dili race.

Top ten

He wasn't sure where he finished, but he thought he was in the top ten.

He said he understood Davies and Darwin completed the 10km in Dili, but Hart pulled out after about 5km with a sore back.

Maher was set to resume his Australian football career last weekend after being out with a knee reconstruction.

Maher, a member of the NT Thunder leadership group, debuted for Thunder in 2009.

He said it was difficult to juggle football and athletics, but a close watch was being kept on him.

Hart made his debut for Thunder in round seven against the Mt Gravatt Vultures and is hoping to claim a spot in the squad again soon.

Maher said the four Indigenous runners would come together in August for a desert camp 'somewhere in central Australia... we haven't been told where'.

"We'll have to acclimatise to New York. It will be getting pretty cold over there in November," he said.

Darwin-based ABC sports commentator Charlie King, who is one of the marathon group's mentors, said that for too long 'we've always thought that young Indigenous boys should be trained to be Australian rules footballers'.

"If they don't quite make it as Australian rules footballers, then maybe they should be rugby league players, and if they don't quite make it there, then maybe they should be basketballers, and then, if they don't make it there, then maybe they should be boxers," King said on ABC Radio.

"But really, there's some brilliant athletes out in those communities and right around Australia and running is just a simple thing to do.

"You don't need much to run, and it also leads to a healthy lifestyle and all of those other things and it also complements if you're going to play other sports. So, there's multiple benefits to it."

King hopes the runners will return from New York and generate more interest in long-distance running in their communities.

"To run a marathon is a mighty achievement. To run a marathon in New York is a fantastic achievement," he said.

"They should use that opportunity when they come back to encourage other kids to do it and other people to do it."



Youngster shines in SANFL debut

By PETER ARGENT



IN Glenelg's brilliant and thrilling round-13 six-point victory over Sturt, 19-year-old Indigenous talent Daniel Scott-Collings (pictured) deservedly entered the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

"This was a dream I had since I started at the club in under-13 special squads," said Scott-Collings, who grew up in the district.

"It was also great to be involved in such an exciting win in my debut match, having James Sellar kick the winner in the dying seconds of the game.

"I was told of my selection on the previous Thursday and got pretty nervous running out on to the ground."

Noted for his pace, reflex use of the football in traffic and tackling skills, Scott-Collings started his football at the Morphettville Park Football Club, then went across to the Brighton Bombers at under-16 level, being involved in a premiership there before becoming a regular player through the grades at the elite level at the Bays.

"Daniel, in his debut, was given limited playing time, however, he made a strong

contribution," Glenelg football manager Ken Applegarth said.

"A couple of his possessions in a very tight and an important game were telling. One handball resulted in a very important goal – a left-foot snap from Ben Kane.

"After superb and consistent form in the reserves, Daniel certainly deserved his opportunity

"He is a part of a dynamic young group of players who have come up from our under-age academy."

Scott-Collings was a part of the Bays' under-18 Macca's Cup premiership side in 2009.

Scott-Collings was also a member of the South Australian under-18 squad in 2009, playing three games against the Victorian Country at AAMI stadium, the NSW-ACT Rams in Sydney and Tasmania at Visy Park, Melbourne.

On what he wanted to achieve, the midfielder suggested all he wanted was to 'try to keep my form that I produced over the first half of the season in the reserves'.

"The dream is also still alive about playing at AFL level. I just want to continue to play consistent football," he said.

If Scott-Collings continues with the same work ethic, expect his name to be etched in the notebooks of the AFL recruiting scouts around Adelaide.



CALEB HART:
Picture Kevin Prior



A diving Brendan Powell tries to grab a New Zealander's tag during the recent Trans-Tasman series.

Oztag takes off



MANY of the Indigenous players who were members of Australian Oztag teams that played in New Zealand earlier this year were

back in action last weekend – playing in the State of Origin series at Coffs Harbour, on the NSW mid-north coast.

There were nine divisions playing at Coffs Harbour.

In the Trans-Tasman series in New Zealand, there were 12 teams from each country.

Oztag is strong in NSW and Queensland, with a combined 90,000 senior and 40,000 junior players in the two states.

The sport is best described as a non-tackling form of rugby league.

There are parallels between Oztag and touch football, but there are elements of Oztag that make it a very different game. One big difference is that kicking the ball is allowed in Oztag.

Each player has a tag attached to his/her shorts. The aim of the defending team is to tag the player in possession of the ball, while the attacking player is trying to avoid being tagged and score tries in the process.

Queensland Oztag has just undergone a management restructure and there is a new executive staff running the sport.

Queensland Oztag business operations manager Brendan Powell, a Worimi (Port Stephens, NSW) man now living on the Sunshine Coast, said the sport had boomed in Queensland in recent times.

Rapid progress

"Oztag is certainly growing at a tremendous rate, from just nine venues to 33 hosting events in the past 12 months in Queensland," he said.

"We have also had a major focus on juniors and increasing participation rates of Oztag in schools.

"While we do not keep statistics on Indigenous participation, there is an obvious increase in participation numbers as well, so popularity is increasing. "Our aim is to develop Indigenous-specific programs in the near future, including a Murri v Koori tournament."

Powell was a member of the Australian 30s men's team that played in the Trans-Tasman series in March. He and Dunghutti (Kempsey) player Damien Amburiah were the two Indigenous players in the 30s team.

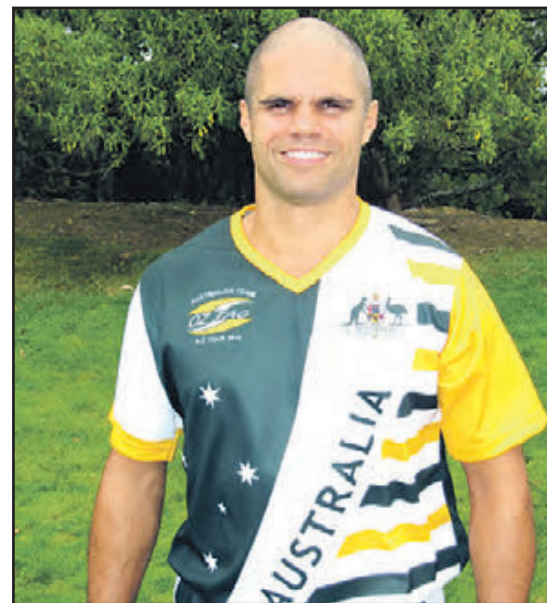
Each of the 12 teams from the two countries met five times.

Powell's 30s men's team won its series 4-1.

All the Australian teams won their series.

Oztag will return to Coffs Harbour when the National titles are held there in November.

For more information on Oztag, visit www.queenslandoztag.com.au



Brendan Powell in his Australian Oztag uniform.



The Australian 30s mens team that played in the Trans-Tasman series in March. Indigenous players Damien Amburiah (back row, second from left) and Brendan Powell (back row, far right) were members of the team.



**Troy Cook
hangs up
his boots**
● See Page 87

ISSN 1038-8516
9 771038 851018
To subscribe to the
Koori Mail call
(02) 66 222 666

The Voice of Indigenous Australia



Torres Strait Island of Origin won by Moa team



Mua Razorbacks supporters from Moa Island just minutes after the Razorbacks' scored an historic 50-26 win over Boigu Island side Malu Kiai in the final of the 25th Sea Swift Island of Origin rugby league carnival on Badu Island, in the Torres Strait. Twelve men's teams and five women's sides took part in the carnival.
● See our coverage of the big event on pages 92-93 and more pictures on pages 28-29.

Racism targeted



THE National Rugby League (NRL) will explore implementing suspensions for acts of racial abuse in the wake of Timana Tahu's stunning NSW Origin walkout

Andrew Johns.

Tahu met with the Australian Rugby League Indigenous Council last Thursday to express his concern over racial elements within the game (see our reports and letters in this edition).

The Indigenous Council supported his stance – taken when Tahu took exception to Johns' racist remarks at members of Queensland's State of Origin team – as they advocated a zero-tolerance approach to racism.

Amongst the recommendations put forward following the meeting, which also had representatives from the NRL and the Australian Rugby League (ARL), was for the establishment of easier paths for players to make formal complaints as well as the possibility of harsher penalties for offenders.

"We need to do all we can to ensure that the zero-tolerance message is a reality," ARL Indigenous Council Chairman William (Smiley) Johnstone said.

"There is a lot of work to do to see what



'He (Tahu) has made an important stand and has received the support of people across the game, but we now need to move forward and develop a legacy from that stance' – Smiley Johnstone

we can get in place and we need to investigate each of these recommendations properly before reporting back to the game's governing bodies. He (Tahu) has made an important stand and has received the support of people across the game, but we now need to move forward and develop a legacy from that stance."

Johnstone said Tahu would become a member of the Indigenous Players Advisory Group, with the Parramatta star – who will miss four matches after being suspended by the NRL judiciary following a high tackle charge – keen to be seen as an example for others to follow.

"This isn't just an Indigenous thing, it is something I believe is important for all Australians and all cultures," Tahu said.

"I was a shy kid and growing up it was hard to tell people how you really felt about some things.

"We need everyone to understand that it's important to help people come forward when they are feeling victimised.

"I want to move on and get back to playing footy and I want others to be able to move on as well."

Tahu said the establishment of harsh penalties for anyone found guilty of racial abuse would help combat racism.

"We need to stop these problems early but we need also to have penalties for those who simply don't want to listen," he said.

The measures to be investigated include:

- A review of all existing Anti-Vilification policies by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission.

- Establishing ways to make it easier for players to make formal complaints.

- Harsher penalties, including suspension, for racism offences.

- The establishment of a network of cultural support officers who can work with clubs to provide assistance in dealing with cultural and racism issues.

- All clubs to designate one person through whom all issues of racism would be raised, and clubs to ensure that the person is properly trained in dealing with racial issues.

- Clubs to ensure that all welfare and education officers are trained in dealing with racial complaints and racial issues.

- Mandatory cultural awareness training for players and officials in each club.

- Strong anti-racism messages to be delivered during the All Stars game, Close The Gap Round and any future Harmony Day rounds.

Mr Johnstone said there could never be anything but zero tolerance in relation to any form of racism. – with AAP

● **INSIDE: O'Loughlin, Preston Campbell on racism in sport**