



Cape progress



AN independent evaluation of the Cape York welfare reform trials has found that Queensland's Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) is getting some early runs on the board.

But results in terms of school attendance and community safety have been mixed across the four trial communities of Aurukun, Hope Vale, Coen and Mossman Gorge.

The review focused largely on the FRC, which refers community members to

support services and can quarantine welfare payments when parents get into trouble with the law, breach tenancy agreements or fail to send their children to school. It's understood that 200 families who've gone before the FRC have entered into 'family responsibility agreements' to

deal with negative issues arising within their families. While 19 people have volunteered for income management – or welfare quarantining – 176 others have been forced on to it.

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Hollywood star Michelle Rodriguez with Luke Mabb, Aaron Everett, Sheldon Thomas, Sky Maynard and Sara Maynard at the proposed road site where 42,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage was discovered.

By JILLIAN MUNDY



HOLLYWOOD tough girl Michelle Rodriguez has met with Aborigines at the Brighton Bypass

in southern Tasmania, lending her support to the campaign to protect the 42,000-year-old heritage site. Aaron Everett explained the history of Tasmanian Aborigines and the importance of the site, which stands in the path of the partially completed road, to Ms Rodriguez.

He said it gave her a chance to look at a real-life situation that showed a connection to the story line in the Oscar-winning

Avatar star weighs in to Brighton heritage battle

Avatar, in which she starred.

"The Tasmanian Aboriginal community's heritage is at risk of being destroyed by government force," Mr Everett said.

"It is a place of tremendous cultural importance to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, demonstrating a deep, rich and diverse past.

"Ms Rodriguez's visit to the site will show the world that Aboriginal heritage is worth protecting and worth respecting."

Ms Rodriguez was shocked at the differing levels of respect and conservation shown to colonial heritage in the area compared to Aboriginal heritage.

"You can't stomp on the past

to get to the future, you learn from it," Ms Rodriguez told *The Koori Mail*. "There's a moral issue between government and the history of a people," she said, reflecting also on her own heritage.

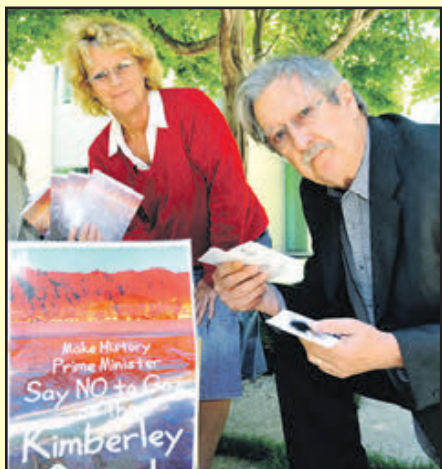
The Dominican/Puerto Rican/Mongol silver screen beauty who has traced her

ancestry back to the Bering Strait through DNA testing, refers to herself as a 'patron of the planet'.

"I explained to Ms Rodriguez that the site is also of great importance to the world as it shows how people can change and adapt to survive two Ice Ages and cultural challenge," Mr Everett said.

"The site is 42,000-years-old and is the oldest in the southern hemisphere and one of the most significant archaeological sites in the world."

Ms Rodriguez agreed that there was a parallel between the plight of Tasmanian Aborigines and the fictional Na'vi humanoids depicted in *Avatar*. "*Avatar* was art imitating life," she said.



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THIS is my family in October at the 25th anniversary of the handback of Uluru.

We all had a really good day together as a family. Uluru is a very beautiful and special place.

We look after our community and each other. My family taught me how to take care of country and now I'm showing some of the younger ones how to do it. It's really important.

My husband David and our son Elton live in Mutitjulu, we've lived there all our lives.

David and I both work for National Parks and sometimes we help with the Junior Rangers, teaching the stories to the young people about bush tucker and about when the bush tucker grows.

We call them the Tjukurpa stories. I was 16-years-old when I first started working in the National Parks and I'm still working there. I really love what I do and working on country.

This is our grandfathers' and grandmothers' place and it's important to keep their stories alive and teach the young ones about the Anangu way.

This is a very important place for us and we want to keep it alive and strong. We enjoy being together as a family and going out to the bush and doing painting together.

● Pictured: Nyinku Jingo holding her son Elton Rodgers and with her husband David Rodgers.

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OUR CHILDREN



Exavier Howard, Jada Triffitt, Deegan Howard, Ziggy Jaymz Birch and Brock Howard found their own fun playing on the edge of the footy ground at the Generation Cup sports day at Launceston, Tasmania. The annual Aboriginal community event is a competition where over-30s teams compete against under-30s teams in netball, softball and Aussie rules football.

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When the Queen met the polle...

ONLY one identifies as royalty, but they're both undeniably at the top of their games.

Despite being focused on spruiking her new TV show *Straight Shootin'*, self-confessed Black Queen of the Kimberley Mary G was last week content to share some limelight with the first Aboriginal person elected to the House of Representatives, Liberal MP Ken Wyatt.

Perhaps the camaraderie could be put down to the fact that Mary G, her alter ego Mark Bin Bakar, and Mr Wyatt are all West Australians with shared passions for improved Indigenous health and education.

The duo joined other good sorts, politicians and entertainers at Parliament House in Canberra last Wednesday for the NITV 2011 program launch.

● For more on what NITV is cooking up for 2011, see Page 11.

Congress process re-opened



NOMINATIONS to attend the first annual meeting of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP) re-open today.

Initial nominations concluded in September but the fledgling representative body decided they'd be re-opened after complaints that the two-week process was too short and clashed with community commitments.

It said the affairs of the Congress were too important to rush, and the re-opening of nominations would ensure the first national meeting was more robust and representative of its membership, and the election process more democratic.

"As we establish the organisation and our processes, we are determined to get it

right," said co-chairs Kerry Arabena and Sam Jeffries.

The inaugural annual gathering of 120 delegates was to have been held in Melbourne last month but will now be held in the first half of next year at a location to be determined.

The Congress will hold a special general meeting in Sydney today with a proposal to change its Constitution to ensure that members can vote directly for the Congress co-chairs.

Deadline

Applications for free Congress membership and nominations to attend the first meeting can be made at the same time – as long as it is before the new deadline of 11 February.

Dr Arabena and Mr Jeffries have repeatedly said the success of the Congress and the

calibre of its delegates and Board could only be as good as its membership.

While delivering the 2010 Perkins Oration last month, Dr Arabena issued a rallying call to potential members and described the Congress as responsive to community expectations of high, uncompromising standards, capable of influencing all Australians and a potential beacon for the country.

The Congress last month had about 1200 individual members and about 100 organisations. A spokesman said the Congress was receiving a couple of hundred new membership applications per month.

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They're big wheels in Aboriginal art



Maruku Artists Judy Okai, Billy and Lulu Cooley and Rene Kulitja in front of the trucks bearing their artwork.

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Painting trucks a moving experience for Anangu artists

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



AS the big rigs rolled into the red desert country of Yulara at the heart of Anangu country, children and adults alike stared in awe at the sight before them.

Three massive semi-trailers were adorned with intricate and beautiful designs of four Anangu artists for the exclusive launch last month of the first Cat on-road trucks to be released in Australia.

The designs were specially selected from the artists of Maruku Arts, a co-operative based at Uluru – Judy Okai, Rene Kulitja and Billy and Lulu Cooley among them.

Maruku Arts general manager Clive Scollay said the Anangu-designed trucks had been unveiled at an inma, a traditional dance ceremony, at Yulara and would now travel back to Melbourne.

He said the entire process had been incredibly positive for the community, culminating with the launch managed by 'All the

Perks', an Indigenous-run events management company.

For young artist Judy Okai, the experience has been significant for both herself and her family. At 27, she is one of the youngest artists among the collective and was taught the stories and art techniques by her mother, also an accomplished artist. "I'm just really happy and proud of the painting," Ms Okai said. "When I first saw the trucks

As part of the launch, an auction raised about \$50,000 to go towards a local Anangu charity and a truckies' benevolent society.

"There were 350 invited guests including Cat truck dealers and buyers from the United States and Australia and I could guarantee that every one of them walked away from the experience with something meaningful," Mr Scollay said.

"Another artist, Rene Kulitja, who is known for her work on a Qantas jet aircraft, has painted a story from Kanpi, her grandfather's country about the Kalaya (Emu man) and the Kipara (Bush Turkey)."

Mr Scollay said husband-and-wife team

Billy and Lulu Cooley had used burning techniques that had been transferred onto the trucks with stunning visual effects.

"The artwork you see on the CAT trucks and on the special piece for auction is symbolic of the art movement throughout the central desert," he said.

"It is demonstrative of how traditional lore and culture has evolved into a contemporary expression of art."

"When I first saw the trucks coming it was exciting. My son, who's eight, and my nephew took part in the dancing. My son said 'we love that truck, we are dancing for that truck'."

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Ms Okai's piece depicts a fight between a senior python woman called Kuniya and a Liru warrior, one of the venomous snake men. Anangu believe the marks of Kuniya's anger can clearly be seen on the face of Uluru today.



Associate Professor Noel Hayman was named Queensland's Australian of the Year for 2011.



Djapirri Mununggirritj was named the Northern Territory Local Hero for 2011.



Indigenous health researcher Kalinda Griffiths won the NT Young Australian of the Year award.

Two in running for Australian of the Year

By DARREN COYNE



AN ABORIGINAL lawyer based in Sydney and Queensland's first Indigenous doctor are both in the running for the Australian of the Year Award to be announced next month. Indigenous rights lawyer Professor Larissa Behrendt was named NSW Australian of the Year 2011 last Thursday in recognition of her 'passionate and articulate advocacy for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders'.

Professor Behrendt is an academic and author, and is currently a Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies at the University of Technology (UTS). She is a Eualeyai and Kamillaroi woman, and is known as a vocal advocate for Indigenous people. She has been highly critical of the Federal Government's intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.

"My initial response was that I

didn't deserve to win because I am surrounded by Aboriginal people who have worked longer on these issues," Prof Behrendt told *The Koori Mail*.

"But I am hoping that it will be a good platform to raise awareness about issues I am passionate about such as the racist and failing policies in the NT and their roll-out into other states, and issues in the criminal justice system and education."

Prof Behrendt's win, welcomed by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and NSW Premier Kristina Keneally, followed Queensland's announcement the previous week that Associate Professor Noel Hayman had been named the sunshine state's Australian of the Year for 2011.

Dr Hayman is the director of an Indigenous health care centre at Inala, which he established a decade ago. During that time the number of Indigenous clients

accessing the centre has increased from just 12 to 2500.

The award recognises his work in improving the control of diabetes and immunisation rates, and his



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recruitment of other Indigenous doctors.

Dr Noel Hayman was also the winner of Outstanding achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, at the 14th Deadly Awards.

Meanwhile, in the NT, three Indigenous people picked up awards while the fourth, Professor Michael Christie, a specialist in Indigenous languages and culture, took out the top honour.

Prof Christie was named the NT's Australian of the Year 2011 for his work over 30 years to preserve Indigenous culture and heritage.

Barry Abbott, an Arrernte man, was named NT Senior Australian of the Year for his work rehabilitating young men at a treatment outstation that he established in a remote south-west corner of Central Australia in the 1970s.

Mr Abbott told *The Koori Mail* that he had lost count of the number of young fellas who had

spent time at his station over the years.

"It's been great because it's something that I love doing," he said.

At any one time, Mr Abbott said there were up to 28 young men working on the cattle station, with 'someone on the waiting list all the time'.

"They come from all over Australia and we train them up to do everything from using a shovel to riding a horse," he said.

Kalinda Griffiths, a 29-year-old Indigenous health researcher, won the NT Young Australian of the Year award, while Djapirri Mununggirritj was named the NT Local Hero for 2011.

Ms Mununggirritj, a Yolngu Elder from Yirrkala, received the award for her leadership and commitment to improving her local community and promoting reconciliation.

In Western Australia, an Aboriginal woman who has campaigned to raise awareness of suicide prevention was named

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Indigenous languages and culture expert Prof Michael Christie is the NT's Australian of the Year 2011.



Mary Victor O'Reeri was named Western Australia's Local Hero for 2011.



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Two in the running for Australian of the Year

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WA's Local Hero for 2011.

Mary Victor O'Reeri lost her two brothers to suicide just two years apart and decided that she had to do something to help others at risk.

In 2009, she organised the inaugural Blank Page Summit in her remote community at Billard in north-west Kimberley.

She followed with another summit this year that focused on the conversations people needed to have to improve attitudes and relationships, particularly in communities plagued with social problems.

"Mary's work demonstrates the profound impact of grassroots initiative and leadership in resolving trauma and preserving life," her award citation read.

In South Australia, a young man who has learnt and now teaches the Kaurna language was recognised as the SA Young Australian of the Year.

Vincent (Jack) Buckskin, 24, won the honour for his commitment to the preservation of his traditional culture and language. He told *The Koori Mail* he was thrilled with the award.

South Australia's Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement, Klynton Wanganeen, congratulated Mr Buckskin on his win.

"Vincent knows that the loss of traditional language will inevitably lead to the loss of culture and I applaud him for working so hard to keep both alive, particularly amongst the younger generation," Mr Wanganeen said.

"His dedication to learning the Kaurna language and then passing it on to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students is admirable.

"He is also sharing his culture through dance and has founded a traditional dance group – another step towards his goal of keeping the stories of his people alive."

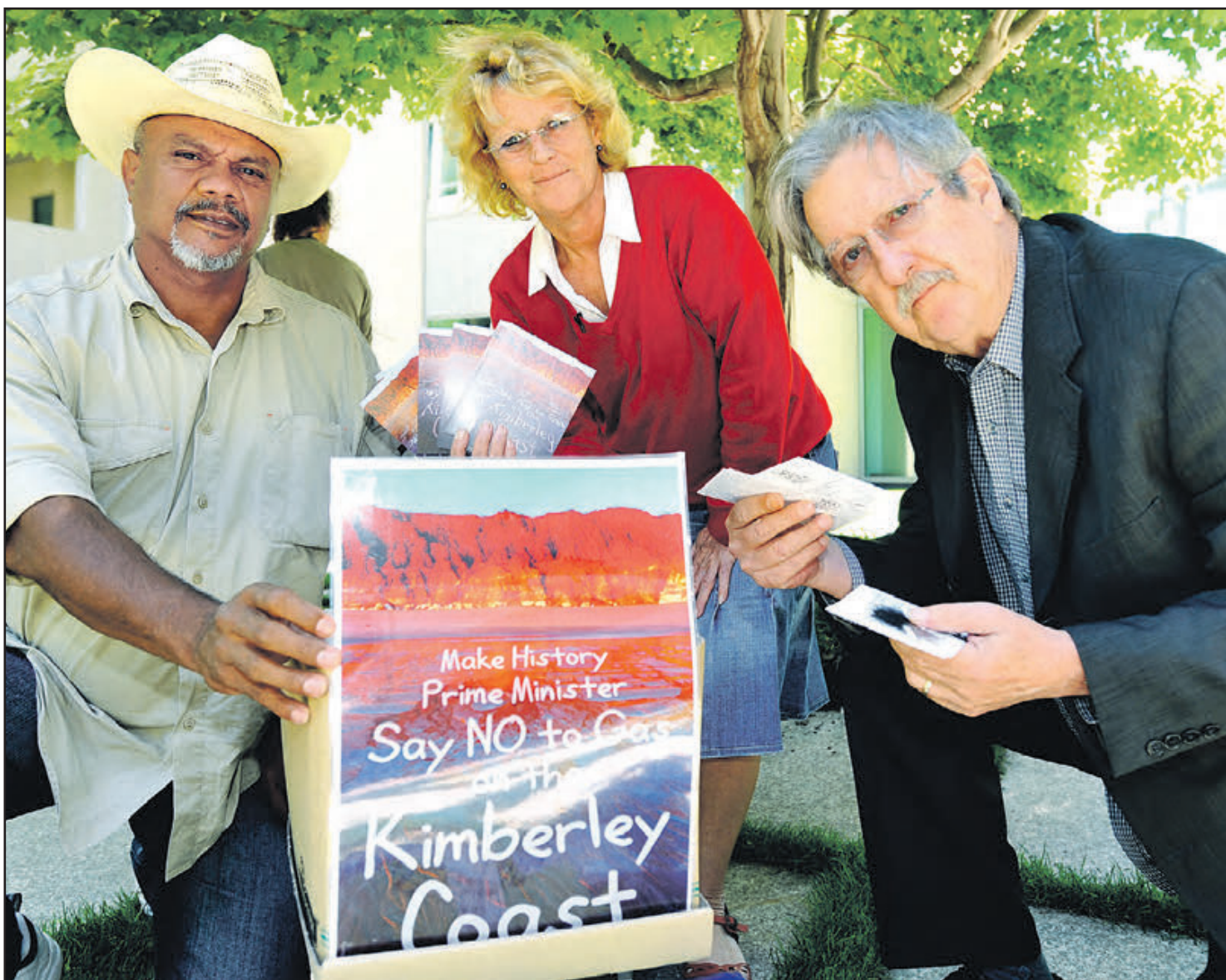
All finalists from the State and Territory awards will be in the running for the national awards, to be announced in Canberra on 25 January.

Meanwhile, to mark 50 years of the awards, a new book titled *Australians of the Year 1960-2010*, by Wendy Lewis, was launched on 26 November.

The book tells the stories of previous recipients, from the first award winner, scientist MacFarlane Burnett, to the 2010 recipient, Prof Patrick McGorry. It is available at book retailers across the nation for \$39.95.



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From left, traditional owner Neil McKenzie, Broome community member Nik Wevers and actor Michael Caton display some of the 12,000 postcards from people around Australia delivered to Parliament House in Canberra last week. AAP Image/Alan Porritt

Actor joins WA campaign to halt gas project



THE West Australian Government has defended itself against allegations it is stalling on native title claims

in order to pressure Aborigines over a planned gas precinct in the Kimberley.

The state's denial came as actor Michael Caton, whose plucky character Darryl Kerrigan fought the government and won in the film *The Castle*, went to Canberra to lobby against the gas project.

WA Premier Colin Barnett has signalled his Government's intention to compulsorily acquire land at James Price Point, north of Broome, for Woodside Petroleum's \$30 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) hub.

Although Mr Barnett has always maintained he would prefer to go ahead with a deal with the Kimberley Land

Council's consent, that attempt fell apart when the two sides suspended negotiations due to a dispute among native title claimants.

The State Opposition has accused the Government of trying now to put pressure on the KLC by holding back native title claims in a move to get the LNG gas hub deal signed. Opposition

negotiate very complicated matters'.

Mr Porter said that since 2005, before the Coalition came to power, the number of native title claim determinations were about two to three a year.

He said the Government had already made one determination, with two more at the stage of substantive negotiation.

claims to affect other matters was akin to accusing him of abusing the Federal Court process.

Many local people in and around Broome have been vehemently opposed to the plan, and their cause has been bolstered by support from celebrities including musicians John Butler, Missy Higgins and now Caton.

Caton was in Canberra last week to lobby the Government about the compulsory acquisition of the land and deliver 12,000 postcards protesting against the project.

"If this thing goes ahead, that will be the beginning of the end for the Kimberley as we know it," Caton told reporters in Canberra. "The Kimberley is a cultural and environmental treasure."

Protesters were planning to rally in Premier Barnett's Perth electorate on Sunday to demand greater protection for the Kimberley region. – AAP

'If this thing goes ahead, that will be the beginning of the end for the Kimberley as we know it' – Actor Michael Caton

State Development spokesman Mark McGowan said eight native title cases had been sitting on the Attorney-General's desk for more than a year.

However, in State Parliament last Wednesday, Attorney-General Christian Porter said the allegations were 'quite wrong, very unfair and terribly unhelpful in the context of trying to

"When (Mr McGowan) gets up and reads a list of matters that he said was somehow sitting on my desk, it is only these two matters that I have just mentioned that I expect a decision to be forthcoming very shortly, that are actually on my desk," Mr Porter said.

He said the suggestion he would slow down on native title

Taser inquiry

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A PROTEST against taser misuse has sparked an inquiry by the state's corruption watchdog after claims the government is covering up human rights abuses.

Ngoongar Elder Ben Taylor opened the Rally for Humaneness in Perth on 13 November, yielding heated demands by the local community, the Aboriginal Party, the Human Rights Alliance, the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of Western Australia and Shadow Attorney General John Quigley for a public inquiry into the tasing of Aboriginal man Kevin Spratt.

At the rally, John Quigley called for the public release of video of the police watch house incident two years ago during which Mr Spratt suffered three fractured ribs, a punctured lung and was repeatedly tasered.

"When Mr Spratt woke up in hospital he was chained to a bed, with tubes sticking out of his chest where he'd had emergency surgery for a ruptured lung," Mr Quigley told those at the rally. "Now the government say they don't know anything about this."

Leaving no room for doubters, the former WA Police Union lawyer got Mr Spratt to show the crowd and media the scars that still remain from the 6 September 2008 incident.

Three days after the rally, Commissioner Len Roberts-Smith QC directed the Police and Corrective Services to stop all investigations relating to Kevin Spratt's 2008 detention.

Mr Roberts-Smith announced the Corruption and Crime Commission would hold an inquiry into Mr Spratt's treatment by both, examining also the conduct of the internal investigations.

He said a thorough investigation was in 'everyone's' interest and that the outcome be placed on the public record.

Mr Quigley said, "the release of the first video showing Mr Spratt being tasered 13 times in the police lock-up has proven the police lied to the Western Australian courts when they took Mr Spratt to court because they were saying he was attacking them."

"Now there is a second video showing Mr Spratt being tasered a further 11 times in the police lock-up six days later."

"This is a horror movie... [Mr Spratt] sustained three broken ribs, a punctured lung, a dislocated shoulder and he passed out and woke up in Royal Perth Hospital...I've been told that in the middle of the video, he is heard begging for his life."

Mr Quigley said he did not know how Mr Spratt's injuries occurred, 'because they're keeping the second video a state



Kevin Spratt showed his punctured lung scar at the rally with WA Shadow Attorney-General John Quigley. Photo by Jo Murray

secret' but declared that when he got hold of the second video it would 'ignite the world'.

"The cover-up is mammoth. They have said Mr Spratt can have the second video so long as he enters a contract that he doesn't show or allow anyone else to see it," he said.

Kevin Spratt could not discuss how he obtained the fractured ribs and punctured lung due to pending legal action, but he said the injury occurred during the second incident, from being 'extracted from the cell'.

Thank you

He appeared at the rally, briefly, to thank those who had supported him during recent months.

"I thought it would be the best thing to come and support these people who have supported me," he said.

The inquiry will investigate five incidents from 30 August 2008 when police threatened Mr Spratt with tasers and the next day when he was tasered 13 times in the Watch House, to events on 6 September 2008 when police arrested and repeatedly tasered him, and when he was tasered again in the Perth watch house that same day.

Corrective Services' staff's tasing and forcible removal of Mr Spratt from his holding cell at Perth watch house, resulting in his hospitalisation will also be addressed by the inquiry.

Rally MC and Human Rights Alliance committee member Gerry Georgatos said tasers should be a last resort, and officers should opt for 'de-escalation techniques like conciliation, mediation and talking people down'.

He said the widespread use of tasers boiled down to officers being encouraged in a 'zero tolerance' approach and taser training being limited to six hours.

The Police Union and police hierarchy were stymying the efforts of Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan, to change police culture, Mr Georgatos said.

Commissioner O'Callaghan, a doctor in Police Reform, was appointed following the Kennedy Royal Commission into Police Corruption which heard graphic testimony from former detainees about police brutality spanning decades and torture with cattle prods.

Addressing the rally, Deputy Chair of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA) Marianne McKay expressed doubts over Mr O'Callaghan's ability to reign in errant behaviour by officers, and she said

if police were trained how to use restraint properly they would have no need for weapons.

Ms McKay appealed for anyone with complaints of mistreatment by police and prison authorities to come forward for assistance from the Watch Committee.

Dot Henry, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance executive member said the best way forward from past abuses such as those exposed by the CCC Taser Report, was for authorities "to sit down with our people."

"There's no point in like the NTER – putting militia in and hoping that it's special magic – that's not going to solve the problem, we really need to be consulted."

Speaking after the rally, Mr Spratt told *The Koori Mail* his family were 'pretty stressed' and he was looking forward to 'it all being over' and seeing 'justice... just justice'.

Ill at ease at the question of whether his treatment was racially motivated, he said he had friends 'from all walks of life, white men and black people' who had been treated badly.

"I'd say it happens to everyone," he said.

Committee meets to consider Wild Rivers impact



A PARLIAMENTARY committee set up to examine Indigenous economic development in Queensland, including issues surrounding the Wild Rivers Act 2005, met in Canberra last Friday.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics has been asked to examine Indigenous economic development in far north Queensland and the impact of legislation introduced recently by Opposition leader Tony Abbott.

Mr Abbott lodged the

legislation, aimed at giving traditional owners the final say on Wild Rivers declarations, after meeting with Indigenous leaders in far north Queensland earlier this month.

It's understood that Mr Abbott's legislation will not be voted on until next year when Parliament resumes and the committee has reported back.

The Bill provides that the development or use of native title land in a Wild River area cannot be regulated under the Wild Rivers Act 2005 (Qld) without the agreement of the landowner in writing.

The committee – which heard from representatives of various Government departments and agencies – requested further details of 125 submissions that had been lodged so far.

The committee has been asked to report by March next year and will accept submissions until 28 January.

Further details about the inquiry, including how to make a submission, can be obtained from the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/economics or by contacting the committee secretary on 02 6277 4209.

Meanwhile, on the previous

day, Queensland's parliament passed a bill to extend its Wild Rivers legislation to include three major Lake Eyre Basin rivers.

The new legislation, passed on Thursday night, makes way for wild rivers protection of the Cooper Creek, Diamantina and Georgina rivers.

The legislation will restrict development in the rivers' floodplains.

All three rivers in the state's Channel Country flow into Lake Eyre.

Queensland's Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson said this recognised

the unique environment of the Lake Eyre Basin.

"This legislation strikes a balance between sustainable development and environmental protection," Mr Robertson said.

"Lake Eyre Basin is the largest closed drainage system in the world.

"Its unique environment and pristine ecosystems makes it essential to implement measures to preserve its long-term future."

He said as the wild river program rolled out, traditional owners would be given opportunities to provide further input. –With AAP

Qld FRC review positive



DESPITE some local frustrations, an independent evaluation of the Cape York welfare reform trials has found that Queensland's Family Responsibilities

Commission (FRC) is getting some early runs on the board.

The review by KPMG focuses on the FRC as a key part of the trials in the larger Aboriginal communities of Aurukun and Hope Vale and the smaller ones of Coen and Mossman Gorge. The trials are a joint initiative of the Australian and Queensland Governments and the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

Magistrate David Glasgow leads the FRC, but 24 respected locals acting as commissioners hold conferences with community members, referring them to support services and quarantining welfare payments when parents get into trouble with the law, or breach tenancy agreements or fail to send their children to school.

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While 19 people have volunteered for income management, or welfare quarantining, 176 others have been forced on to it.

The KPMG report found average attendance rates for FRC conferences were about 60-70 per cent, higher than generally experienced with other conditional welfare initiatives.

Aurukun and Mossman Gorge recorded increased school attendances, while there were perceptions of further improvements in school readiness in Coen. In Aurukun and Mossman Gorge, there was also a perceived reduction in violence.

The review found that the FRC was an innovative new body which, despite early challenges, appeared to be helping to restore Indigenous authority through its local commissioners.

Communication needed

But it also said communication was needed to help the community and service providers to understand the FRC's role, and recommended the appointment of one or more deputy commissioners, streamlined administration processes, and training and development support for more Indigenous leaders in the four communities.

The Federal Government described the evaluation results as an indication that positive, if fragile, change was occurring in the trial communities.

Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin said they showed that governments had worked with local Indigenous leaders to implement an innovative initiative over a short time.

And she said the FRC showed the Government's commitment to work with Indigenous people 'to rebuild the social norms that are necessary for

But Hope Vale Mayor says nothing has changed

strong families'.

"The FRC works in very practical ways to protect children and other vulnerable people," Ms Macklin said.

"The report found improvements within these communities in school attendance, care of children and community safety. Some of these changes are still fragile and we are not underestimating the challenges that remain. However, we believe this is an encouraging start."

Aurukun Mayor Neville Pootchemunka told ABC Radio that, despite 'ups and downs', school attendance was improving in his community and some people who had moved away from the community because of escalating violence were now coming back.

Improvements

"There are a lot of improvements through welfare reforms," he said. "...So people are coming back for employment, people are coming back to get their kids to be educated."

However, Hope Vale Mayor Greg Mclean declared that the FRC had made life no better in his community of about 600 adults.

"I share the views of 80 per cent of the community that things haven't got any better or any worse (since the FRC was established)," he told AAP.

FRC Commissioner Glasgow rejected Mr Mclean's claim and said the commission was winning over locals.

"When we started, there was a reaction to the FRC by members of the council and it did not get support," he said. "That was reflected initially in the number of people who appeared before the commission initially and it was as low as 50 per cent, but today we have about 90 per cent turn up."

"To me, that shows that people have accepted the FRC."

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the Cape York program supported Indigenous-led efforts to improve the lives of individuals and families.

"Many people consulted for the report said they found the FRC a good place to solve problems," she said.

The KPMG review was the first of a three-part evaluation of the Cape York welfare reform trial. Another review will be undertaken early next year, feeding into a final report at the end of next year. The evaluation is available at www.fahcsia.gov.au

— By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP



ALS board member Norm Newlin, Chairperson Gary Oliver and CEO Gerry Moore at the opening in Redfern.

Legal service is back to its roots

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) was founded in 1971 in the

inner Sydney suburb of Redfern, in the heady days of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and activism for justice reform and then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

The NSW/ACT ALS grew into six branches with a head office in the western suburb of Parramatta. Now, with some Federal funding, head office has returned to its roots in Redfern, with increased staff and resources.

On 19 November, the legal service held a major event to officially open the new premises, which attracted solicitors and staff from various ALS branches, magistrates and judges, Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery, clients, law students, and Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland.

Aboriginal Elder and poet Norm Newlin welcomed the guests to Cadigal country.

"This land was created by the great spirit Biami and our history was good until 1788, which was a sad time for our people," he said. "But we can't go back. We have to build bridges and sit down and talk."

ALS Zone Manager Shawn Stubbings reminded the audience that Redfern 'was the centre of a political

movement to protect Aboriginal people from over policing and abuse'. In 1971, the legal service had just three paid staff. Mr Stubbings himself started at the ALS 12 years ago as a field officer.

"I hadn't even met a magistrate or judge. Now three of our solicitors are magistrates," he said.

Legal service CEO Gerry Moore welcomed the Attorney-General and thanked him for the support they had received.

"Next year we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary," he said.

"Having six different branches was an achievement, now coming back together is an even bigger challenge."

Excellent board

Mr Moore said the organisation had an excellent board and management with good leadership and direction who were committed and up to the task. He added they were always looking for extra funding.

Chairperson Gary Oliver said there was an urgent need to persuade the NSW Government to change its tough attitude to remand, and policies that saw more and more Aboriginal juveniles being incarcerated, while waiting for their trials.

"Eighty per cent of kids in juvenile justice centres are on remand, and 50 per cent of those are Aboriginal," he said.

Mr Oliver warned of dangers in the proposed NSW

Bail Act, which aims to increase the time a remand prisoner can be kept in detention from eight to 42 days. He said with 'ongoing political pressure to emphasise law and order policies', juvenile remand figures had 'gone through the roof'.

Juveniles now spend about a month in remand, but many of them are found not guilty and then released back into the community feeling hurt and betrayed.

Mr McClelland expressed his concern for NSW's hardline attitudes to Aboriginal imprisonment rates.

He praised the ALS and acknowledged its increased work load.

"In 2009, Indigenous people were 14 times more likely to be incarcerated than non-Indigenous people...We need to work together to address these alarming statistics," he said.

Mr McClelland told *The Koori Mail* his department was conducting an audit of restorative justice programs around the country, 'so we can establish best practice models, so we might be able to progress these'.

Mr Cowdery told *The Koori Mail* he was hoping there could be a proper discussion of the proposed *NSW Bail Act*, 'so all the stakeholders could be involved'.

"It would be much better if the Government here gave up trying to be tough on crime, and tried to be smarter," he said.



From left, senior solicitor from the ALS (NSW/ACT) Wollongong office David Ryan, NSW Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery and Chief Magistrate Graeme Henson.

Let Indigenous tenants own homes: Report



INDIGENOUS home ownership could get an immediate kick-start if social housing tenants on Indigenous lands were offered ownership of their home at no cost, a new report suggests. The report by the conservative Centre for Independent Studies says almost a fifth of Australia and half the Northern Territory is Indigenous

land. But less than 15 per cent of the 540,000 Indigenous population live on this land in social housing which they can't own.

The report said there were some 13,000 dwellings on Indigenous land, of which some 5000 are sheds while many of the rest would be unlikely to receive a certificate of occupancy. Even the vast government spending on social housing won't meet the actual housing need.

"To kick-start home ownership on Indigenous lands, tenants should be offered ownership of their homes at no cost," said report co-author Professor Helen Hughes.

Under that scheme, the tenants would take ownership and responsibility.

The report said transferring ownership would not change the existing inequities but it would enable families to use their efforts

to improve their housing.

"Many would save to add kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, bedrooms, hot water and other amenities," the report said.

The report says a variety of steps could be taken to enable people to build and own homes and businesses while maintaining traditional Indigenous communal land rights. Landowner corporations based on existing body corporate models could

allocate land for public use such as schools, health centres and recreation and for private and social housing.

That would be no different to mainstream Australia where communal land such as parks and schools sit side by side with private homes and businesses with that mix of private and communal property underpinning Australia's high living standards, the report said. — AAP

Dodson in call for 'brave new world'

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



PROFESSOR Patrick Dodson is calling for a brave new world – one in which he says a new dialogue and an open mind is needed now more than ever.

The 'father of reconciliation' and inaugural and long-time chair of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation addressed a crowded auditorium at the inaugural National Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Conference at the University of New South Wales on 18-19 November.

In his keynote speech, Prof Dodson asked 'Can Australia afford not to be reconciled?' and urged for a timely reconsideration of the issues in the lead-up to the referendum on the recognition of Indigenous peoples into the constitution.

Afterwards, Prof Dodson sat down with *The Koori Mail* to reflect on the themes of his speech.

"We don't just want to regurgitate the old problems but ask what are the new ways that we can inter-relate across the various races," he said. "It's not that we haven't had a discussion on matters that concerns us, we've had plenty of those, we've had marches in the streets, plenty of reports.

"(But) what we haven't had is a strategic conversation that is facilitated around rules that have got some international application in order to help us all get past the anger and frustration, because we've had all of those reports that have seemed to go nowhere.

'New dialogue'

"In part it's about the new dialogue, it's not just about a new set of topics it's about a new methodology about which we go about engaging with the past history but looking forward in a way that we might put some scenarios up as to what a reconciled Australia might look like.

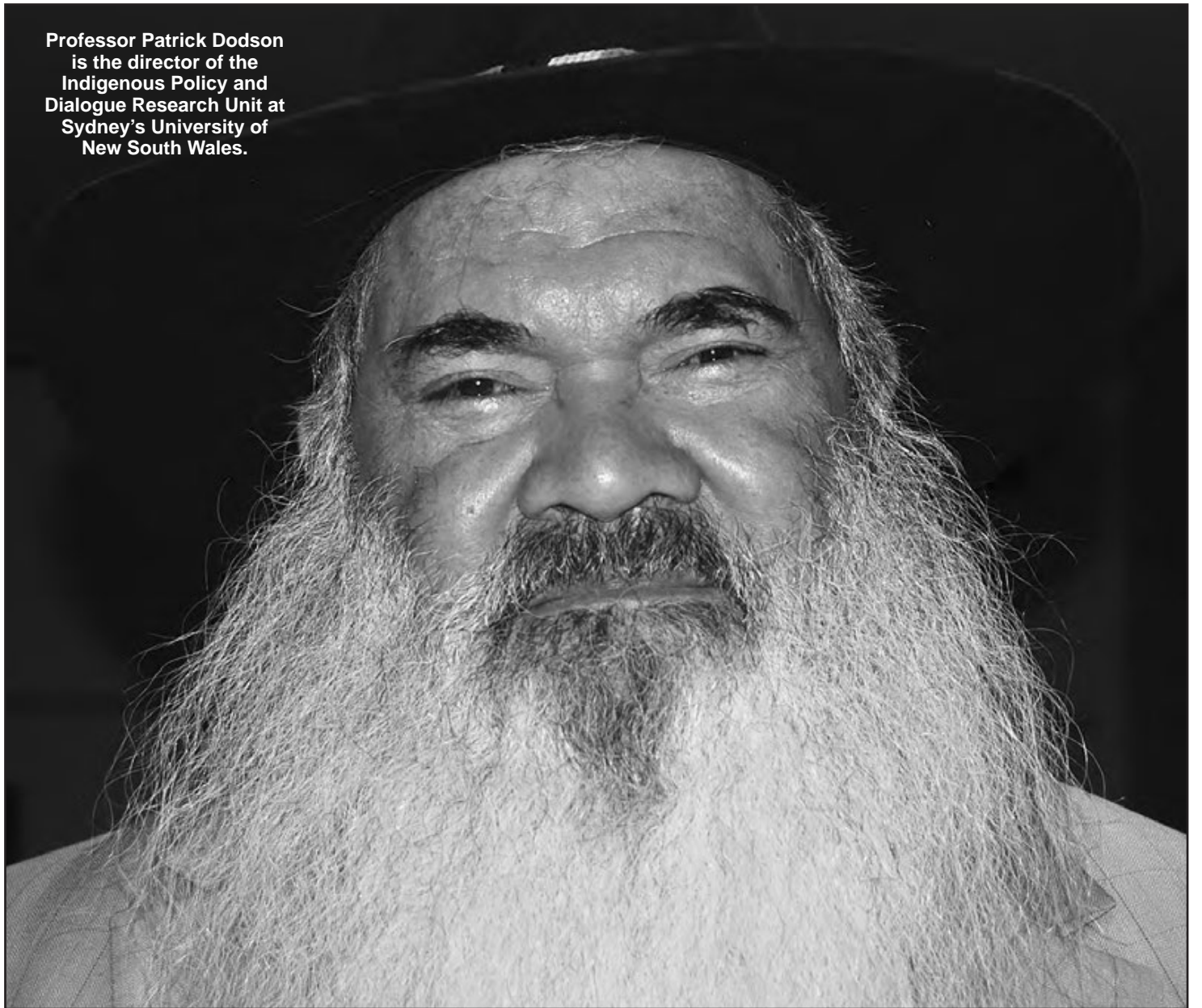
"It's not to neglect that past and it's not to forget those issues, but if we were to ever resolve them what would we look like."

Prof Dodson, the founding Director of the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit (IPDRU), believes the time has come for a different way of doing things.

"For me, the centre is about not just creating better understanding and better communication, better dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, it's also looking for ways to improve the physical welfare, but more than that is how do we create well-being for Indigenous people?" he said.

"That really goes to things like how are Indigenous peoples recognised, how does our Constitution reflect that, how do we show pride as a nation in the way Indigenous people feel proud about, and how do our social and cultural value

Professor Patrick Dodson is the director of the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit at Sydney's University of New South Wales.



systems contribute to non-Indigenous peoples becoming reconnected to country?"

Prof Dodson said that while the era of the former Howard Government had ushered in a grim period for supporters of reconciliation, Aboriginal people's true determination and patience had won out in the end.

"I have no doubts that we would have gone forward, it's not terminal, we are the high point of resistance, we exude resilience," he said.

"So John Howard tried his best shots but he's gone... his best shots in the ring have been thrown, we've copped them and we'll bounce back and we are bouncing back.

"He's not part of any attempt to try and restructure or redress what damage he's done. We are the victims of that and

many others (but) that doesn't cower us down, we are not a beaten people.

"What it did do was an injustice to the non-Indigenous people by leading them to think that the only thing necessary in reconciliation was for the Aboriginal people to start improving their social disposition and remove any burden or onus on the non-Indigenous people for them to change... he shifted the focus on Indigenous people as if we were the issue."

Room for hope

Despite disappointing setbacks in Indigenous affairs, Prof Dodson said there was still much room for hope.

"I could wake up in the morning and look in the mirror and see the reflection of the numbers of custodies, or the lack of

educational achievements, or the poverty or the overcrowding..." he reflected.

"You see all of those things but also I look out of my window and see the country, the land, the trees and I'm reminded that we as Indigenous people are attached to this country in a very special and unique way."

Prof Dodson said there was a place for every citizen in this country to take the next step forward to a truly reconciled Australia.

"We must demand the courage of our leaders and opinion makers to imagine a renewed nation, to be prepared to take and support the many steps towards a true renaissance," he said. "This must be a renaissance that is underpinned by Indigenous culture and spirituality, and an Indigenous view of what makes for a successful society and economy."

January deadline for AIATSIS grants



APPLICATIONS for 2011 research grants from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) close on 10 January.

Last year AIATSIS funded 27 grants worth well over \$600,000, with the average value of an individual research project ranging from \$24,000 to \$25,000.

AIATSIS Principal Russell Taylor said research projects to be funded would include history projects (family and community), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, Indigenous knowledge systems, linguistics, social anthropology and the arts.

Mr Taylor said special emphasis categories were relations with government, young people, young lives and economic sustainability. For full details of the grant application process go to www.aiatsis.gov.au or e-mail grants@aiatsis.gov.au or phone AIATSIS Director of Research Business Tony Boxall on (02) 6246 1145.

Swimsuit lovers to strut their stuff



SYDNEYSIDERS will be strutting their stuff this Friday, 3 December in an attempt to break the Guinness record for the world's largest swimwear parade, and

also to raise money and awareness for the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience.

Swimsuit revellers will gather in the city's Martin Place at 11am for the event titled 'AIME Strut the Streets' before marching to the Opera House at midday. The Guinness world record currently stands at 250, and last year's attempt fell short by only 22 people.

To be part of the parade go to www.strutthestreets.com to purchase a ticket or to sponsor a strutter. Money raised will go towards getting the AIME program out to more Indigenous high school students across Australia.

Man found dead in Perth prison cell



A 38-YEAR-OLD Aboriginal remand prisoner has been found dead in his cell at Hakea Prison in Perth. Police are investigating the death of the man who is believed to have taken his own life before he was found at about 5am (WST) last Wednesday,

Western Australia's Department of Corrective Services said.

Attempts by staff to revive the man were unsuccessful, the department said in a statement.

"As with all deaths in custody, a coronial inquiry will be held to determine the cause of death and the circumstances," it said.

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or SANE Helpline on 1800 18 SANE (7263). —AAP

Torres Strait visit for Qld Ministers



QUEENSLAND Government Ministers and Cook MP Jason O'Brien were visiting Torres Strait islands this week for the second round of Ministerial Forums in the region. The aim of the forums is to enable state politicians to hear first-hand what is happening in the Torres Strait.

Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle was scheduled to visit the islands of Thursday, Horn, Poruma and Yorke, while Corrective Services and Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts and Transport Minister Rachel Nolan were also expected to visit Saibai and Badu islands.

Mr Roberts said he was looking forward to seeing first-hand the challenges faced by police and emergency services in the Torres Strait, such as the Thursday Island Police Division being the only one in Australia to conduct policing on an international border.

Hearing loss hits inmates, tests reveal

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



EAR tests at a Perth women's prison have revealed almost half of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates have ear disease and hearing loss.

Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre (TSHC) experts screened 150 inmates at Bandyup Women's Prison mid-year for ear disease, with 46 per cent of Indigenous inmates showing previously undiagnosed hearing loss, compared with 12 per cent of other inmates.

The WA Department of Corrective Services asked the centre to conduct the tests, believed to be the first focused on hearing amongst Indigenous inmates in WA prisons.

TSHC CEO Paul Higginbotham said 104 Indigenous women were tested.

"Forty-five required referral to a GP including 13 who had eardrum perforations, seven who had visible scarring of the eardrum and four who had ears discharging pus," he said.

Mr Higginbotham said the prevalence of poor Indigenous ear health reflected in the new data was deeply disturbing and illustrated the importance of childhood detection and intervention of ear problems.

"The figures from Bandyup indicate untreated ear health problems in Indigenous Australians may be an unrecognised pathway into the criminal justice system," he said.

Childhood ear disease rates revealed by TSHC Mobile Earbus school clinics show four in ten Indigenous Perth children have hearing loss, and those figures are higher in regional and remote areas.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert chaired a Senate Community Affairs Committee inquiry into hearing health in Australia earlier this year, which recommended the Government urgently implement sweeping national justice reforms to redress unfair treatment of hearing-impaired people.

The committee recommended ear testing for all inmates nationwide, and subsequent investigations by each state Ombudsman to clear up any wrongful imprisonments occurring as a result of hearing loss and communication breakdowns.

It also recommended that justice officials and social justice agencies receive training to communicate with people with diagnosed or undiagnosed hearing problems.

Senator Siewert said the results confirmed the strong link between high rates of ear disease for Aboriginal people and poorer life outcomes examined in the recent Senate inquiry.

"High rates of ear disease among Aboriginal children, due primarily to



Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre CEO Paul Higginbotham.

poor and overcrowded housing conditions and limited access to medical services, is making a significant contribution to life-long disadvantage," she said.

"Poor hearing health can put children at a significant disadvantage as they start out in life, making it harder for them to participate in classroom activities and contributing to the kind of social exclusion that for some ultimately results in them being on the wrong side of the law."

Senator Siewert said the Bandyup results show the real extent of middle-

NT psychologist and researcher Dr Damien Howard said the test results had serious implications for justice workers like police, lawyers and magistrates.

He said justice workers needed to realise that some people seen as defiant and non-compliant because they didn't respond to directions might not have heard, and might find it difficult to participate in discussions.

Dr Howard said that Indigenous people coming in contact with police were likely to have hearing loss, and police should be trained about what

that means, and how to communicate more effectively.

Effective communications became pivotal for police when speaking to suspects prior to arrests or taking victim statements, he said, adding that lawyers also needed to understand that half their Indigenous clients were likely to be hearing

impaired.

Dr Howard said the results were also significant in relation to sentencing, due to the differences in the jail experience for people who are already isolated by hearing loss.

"The social isolation that being detained involves is going to be more severe for Indigenous people with a hearing loss," he said. "And imprisonment in some instances would be equivalent to solitary confinement for much of the time."

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ear disease — long believed to be limited to childhood and only prevalent in regional areas — and its impacts.

"Indigenous people make up only 2.5 per cent of the Australian population but represent 24 per cent of those incarcerated by our justice system," she said.

"If we're serious about closing the gap in health and life outcomes then we need to address poor hearing health outcomes as a matter of priority."



The Street Warriors perform at the 2011 program launch at Parliament House.



The NITV event featured some big names including prominent Liberal MP Malcolm Turnbull and the Australia Council's Lydia Miller.



New NITV Chair Ken Reys.



Deadly Vibe's Gavin Jones.

NITV set for 2011



WHILE the past year may have been an uncertain one for National Indigenous Television (NITV), last week they

showed they are still a force to be reckoned with as a host of the best and brightest of black Australia showed up to lend their support to the Indigenous broadcaster.

The NITV 2011 program launch held at Parliament House included a performance by Mary G, who had the crowds – including Aboriginal Liberal MP Ken Wyatt – in stitches as she announced her new show *Straight Shootin'*. The show will feature a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women discussing the issues most affecting Indigenous Australians.

Straight Shootin' is just one of the new programs scheduled for 2011. A new hip-hop series, *2 Norty Broz*, a lifestyle program *Long Way for a Good Feed*, the environmentally focused *Cool School*, traditional language program *Go Lingo* and fitness

series *WorkIt* will all debut in 2011.

NITV Director of Content Tanya Denning said the coming year signalled a strong one for quality Indigenous-specific shows run for and by Aboriginal people.

"Launching the 2011 program line-up at Parliament House in Canberra demonstrated to politicians the positive impacts that NITV is having on celebrating and retaining Indigenous culture, as well as the Indigenous independent production sector," she said.

Other programs to return in 2011 include *The Barefoot Rugby League Show* and *Marngrook AFL Footy Show*, along with health and lifestyle programs *Pmarra Country*, *Living Strong* and *Roots Music*.

Performers at the 2011 program launch included Casey Donovan, Warren H Williams, Nathan Foley and the Street Warriors.

The event also brought together Indigenous entertainers, producers and directors with some of the key decision-makers in Canberra to talk about the continuation of the NITV service.



NITV's Tanya Denning.



Casey Donovan on stage.



Musician Nathan Foley.



Tasmanian Independent Federal MP Andrew Wilkie with artistic director Rhoda Roberts.



Federal Greens MP Adam Bandt with Warren H Williams.

Men make anti-violence vow



Young and old pledged to 'Stop the Silence, Stop the Violence' during the street march in Alice Springs to mark White Ribbon Day.

MPs join in pledge



IN the nation's capital last Thursday, male parliamentarians from all sides of politics gathered to swear an oath 'to not commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women'.

On the same day, halfway across the country, Aboriginal men showed similar commitment to march through the streets of Alice Springs to encourage Central Australian residents to work together to achieve a safer, violence-free society.

It was all part of White Ribbon Day, or the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The Alice Springs event was organised by Ingkintja Male Health Branch of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC), which is leading the way with its own targeted 'Stop the Violence' campaign in Central Australian Aboriginal communities.

Manager of Ingkintja Male Health John Liddle explained the importance of men addressing the issue of violence.

"We recognise that while males are often perpetrators of violence, they are also victims of it," he said.

Commitment

"This is why we felt it important to demonstrate the real commitment many males have to standing up and saying 'No more – we must stop the violence now'.

"We acknowledge that we need the love and support of the women in our lives to help us as we move forward, and are committed to stopping the violence in Central Australia."

The Alice Springs march went from Anzac Oval and through the heart of town to the Alice Springs Town Council lawns to generate increased awareness of violence in the community and against women.

Ingkintja's Stop the Violence campaign

opened with a males-only march in September this year which was well attended, with 300 participants.

Since then, the campaign organisers have run a series of road-show-style visits to remote communities to discuss ways of reducing violence. They have brokered discussions between groups involved in sporting violence and held public talks at community events such as the Masters Games.

Around the county, more than 1200 men and boys have stepped up to be White Ribbon Ambassadors including anti-smoking campaigner and former Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, AFL player and Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes, the head of the NTSCORP Warren Mundine, NT Government Minister Karl Hampton, former West Coast Eagles player David Wirrpanda and singer/songwriter Kev Carmody.

Massacre

White Ribbon Day was created by a handful of Canadian men in 1991 on the second anniversary of one man's massacre of 14 women in Montreal.

Nearly one in three Australian women has suffered physical violence and almost one in five women has been the victim of sexual assault. The figures are worse in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

On Thursday, the Senate called on the Government to expedite delivery of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children, promised by then-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd late last year.

Minister for Home Affairs and Justice Brendan O'Connor said the Government took a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of violence, and was working with women's organisations, state and territory governments and the community to deliver the plan.



Richmond Football Club supported the White Ribbon Day march in Alice Springs with merchandise giveaways and prizes.



From left, CAAC senior workers Helen Kantawarra, Sheralee Fitz and Donna Ah Chee supported White Ribbon Day in Alice Springs.

on White Ribbon Day

Wuchopperen hosts event

By CHRISTINE HOWES



MEN, and some women, from all walks of life came together at Wuchopperen Health Services in Cairns last week to mark White Ribbon Day with a 'Stockman's Morning Tea'.

It was billy tea and damper all-round as Men's Program Coordinator Carl Williams told *The Koori Mail* it was about raising awareness under the twin themes of 'Violence is not our way and it's not okay', and 'Not violent, not silent'.

"White Ribbon Day is important because it's about men," he said.

"It's about men taking up the challenge of stopping the violence because the percentages are 96 or 98 per cent of perpetrators are male and it's more prevalent within the Indigenous community.

"You continue to see now, even in this generation, the effects of domestic violence upon our children. It has got to stop, we've got to change attitudes and beliefs."

Mr Williams said there was no way around the fact that men had to take up the challenge of saying 'no' now.

"That's why a lot of our kids, our young people, run around the streets, they're drug addicts, they're alcoholics," he said.

"They're not being nurtured right ... they're being neglected because of domestic violence."

Escalates

"Once domestic violence is involved, it escalates and Child Safety get involved and the courts are involved and court orders put in place where you can't have contact with your partner or your children.

"There's that disconnection (but) our children need their mothers and our children need their fathers as well. That's a life-long connection between them."

Mr Williams said men did not have to walk alone on the issue, and there were many support services.

"Once you go out, the community will come back in and support you and the changes you make and get involved and want to know how you've changed," he said.

The Wuchopperen gathering had a visit from Stephen Creek, a member of a local men's group and considered by many as a role model.

"I just came to give a bit of advice to the men, just to stop what they're doing and, if they can, separate and try that for a couple of months," he said.

"If not, stop the drinking, if that's involved, because when the drinking comes in that's when the violence starts.

"Seek help from alcohol and drug services and any way you can get help, so you can help yourself.

"If you help yourself then you can get back to your relationship."

Northern Pride rugby league club coach Dave Maiden said he was



Stephen Creek at the Wuchopperen Health Services event.



Queensland Police Service Domestic Violence Officer Larissa Flood with, back from left, Northern Pride's Dave Maiden, Wuchopperen's Carl Williams, Wayne Ah Sam and Bernard Sabadi, and Brett Anderson from Northern Pride and, front, Northern Pride players Francis Mosby and Josh Mene.

shocked by the statistics around domestic violence.

"I've got a mum, I've got a wife and I've got a daughter," he said. "You don't want that to happen to the women you care about in your lives.

"At the Pride, we want to be part of this message. We're happy to support it."

Queensland Police Service Domestic Violence Officer Larissa Flood said she was initially hesitant about speaking at the event.

"(At first) I thought 'Why should I, as a woman, get up and speak?' she said.

"(But) it can be my job to support the men who are here today, to stand up and say on behalf of all the other women here today 'thank you for having the

courage to attend a White Ribbon event and we see this as a positive step for men to take'.

"To us this means you are acknowledging the hurt and pain on women that has been caused by violence.

"And we women know that not all men here today are violent. We know that a minority of men are violent and for too long they have been giving the majority of men a bad name.

"We also acknowledge that you need the love and support of women to help you move forward."

Mr Creek said the overarching message from the day was to 'stop hitting Jalbus (women), you know it's not right'.

Senator's 'welcome' suggestion slammed

By DARREN COYNE



THE ABORIGINAL woman who performed the first ever welcome to country in Federal Parliament two years ago has described as 'offensive' a suggestion by a Liberal senator to scrap a daily Indigenous recognition statement.

Liberal senator Julian McGauran said last week that the welcome to country was not a prayer and should not be given equivalent status as the Lord's Prayer during the opening of each parliamentary session.

"The welcome to country ought to be separated and be seen to be separate from the meaning or significance given to the Lord's Prayer in the Parliament," Senator McGauran said.

"I seek a de-linking of the two. I believe the great many Christian Aboriginal people would agree with me.

"They would see this procedure in the Senate and the House of Representatives as nothing more than gesture politics at best, and offensive at worse."

Matilda House, the Ngambri Elder who performed the welcome ceremony the day before former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered his apology to the Stolen Generations, said the senator's call should be ignored.

Ms House said Aboriginal Christians would be especially offended if Senator McGauran believed he was speaking for them.

"I am a strong, proud Aboriginal woman, and also a Christian woman, and I would love to debate him or anyone else (about this issue)," she said.

"I think it is disgusting for him to say that he is speaking for Aboriginal people. If he is, then tell them to put their hands up and don't hide behind this man.

"All that it (the welcome to country) is saying is acknowledging the country before they (the politicians) start the business of the day.

"He obviously has a low opinion of Aboriginal protocols."

Ms House said recognition of Indigenous people had been a long-fought battle, with the Parliament taking until 1967 to recognise Indigenous people in the census, the High Court's Mabo decision in 1992 and the Apology in 2008.

She said the Labor Government's recent announcement of a referendum on recognising Indigenous people in the Constitution could have provided the trigger for Senator McGauran's 'ill-conceived' comments.

"The constituents who put him there need to know this man is playing a divide-and-conquer game in Australia," she said.

"He should be ashamed of himself."



MATILDA HOUSE

Reys appointed as NITV chairperson



INDIGENOUS media industry stalwart Ken Reys has been appointed to chair the board of National Indigenous Television (NITV). Mr Reys, a Gimuy Wallaburra Yidindji man from Cairns and founding member of the board, thanked outgoing chair Terri Janke for her work during the organisation's first years.

CEO of the Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council Natalie Walker is the organisation's new deputy chair. NITV is now available to more than eight million Australians, via pay television.

Languages on the program at forum



A THREE-DAY, statewide forum aimed at protecting and reviving Aboriginal languages wraps up today in Coffs Harbour.

The forum was a partnership between the NSW Government and the Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG) and included workshops and presentations bringing together Aboriginal communities, linguists and educators.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the NSW Government had allocated \$100,000 for the three-day forum, which was additional to the \$300,000 the Government had spent on community language grants.

Funds for Kimberley rock art research



THE WA Government says it will provide \$300,000 over three years to the University of Western Australia for specialised rock art research in the Kimberley region.

Premier Colin Barnett said the research would involve local traditional owners and aimed to improve the protection, management and maintenance of Kimberley's rock art, some of which is up to 35,000 years old. By comparison, he said Stonehenge in Britain was believed to be 5000 years old and the Egyptian pyramids about 4000 years old.

NSW festival wins State Govt boost



THE NSW Government has allocated \$11,000 for the Saltwater Freshwater Festival, which is being held in Port Macquarie on 26 January.

Last year's inaugural Saltwater Freshwater Festival was held in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, and attracted about 12,000 people, more than double the number that organisers were expecting.

Guess who's off to see Oprah!

THE office at Yalanjiwarra Jalunji Marrjanga Aboriginal Corporation at Mossman in far north Queensland will be as silent as a mouse come 14 December.

The corporation's cultural recording project manager Eileen Burchill and business manager Sandy Davies received an early Christmas present this year: They'll be in the studio audience of a special Sydney Opera House taping of the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Sandy entered her and Eileen's details in an online 'lottery' for much-coveted tickets to the exclusive event. Their request was amongst just 6000 randomly selected from more than 350,000 received.

"I entered the lottery at the very last minute simply to stop Eileen bugging me about how great it would be to go to Oprah," Sandy said of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I honestly didn't think we'd stand a ghost of a chance!"

Announcing in September that she'd be bringing 300 American viewers to Australia for 'Oprah's Ultimate Australian Adventure', America's highest-earning woman declared 'We're just weeks away from our ultimate Australian adventure and we've got a case of Aussie fever! I can't wait'.

And Oprah isn't the only one who is excited. Last week, Eileen was pretty much beside herself.

"I always said if I ever won Lotto, one of the first things I would do is head to Chicago and go to an Oprah show," she said.

"Oprah has risen above all obstacles; she's a role model for women around the world. I



They've got a ticket to smile...Eileen Burchill and Sandy Davies celebrate their big news.

have always had Oprah quotes on the wall of my workplaces to inspire others."

Eileen even has a favourite Oprah quote: "I don't think of myself as a poor deprived ghetto girl who made good. I think of myself as somebody who from an early age knew I was responsible for myself. And I had to make good."

It won't be the first time that a Burchill has a connection with Oprah Winfrey. Two years ago, Eileen's niece Tahlia was interviewed by Oprah's team for a feature on the inner beauty of Indigenous women

around the world.

Sandy's connection to Oprah goes back nearly 25 years.

"Way back in the 1980s my very first lecturer at uni, Professor Phil Schmidt, told our class that Oprah Winfrey, who had barely started a small syndicated talk show, would be a symbol of our generation," she recalled.

"He insisted: 'Mark my words and remember this day when your children are teenagers: Oprah Winfrey will change the social face of America and possibly the world'.

"Boy, was he ever right.

Here I am in Australia being a significant part of history as my friend and I travel to Sydney to participate in one of the last episodes of the Oprah Winfrey Show as an audience member."

Oprah's current challenge to her fans is to 'Live your best life'. These are two women who embody that challenge. Try not to be too jealous.

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Govt moves on suicide prevention



HIGH-RISK groups, including men, Indigenous Australians and former prisoners will be targeted

as part of the new suicide prevention strategy the Federal Government has embraced.

The Government last Wednesday said it was taking on board all 42 recommendations as set out by a Senate committee investigating how to combat rising suicide statistics.

But the Government still wasn't convinced by a key recommendation for a long-term national-awareness campaign, saying it prefers the existing multi-pronged approach.

The report, released in June, called for an extensive prevention plan that ropes in assistance from all levels of Government, organisations and communities as well as health and other workers.

The Government had pledged \$274 million to mental health before the election and detailed the spend last Wednesday. It will focus its attentions on men and young people, while also improving frontline services and bereavement support.

The Government said it had already actioned six recommendations, had set in motion initiatives to meet another 20 and will consider the rest.

One recommendation is to set up a five-year suicide-awareness campaign, encouraging Australians to talk more openly about mental health and seek help.

Information

"The Government is not convinced that a national, multi-media social marketing campaign is the best way to provide ... targeted information," the Government's response read.

It was lukewarm on the idea of setting up a centralised Suicide Prevention Foundation to raise funds, but the Government did, however, heed the call to improve statistic gathering.

The Senate committee noted that inaccurate reporting of suicides was impeding prevention efforts.

The Government accepted the recommendations for states, coroners and insurers to share information more readily, saying it had already begun work.

The Government said most jurisdictions were already in the process of creating a national standardised police form,



Greens senator and chair of the Senate committee behind the suicide prevention report Rachel Siewert.

another prominent recommendation.

More than 2000 Australians take their lives each year, while more than one in eight Australians have thought about it, according to the report 'The Hidden Toll: Suicide in Australia'. Indigenous Australians take their own lives at a rate three times higher than the general population.

Deputy chair of the committee and Labor senator Claire Moore said the Government accepted responsibility for keeping suicide prevention at the forefront of the national agenda.

"There's a tendency to take it as a tick and move on to the priority – that cannot happen because the need will continue," she told the Upper House.

"It's one thing to establish a committee, to establish recommendations and have Government responses, and we have all of that in this case. But the other thing is to keep a very strong watch on it."

Coalition and crossbench senators all rose in early support of the Government's response on Wednesday.

The Government accepted the need for targeted prevention efforts for high-risk groups, including men, Indigenous Australians, former prisoners, people in remote and rural areas, gays and lesbians as well as young people.

The committee urged the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other public agencies to start detailing suicides and attempted suicides by those aged under 15.

The Government did not support, but also did not rule

out, recommendation one, which asked for the Productivity Commission or a similar body to investigate the real and economic cost of suicide.

The committee recommended frontline and hospital staff be better educated about suicide, while hospitals should be able to provide at least one person with mental health training at all times.

The Government responded that it was committed to improving training. It also defended its funding efforts, saying it had increased the cash flow to the National Suicide Prevention Program to \$23.8 million in 2010-11 – double the commitment five years earlier.

The Greens and the Coalition both commended the Government for responding within the normal three-month time limit, a deadline not commonly adhered to.

The committee's chair, Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, said the Government had made a promising and welcome start with its response. She welcomed its agreement to develop a specific strategy to tackle Indigenous suicide.

Risk factors

Senator Siewert said mainstream approaches to suicide prevention didn't work well in Aboriginal communities because risk factors and stresses were often different.

"A specific National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy will need to take a whole-of-community response to suicide, which builds on community strengths and is adapted and delivered by community-based Indigenous services," she said.

"There is a need to deliver better social and emotional well-being services in communities at risk and ensure Indigenous mental health workers are available after hours. A focus on positive and strength-based programs to build resilience in young people is also essential.

"We now have an excellent opportunity to work with Indigenous psychologists, health services and community workers to reduce the toll of suicide on our most disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens."

● Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or SANE Helpline on 1800 18 SANE (7263).

— AAP, with additional reporting from The Koori Mail

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One state wide council and seven regional councils will be established.

Members will be reimbursed for their work on the councils and any out-of-pocket expenses.

Nominations for council membership close at 5 pm on Friday 24 December 2010.

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Malu Sara families await court ruling

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



THE families of the five people who died when an Immigration department vessel sank in the Torres Strait

five years ago are waiting anxiously to hear a Federal Court decision related to ComCare's prosecution of the department.

ComCare is the Federal workplace regulator and is prosecuting the Immigration Department for failing to ensure the safety of its staff and others when the *Malu Sara* sank on 15 October 2005.

The case was heard in Brisbane on 15 November and judge Justice Berna Collier reserved her decision for a date to be advised.

The maximum fine for breaching legislation for a Government department is \$242,000.

The *Torres News* reported that the Immigration Department did not contest the charges and its barrister Ralph Devlin SC pleaded for leniency.

"He told the court the department had taken extensive steps to put things right and expressed deep regret to the families affected," the *Torres News* reported.

Immigration officers Wilfred Baira, 38, Ted Cyril Harry, 54, and passengers Valerie Saub, 34, Flora Enosa 34 and her daughter, Ethena Enosa, 5, died when the poorly equipped and shoddily built *Malu Sara* sank en route from remote Saibai to Badu Island.

John Saub is the father of Valerie Saub and attended the Federal Court in Brisbane with family lawyer Jason Briggs.

Mr Briggs told *The Koori Mail* last week that the family was awaiting the judgment to



John and Henrietta Saub.

be handed down before officially commenting.

In October, the Saub family settled their wrongful death proceedings against the Immigration Department.

The Koori Mail attended a candlelight vigil organised by the Saub family on the Cairns Esplanade during October and spoke to Mr Saub and Mr Briggs where more than 20 men, women and children prayed for the *Malu Sara* victims.

In February 2009, family members wept in the Thursday Island Court House as State Coroner Michael Barnes said none of those on

board were at fault, and were the victims of shocking and incompetent mistakes made by police, boat builders and the Department of Immigration.

Mr Barnes said their deaths were a 'totally avoidable' disaster that should not have happened.

Since the death of their daughter, Mr Saub and his wheelchair-bound wife Henrietta have cared for Valerie's four children.

Despite the findings of the coroner the Queensland Attorney-General decided not to prosecute anybody over the sinking.

WA's high jail rate in spotlight



WESTERN Australia jails Aborigines at a greater rate than the US imprisons African Americans, a parliamentary report recommending an

overhaul of the justice system has found.

In its report, the parliamentary committee on justice found the high rate of Aboriginal imprisonment was the single biggest issue confronting WA's justice system.

Aboriginal prisoners are being let down by systemic failures by the Department of Corrective Services, and the failure is contributing to exceptionally high rates of reoffending, the committee found.

Committee chairman Tony O'Gorman said the over-representation of Aboriginal people in WA prisons was costing the community \$1 billion a year.

"The cost of recidivism to our community therefore is a large financial burden to both this state and to its people at a time when there is a need for budgetary constraint," Mr O'Gorman said.

Recidivism

"Therefore, a reduction in the recidivism rate represents significant savings to the state."

The committee recommended a 'Justice Reinvestment' program be introduced which would target dysfunctional and disadvantaged communities where there is a high level of offenders.

Significant savings would be achieved by reducing crime and changing the culture of those communities, which could then be put back into the communities.

Under the recommendation, a Justice Reinvestment strategy should be piloted in one metropolitan and one regional 'high-stakes' community.

The report, titled 'Making Prisons

Work', found 80 per cent of jailed Aboriginal male juveniles, 70 per cent of adult Aboriginal males and 64 per cent of Aboriginal female juveniles reoffend.

High levels of alcohol and substance abuse, lack of services, unemployment, low levels of functional education and child abuse were factors contributing to reoffending.

The report found Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were significantly over-represented in WA's criminal justice system, with incarceration nearly doubling over the past 20 years.

"The rate of imprisonment of Aboriginals in Western Australia is not only significantly higher than that of Australia as a whole, but it is also higher than that of African Americans in the US, whose rate of incarceration is similarly disproportionately high," it said.

The rate of Aborigines jailed was 2483 per 100,000 people in WA, more than a figure of 2290 African Americans jailed per 100,000 head of population in the United States, it said.

However, WA Attorney-General Christian Porter said he found the report 'superficial' in that it raised problems the Government was already aware of but didn't propose any solutions.

Mr Porter said the Government was already spending \$120 million on community building programs aimed at reducing crime, which he said was more than any other government in the state's history.

"What I'm saying is that clearly already happens, whether you call it community building, whether you call it spending on education, health and welfare in a particular community," he said.

"Or whether you call it justice whatever, it doesn't make much difference to what is actually going on." - AAP

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Native title position for WA mediator



ACCREDITED WA mediator Helen Shurven has been appointed as a part-time member of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Ms Shurven has worked in senior roles for the Western Australian Government for the past 12 years, mainly with independent statutory organisations including the Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner, the Office of Health Review and the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

She has also been a solicitor, a lecturer and researcher at Edith Cowan and Murdoch Universities, and a member of the board of management of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland said Ms Shurven's current work as an accredited mediator would be particularly valued.

Homelessness rates come under attack



HUMAN Rights Commission President Catherine Branson says it is 'shameful' that 12-18 year olds represent the largest group of homeless people in Australia.

Ms Branson's comments were made in conjunction with the 20 November anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and she renewed calls for a national Children's Commissioner to be established in order to raise awareness of the importance of children's rights.

Ms Branson, who is also the Human Rights Commissioner, said that while most Australian children had access to free primary and secondary education, and most children in Australia had access to good primary health care, significant areas of concern remained.

"Overcoming Indigenous disadvantage and improving protections for children in Australia experiencing mental ill-health and for those experiencing homelessness, remain pressing challenges," she said.

NSW Govt moves to help the homeless



THE NSW Government is calling for expressions of interest to run a \$1.048 million service to benefit the homeless in the New England area. The North West Aboriginal

Supported Accommodation Assistance Project (SAAP) will focus on finding housing options for Aboriginal people who are leaving supported accommodation by providing access to social housing or by helping to negotiate private rental accommodation.

The project will also have a broader focus, aiming to identify the major difficulties that Aboriginal people face in trying to find long-term accommodation after leaving supported accommodation and develop strategies to address those problems.

Applicants are required to obtain an information package for each project at www.community.nsw.gov.au/EOI or contact Merindah McLafferty on (02) 9716 2121 or email: HAP2010@community.nsw.gov.au

Applications close 4pm on 13 December.

Wunungmurra back in charge at NLC



EAST Arnhem Land leader Wali Wunungmurra will serve a second term as Northern Land Council (NLC) chairman after a vote at the 101st Full Council meeting, at Crab Claw Island, last month. Beswick's Samuel Bush-Blanasi was also

re-elected as Deputy Chairman.

Mr Wunungmurra said he was delighted to secure another term as chairman and pleased to see more young leaders emerging.

"I thank the Full Council members for giving me their overwhelming support when votes were cast and look forward to seeing the NLC continue its recent good work," he said.

NLC CEO Kim Hill said the new Full Council would be presented with a record number of land use agreement proposals.

Indigenous mums give birth younger – report



A NEW report shows that Indigenous women give birth at a younger age and are more likely to smoke during pregnancy than their non-Indigenous sisters.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) report *Australia's mothers and babies 2008*, shows the average age of Indigenous mothers in 2008 was 25, while for non-Indigenous mothers it was 30.1. Meanwhile, the average age of an Indigenous first-time mother was 21, compared with 28.2 years overall.

The report also found the proportion of

women who smoked while pregnant was 16 per cent. Over half of Indigenous mothers reported smoking during pregnancy (51 per cent), compared with 14 per cent of non-Indigenous mothers.

The report showed that overall, there was a 0.6 per cent fall in the rate of women aged 15 to 44 giving birth, however the proportion of older women giving birth has continued to rise over the past 18 years. The proportion of mothers aged 35 and over increased from about 11 per cent in 1991 to about 23 per cent in 2008. Mothers aged 40 and over made up almost 4 per cent of all women giving birth in 2008

compared to 1.4 per cent in 1991.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Sullivan of the Institute's National Perinatal Statistics Unit at the University of NSW said there were a number of factors that contributed to delayed child-bearing, including social, educational and economic factors and increased access to assisted reproductive technology.

Indigenous mothers had a lower caesarean rate than other mothers (25 per cent compared with 31 per cent). Advancing maternal age was associated with higher rates of caesarean section.

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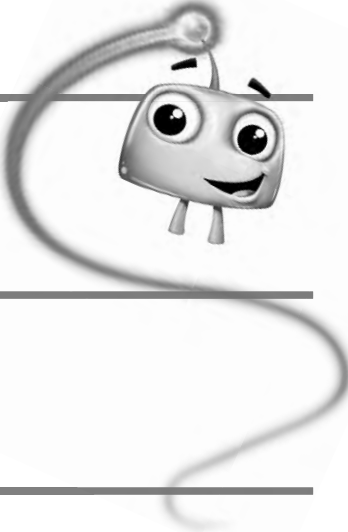


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Funds for Broome centre



WEST Australian Mental Health Minister Graham Jacobs says a planned recovery centre in Broome will receive

\$200,000 a year over the next two years, giving Kimberley residents with a mental illness improved access to services.

The number of people with a known mental health condition in the Kimberley is 1.5 times higher than the rest of WA, and Dr Jacobs said the new recovery centre would complement Broome's first dedicated inpatient mental health unit, due to open at the hospital in late 2011.

The centre will cater for people facing emotional difficulties as well as long-term unemployment, poor health, lack of education, homelessness, incarceration and substance misuse.

"This new centre will make it



'Given that Aboriginal people are over-represented in acute mental health care, it is estimated at least 70 per cent of the people accessing the centre will be Indigenous'

— WA Minister Graham Jacobs

easier for people to participate in rehabilitation activities, social and recreational programs and supported employment

opportunities," Mr Jacobs said.

"It will help them gain the skills and confidence they need for their journey from illness to

recovery." The Minister said the recovery and employment programs would be run by non-government organisations

and were vital in order to combat inequities.

"Given that Aboriginal people are over-represented in acute mental health care, it is estimated at least 70 per cent of the people accessing the centre will be Indigenous," Mr Jacobs said.

"Through its programs, the centre will help patients to re-engage with the community."

Mr Jacobs said the new centre would be completed and operational by next year.

"A significant number of unemployed people in the Kimberley cannot return to work due to mental health difficulties," he said.

"The projected demand for the centre's employment services could be for up to 300 people a year, in addition to the existing number of people currently accessing services from the Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service."

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Family awaits death findings

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



THE Queensland Police investigation into the death of Aboriginal man Lyji Vaggs is almost complete.

Kerrin Lawyers in Brisbane are acting for the family and spokeswoman

Penny Brown told *The Koori Mail* on 24 November they had been informed by the Coroner that Queensland Police had nearly finished their investigations into their own involvement with Mr Vaggs' death.

"Upon their investigation being finalised we will be informed by the Coroner as to the next stage," Ms Brown said.

Unfortunately, much of the information surrounding the incident such as statements and reports are in the possession of the coroner who is reluctant to release the information until he can do so in its entirety."

Ms Brown said in regards to the family's civil nervous shock and dependency claims for Mr Vaggs' widow Stacey Somerville and their three young boys, related medical appointments were expected to take place at the beginning of 2011.

"Once we can obtain evidence as to the impact of Lyji's death upon Stacey we can begin to proceed to a settlement conference," Ms Brown said.

"We are also currently going through the process of disclosure and obtaining information and documents from Queensland Health's list of documents."

Hundreds of people attended Mr Vaggs' funeral in Ayr on 20 August.

Mr Vaggs, 27, tried to admit himself to the mental health unit of Townsville Hospital in north Queensland several times on 14 April after hearing voices, but he was told to go home and take his medication because no beds were available.

When his medication failed to provide

'(Lyji) was held down by eight hospital staff including security officers and orderlies. I can tell you those security people are not small. Imagine eight big men on top of him, it would have been horrendous'

— Gracelyn Smallwood



relief, Mr Vaggs returned to the unit in an extremely agitated state and was restrained by security and medical staff before police were called.

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

Intensive care

It's believed Mr Vaggs lost consciousness immediately, and doctors spent 40 minutes trying to revive him before he was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit. He died on 15 April after his life-support system was switched off.

An autopsy report prepared for the coroner by Cairns-based forensic pathologist Paul Botterill revealed Mr Vaggs died of the combined affects of restraint asphyxia, obesity, schizophrenia and an aberrant coronary condition.

Townsville activist Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood has been critical of the autopsy, claiming it did not pinpoint one thing from which Mr Vaggs died.

Ms Smallwood said the matter was now being treated as a death in custody and the family wanted more answers.

"(Lyji) was held down by eight hospital staff including security officers and orderlies. I can tell you those security people are not small. Imagine eight big men on top of him, it would have been horrendous," she said.

Ms Smallwood questioned why up to four police officers handcuffed Mr Vaggs while a security officer is alleged to have restrained his legs by folding them and crossing them upwards while he was face down.

"There were 12 people restraining him and he would have suffered loss of oxygen. They gave him psychotic medication which is not an ethical standard," she said.

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and Rugby League (the Titans rule!).

Favourite holiday destination?
New Zealand and Venice. I'll get
there one day.

What are you reading?
Nothing really at the moment. I've just
finished the HSC so I'll have a break.

What are you watching?
DVDs, like *The Grown Ups*.

What is the greatest highlight in
your life?
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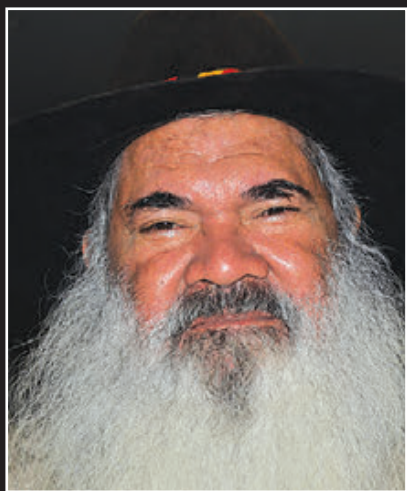
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Who would you invite for a night
around the camp fire?
My family and my best friend.

If you could, what would you do to
better the situation of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I'd do what I can to help others. If we
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Quote



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– Patrick Dodson

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Some cause for Cape optimism

At this time of year, when
exhaustion sets in for many, we all
need good news.

So, although not everyone's entirely
sold on Queensland's Family
Responsibilities Commission, the first
interim evaluation of the Cape York
welfare reform trials provides some
cause for optimism.

We have some big, complex
problems in our communities and they're
going to take a while to fix. Who could
forget Noel Pearson's sobering February
2007 description of his home community
of Hope Vale as 'a hellhole where
whirring fans and airconditioners in the
concrete block houses drown out the
noise, including the screams'?

The fact that increased school
attendances in Aurukun and Mossman
Gorge aren't quite duplicated in Coen
and Hope Vale, and that perceptions
around improved community safety at
Aurukun aren't so prevalent elsewhere
goes to show, though, that a one-size-
fits-all approach won't cut it in our
communities.

Each of these communities has its
own historic DNA and differing capacity
to meet the challenges they face. But
face them, they must.

It's early days – the Cape York trials
have more than another year to run –
and, with a combined adult population of
just 1616 adults, the sample size isn't
huge. Still, 200 people on family
responsibility agreements – or around 15
per cent of the adult population – says
something.

The Federal Government is right to



OUR SAY

describe the nature of the progress as
promising but 'fragile'. Situations can
change quickly, especially when poverty
and racism come into play.

Given Aurukun's specific
contemporary history, which includes
what some described as a riot, it's easy
to understand why the locals are keen to
make the most of any positive change,
albeit modest.

Proper evaluation of progress or
otherwise on the Cape is good,
especially given some general bitterness
about what is seen as disproportionate
amounts of government funding
dedicated to the region, often in the
name of trials.

But anything that restores a sense of
local Indigenous authority and personal
responsibility – rather than disempowers
and strips good people of their dignity
like the blanket approach applied to
welfare quarantining elsewhere – is
worth a look.

On a separate note, congratulations
to the seven Aboriginal people who were
category winners in the various state
and territory Australian of the Year
awards announced during the past
fortnight. We know they're special but it's
great that others notice these things too.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Life turned around for love of his kids

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

THE Ken Bone of 20 years ago is not a man you would recognise today, nor would you have wanted to. He admits this himself.

Back then, he was notorious in his southern Queensland community of Cherbourg for being a violent perpetrator, worse when fuelled by alcohol.

His only reprieve was the memory loss the morning after, when faced with others' recollections of his rage. He was simply too drunk to ever remember what he had done.

To say that he has since turned his life around is a great understatement. He has been sober now for 27 years, and remembers the day he vowed never to drink again.

"I was a woman basher, I was a violent man and drank all the time," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I remember the day I had my last drink, it was the 18th of March 1983 and I had been very violent with a female partner at the time. When I woke up and they told me what I had done, I didn't remember a thing but I knew I had done it. I knew what I was capable of and I felt sick."

Faced with this horrific realisation, he vowed to never touch another drink. And he hasn't.

But the road to sobriety hasn't been easy.

"I said to my mates this is my last drink. They didn't believe me, I didn't even believe me. For most of my life as a drinker I ignored the people and things that were very dear to me, especially my children.

"My first relationship bore five daughters and when you're walking down the street and your children cross the road to get away from their drunk old dad, well, that really affects you.

"I went from being a drunk and a woman basher and one of the most despised persons in the community... I almost lost having a relationship with my children... there are a lot of reasons why I gave up drinking, but that would have to be one of the most important ones. I made a lot of people sad, both black and white."

Funerals

Ken knows all too well the impact of alcohol abuse. He has gone to more funerals than he cares to remember. As Cherbourg's one-time funeral director, a post he held for six years, he has literally had to bury his own.

"Sometimes I call it the good old bad days," he says.

"Most of my mates aren't around today, they didn't make it, we worked hard and drank hard. It was just a part of our life, but then it started to take its toll.

"I buried a lot of my mates (but) they have given me the strength to keep going. It's not a good place to see them, you never forget that. When you bury them it tells you that that's where you're going to be if you keep going the way you're going."

But Ken knew he had a lot of work ahead of him if he wanted to gain back the trust of his family and community. The task seemed



Former long-serving Cherbourg Mayor and community leader Ken Bone.

insurmountable at times.

He hit the road to get some perspective on his life and what he had come close to losing.

His early work experience at 15 had given him a strong work ethic, and he admits having worked across some of the most challenging and interesting occupations.

"I was 15 when I got my first job. I learnt to swing an axe, ringbarking," he says.

"I've worked on railways, as a general labourer, a brickie's labourer and a builder's labourer.

"You went wherever you could find work. That was the life I enjoyed."

As the local funeral director, he had to travel to bring many of the local mob back

home for burials.

He was also the founding member of local radio station Radio 4UM – 4 Us Mob – and has occupied positions on various local drug and alcohol rehabilitation committees over the years.

At one time, he was the social security agent, helping people to fill out forms in order to get on to benefits.

And, of course, he was the Mayor of Cherbourg from 1991 to 2008.

Ken will turn 64 this month, three days before Christmas, and said he would celebrate with a cup of tea or a cold drink of Pepsi.

Long gone are the days when he would have hit the bottle. These days he is kept busy as a community leader and father of

nine – his youngest is 17 and his eldest is 40 – and grandfather of 22. He is soon to become a great-grandfather for the first time.

Married to his wife of two years – they have been together for 17 years – it is the simple joys now of spending time with his family that is now the most important thing to him.

"There was a time when I nearly lost those relationships for good," Ken says.

"I went from a woman basher to a mayor. My wife helped me to turn my life around a lot, and I have a good relationship with my children these days, but it was very hard.

"I think for a long time I hid behind the lies, but in the end you've got to be up front about your problems and your past if you want to stay sober."

Given up as a baby

Part of his past that he had carried around with him was the pain of being given up by his mother when he was a baby.

"I resented my mother for a very long time, for years, because I believed that she walked away from us," Ken said.

"I was able to work through a lot of that when I got old enough to understand some things, and we enjoyed a good relationship in the ten years before she passed away."

Ken's saving grace came in the form of his grandmother, who took him in and raised him, along with other uncles and aunts, whose love and care gave him a sense of belonging.

"I was born and bred in Cherbourg and I've been here for most of my life," he says.

"My grandmother raised me from a baby, and I grew up in her tin shack. Life was hard and you lived on rations, but at the same time it was also a very simple and good life in many ways.

"I have been fortunate to have always had the support and love of my family and that connection with them.

"When my grandmother was forced into servitude at different times throughout her life, my uncles and aunts shared the care of me.

"My mother had seven children but the three girls died when they were little. The boys are all still here.

"There were so many restrictions on how you could live your life. I think my connection to culture was what got me to where I am today."

While the young Ken – known then and now as Kookaburra or just 'Burra' for his funny laugh – experienced at times a carefree childhood, he also saw early on the devastation of alcohol abuse and family violence.

"I saw some violence in the community, especially between my mother and father," he said.

"Before they gave it all up, my aunty and uncle were drinkers and gamblers, but they got the strength to change and become Christians, and they go to church now.

"There are incidents that I witnessed that I still remember to this day."

Ken became Cherbourg's first Aboriginal mayor, ultimately serving in the role for 14

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**Re: Ewald Namatjira.
Seeking contact with family.**

I am an artist who has long admired Ewald's work.
I wish to visit some sites from which Ewald painted.
I am seeking contact with family or associates of Ewald's family to discuss my plans further.
**If you can assist please contact me on
0401 053 953**

Joel B



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Environment,
Climate Change
& Water

**Expressions of Interest
Aboriginal Lands Clean-Up
Grant 2011**

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from Local Aboriginal Land Councils who partner with a local government council under the Clean-Up and Deterrence of Illegal Dumping on Aboriginal Owned Land grants program.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be made available for projects commencing in 2011 that clean up and deter illegal dumping and strengthen relationships between Local Aboriginal Land Councils, local councils and the broader community. A total of \$200,000 is available.

For more information and EOI forms visit
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/alcup.htm
or phone (02) 8837 6000.

**Expressions of Interest close 5pm Monday 31
January 2011.**

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO
NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INDIGENOUS
LAND USE AGREEMENT**

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (QLD) Inc. hereby gives notice that is required by the Weapons Licensing Branch, Queensland Police Service, to include as part of the safety zone for its Herveys range facility, Lot A on AP17395, County of Elphinstone, Parish of Hervey, which is currently the subject of Interim Permit to Occupy No. 232768.

The subject land which is the shaded portion of the map (see below) is adjacent to Lot 2 RP 730808 which is located on Rifle Range Road, Herveys Range in the state of Queensland.

Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (QLD) Inc. seeks to apply for a Term Lease over the subject land from the Department of Environment and Resource Management which requires the applicant to address the issue of Native Title over the land.

In accord with this requirement Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (QLD) Inc. hereby invites those who claim to hold Native Title for the subject land to contact the Secretary with a view to entering into negotiations for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement in respect of the subject land.

Any persons who claim to have Native Title interest in this land are requested to contact: The Secretary, Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (QLD) Inc. at PO Box 2050, Brisbane QLD 4001, phone (07) 4725 6266 within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

Notification day: December 1, 2010.



Another view of Sydney's history



A NEW and updated book that details Sydney's 'rich and complex Aboriginal history' was launched

last week.

Aboriginal Sydney, an updated second edition of a 2001 release, is recognised as an authoritative guidebook which provides an alternative social history, told through 'precincts of significance' to the city's Aboriginal people.

Sol Bellear, representing the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, and Russell Taylor, the Principal of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Studies (AIATSIS), jointly launched it.

The book maps and identifies many of the important historical Aboriginal heritage sites that can still be visited in and around Sydney.

It identifies rock art and middens in national parks, points of early contact and conflict around Sydney harbour and sites of 'civilising experiments' to the west of Sydney.

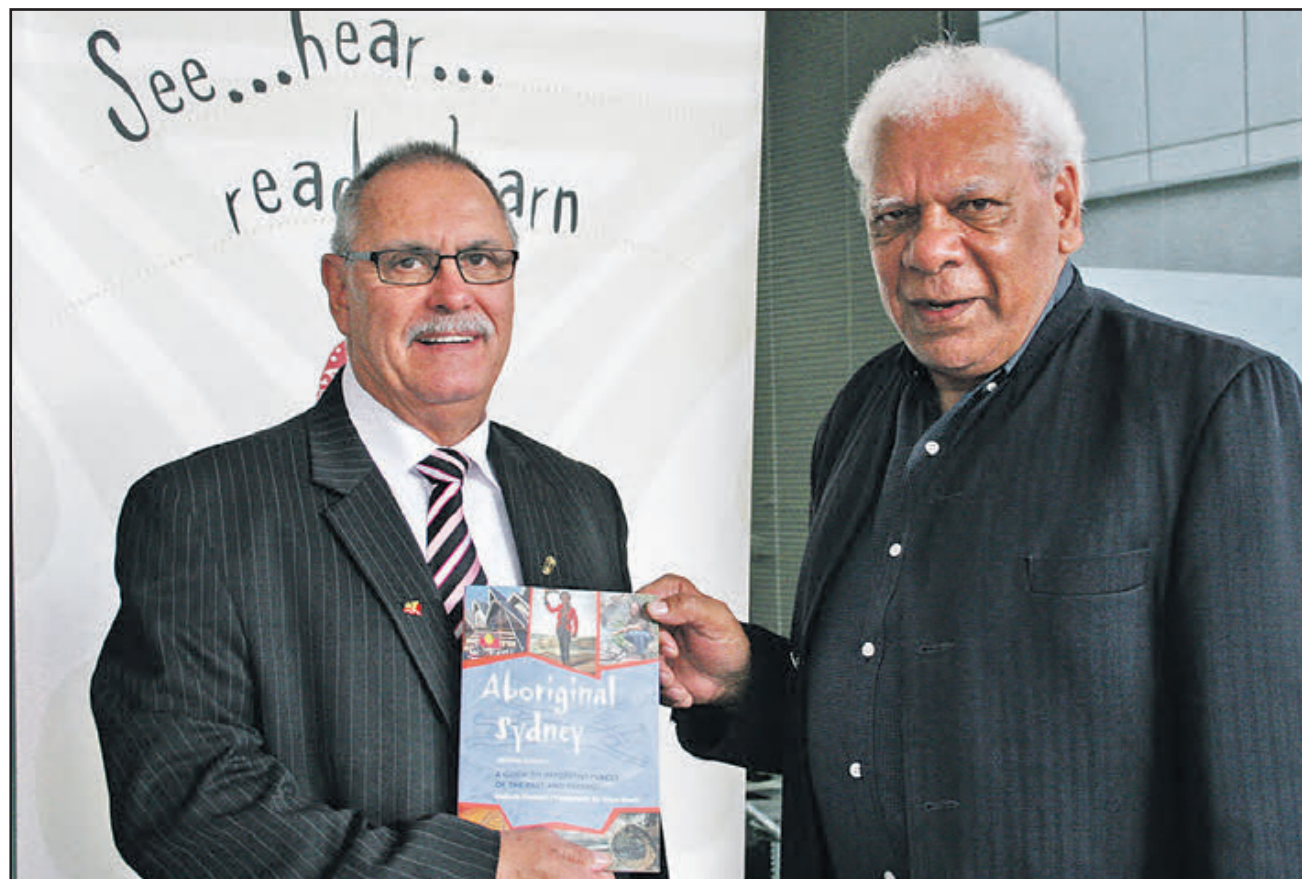
It also lists significant places of protest, civil rights and community pride in Redfern and La Perouse, along with cultural centres, galleries, museums and theatres.

Aboriginal Sydney is published by

the AIATSIS publishing arm, Aboriginal Studies Press.

It is a joint work by Melinda Hinkson, a lecturer in social anthropology at the Australian National University's Research School of Humanities and the Arts and Aboriginal photographer Alana Harris, a Wiradjuri/Ngannawal woman raised in Cowra who manages AIATSIS' Still Image Service Unit.

"The sites within the precincts, and their accompanying stories and photographs, evoke Sydney's ancient past, and allow us all to celebrate the living Aboriginal culture of today," Mr Taylor said.



AIATSIS Principal Russell Taylor, left, and Sol Bellear, representing the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), jointly launched the book.

Committed to Cherbourg

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years until 2008, and hasn't ruled out a return to politics in the upcoming council elections.

"There were many challenges, but it was a rewarding experience," he said.

"You try to please everyone, but that's very hard to do. The best thing is when you can do something to make someone smile.

"I feel that some of my greatest accomplishments were about the kind of relationships I built with the community. One of your biggest jobs as mayor is to build trust and to try and listen to what the community wants."

While Ken is reluctant to claim any community successes during his stint as mayor, there were improvements to infrastructure like roads,

bridges and houses during his time.

"I don't want to take claim for things that someone would have done anyway, I just happened to come along at that time. I tried to fight for the rights of Aboriginal people, and we're still fighting for those rights, like stolen wages," he said.

Vision

Ken's vision for the country and for his own community is for education to be at the forefront of every Aboriginal community and for more Aboriginal people to be employed across all sectors.

"My vision for Cherbourg is to walk into the hospital and see black doctors and nurses, to see more black leaders," he said. "I'd like to see our own kids get more involved in their education, that is the key to our future."

While Ken admits he leads a pretty comfortable life these

days, there's only one thing that could improve things immeasurably: More golf.

The mad keen golfer boasts two holes-in-one, and spends as much time on the green as he can spare.

Ken said he continued to be inspired by his children, father, grandmother and uncles and aunts who raised him and helped him become who he is today.

"I've done my best to win back my children's respect, and that means more to me than anything," he said.

"I'll be 64 soon. I'm still working in the community. I live on a high hill overlooking the creek in one of the most beautiful places around.

"I received a Centenary Medal in 2001 for my work here in the community, but I still believe that if it wasn't for me, then someone else would have done it.

"Still, that's not bad for an old drunk is it?"



**Ms KOORI
LOVE**

mskoorilove@koorimail.com

CHRISTMAS is almost here and Ms Koori Love is taking her customary summer holidays, looking near and far for love. She sends all *Koori Mail* readers season's greetings and will be back – full of all kinds of news – in time for Valentine's Day. If you need a dose of Ms Koori Love's wisdom in the meantime, check out her website www.mskoorilove.com.au or become friends with her on Facebook.



White Ribbon Day Ambassador Kevin Rudd urges male readers of *The Koori Mail* to reflect on their behaviour towards women and children. His letter is on page 24.

Public deception, waste, distraction



JACK Waterford is right (This feel Good Flag Won't Fly, *Canberra Times*, 10 November 2010). He remains one of the few commentators left of any substance on reporting Aboriginal issues.

The proposal to include some kind words about Aboriginal prior ownership of land in the Australian Constitution is nothing but a public deception, waste and distraction of a national scandal.

Aboriginal peoples and the nation cannot afford to have another national distraction that was spawned by the very expensive, but brief, Reconciliation party.

Ownership? Recently the NSW Government and some local Aboriginal peoples by invitation only shed tears

together when the NSW Constitution was amended to include some kind words acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the State's first people and nations (but do not mention the word 'ownership') and on behalf of the people of NSW, recognised that Aboriginal people, as the traditional custodians and occupants of the land in NSW, have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship ...and so on.

But then the obvious ends these kind words: 'Nothing in this section creates any legal rights or liability or gives rise to or affects any civil cause of action or right to review an administrative action, or affects the interpretation of any Act or law

in force in NSW.'

The last bit has a sense of desperation of maintaining the status quo, but was necessary to get both Houses in the NSW Parliament to pass it and dampens all that other good-sounding acknowledgment.

Raising this distraction amongst other more pressing needs of Aboriginal peoples only confirms again the confused Gillard approach to 'fixing the Aboriginal problems' and 'moving forward'.

The money would be better spent on the Aboriginal child protection crisis or on any of the other 'emergency issues'.

It also confirms why I did not vote Labor at the last election and I am furious

at the potential waste of much-needed real efforts that does not depend on race as its criteria.

The only constitutional amendment needed in multi-racial Australia today is to delete the Constitutional Race Power. Make no mistake.

Coming to some agreement with Aboriginal peoples will be needed to avoid the current enormous waste of public funds arguing over native title that nobody seems to care about.

But tinkering with how to deceive the public will not cut it.

GEORGE VILLAFLO
Canberra, ACT

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

Community and family respect

WE as a society should acknowledge, respect and accept all cultures, traditions, religious backgrounds and practices of our local community members and families. Why are family members showing disrespect and abuse to each other? Where has our family values gone?

Why do community members treat specific races of people with disrespect, inferiority and racist statements when in actual fact we are all equal members of the human race?

It is time all community members respected and cared for each other, although in today's society a

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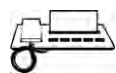
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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited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

Please reconsider jail visiting hours

The following is an 'open letter' from 19 community organisations asking Northern Territory Corrections Minister Gerry McCarthy to reverse his decision about reducing visiting hours at Berrimah Prison, in the NT.

DEAR Minister McCarthy
We are very concerned about the Northern Territory Government's decision to significantly reduce visiting hours at Berrimah Prison.

The change from seven-day access to weekend and public holiday visits only will have serious consequences for prisoners and their families and friends.

Visits from family are vital if those in prison are to be successfully rehabilitated.

Prisoners need to stay connected with the 'outside world' and to have a group of

people who will support them when they are released.

Cutting prisoners off from positive role models will make it harder for them to successfully rejoin the community, and may cause problems with their mental health.

The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was very clear about this.

While we applaud the Government's efforts to provide effective rehabilitation programs, we are confident that this could be managed without reducing visiting hours.

Many visitors to Berrimah Prison come from very remote locations across the Territory.

Transport links are limited and unreliable, particularly in the wet season.

Most of these people from the bush are unfamiliar with the complexities of timetables, and transport connections. Very

few have access to private vehicles.

For all these reasons, we believe that maintaining 'seven days a week' visiting at Berrimah is the best way to 'Close the Gap' and give Aboriginal people in the Territory a fair go.

We urge you to reconsider the decision to reduce visiting hours to Berrimah Prison so that the families and friends of prisoners will continue to have the opportunity to visit and support their loved ones on a more regular basis.

This letter is endorsed by:
Amity Community Services
Anglicare NT
Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation – National Office
CatholicCare – NT
Criminal Lawyers Association NT

Darwin Community Legal Service
Early Childhood Australia – Northern Territory
Family Planning Welfare Association NT
FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation
Law Society Northern Territory
Melaleuca Refugee Centre
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
Northern Territory Council of Social Service
Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations
Northern Territory Working Women's Centre
Salvation Army – NT
Top End Mental Health Consumers Organisation
Top End Women's Legal Service
Uniting Church – Northern Territory

POETRY

Before Bed

Most nights before bed
I retreat outside
to savour the beauty
that soothes my mind

Stars stain the sky
scattered all around
I peer into the darkness
observing every sound

The call of an owl
the distant croak of a frog
the squeaking of a
bandicoot
as it scurries past a log

The symphony of insects
whose song fills the air
the whisper of a westerly
that flows through my hair

A mother and her joey
briskly bound away
these sounds hold more
meaning
than what words can ever
say

Moonshine protrudes
the sparse shifting cloud
a river of lilac
streams to the ground

I bathe in this brilliance
a smile on my face
grateful to the spirits
for maintaining this place.

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Christmas Diary

And it's raining now for weeks
The sun has tried to shine
The clothes are piling up the floor
The washing is wet upon the line
And Christmas, bloomin' Christmas!
It's just nearer than we knew
This year's been all over the place
With the things we had to do.
We moved houses three times in all
The place's rent was way too high
The jobs we're in are just above
The liveable wage...they lie
The money goes in and pain comes out
Sick of the asbestos in the roof
Landlord says it's here or nothing
Spouse it's better than the boot
And though it seems like life is full
Of chaos and unsettled strife
To wake each day to start again
Is my own, sure blessing in life
So Christ, Merry Christmas!
Look for rainbows all next year
To all my brothers and sistas
I wish you Christmas Cheer

Z QUAKAWOOT
Mackay, Qld

Tassie Heritage claim ignored

THE destruction of the Aboriginal heritage site at kotalayna (Jordan River) is a classic example of the struggle that Aboriginal people continue to face in this State.

While Aborigines are being thrown in the back of police paddy wagons for attempting to save their 40,000-year-old heritage, another five different European Heritage sites in Tasmania have been World Heritage listed and granted complete and utter protection.

The Tasmanian Heritage Council has added 11,000 different bridges, pubs, walls, swimming pools, and

churches to the Tasmanian Heritage list, but chose to ignore our application to have the Aboriginal site at kotalayna added to the list.

This type of discrimination against Aboriginal people and our heritage not only makes a mockery of Kevin Rudd's recent announcement to 'right the wrong doings of the past', it's also a violation of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous people (of which Australia is a signatory to) which states that 'all Indigenous peoples have a right to maintain and protect

their culture, such as archaeological and historical sites and artefacts'.

In white society, a person's home is a structure made of bricks or timber, but to our people our home was the land that we hunted and gathered on and held ceremony and gatherings.

Building a bridge through kotalayna will not just destroy our ancestors' heritage, it will destroy their home.

NALA MANSELL-McKENNA
Youth Worker
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre



Community and family respect

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conglomerate of mixed races promotes subtle racism, hatred and prejudices based on ignorance, fear, skin colour and cultural practices, allowing us to treat our neighbours differently to one another.

Is this the way we treat our fellow community members?

As a former Casey Councillor and Independent candidate, along with my associate, we both endorse community sharing, co-operation and race relations towards each other. There is no room on this planet Earth for racism and division as we are all born equally as the people of God, so why do we have community members treating others as inferior beings?

Let us bring back family values, respect and human dignity.

Come and join us in our fight for human justice.

PAUL RICHARDSON
Independent Candidate for Narre Warren
North, Victoria

(And **TAIMOUR HASSAN**, Independent
Candidate for Make the State Pay)

White Ribbon Day

WORLDWIDE, one in three women is subjected to some form of physical violence by men during their lives. It may be at the hands of a family member, a friend, a partner, or a stranger. Sometimes, the perpetrators are punished. Often they are not.

This violence has devastating impacts on women and on their families.

For women living in poverty in a developing country, they have few options to find help and support.

A few escape, but with limited education or the means to earn a living they are often trapped and live in fear, shame and isolation.

Women with a disability often suffer even more.

Many male leaders in neighbouring countries in Asia and the Pacific want to break the cycle of violence against women. Like me, they feel that this abuse is unacceptable.

The Australian Government is working at an international level to provide services that protect and help women in developing

countries – to give them better education and skills to raise their socio economic status and give them more control over their lives.

We are serious about meeting the Millennium Development Goals and reducing global poverty by 2015. It's the reason we are doubling the aid budget. It's the reason the Government announced on White Ribbon Day, 25 November, specific assistance to a UN Partners for Prevention program which works with men and boys to prevent gender-based violence.

As a White Ribbon Ambassador, I believe White Ribbon Day is an opportunity for men and boys to reflect on our behaviour towards women and children. It's a day to consider the qualities that really make men strong and powerful. Violent behaviour towards women is not one of them.

KEVIN RUDD
Minister for Foreign Affairs
White Ribbon Day Ambassador

Taser danger

AT last count there have been 455 taser-related deaths in the United States, 354 in seven years alone. More than 800 around the world.

Four police taser-related deaths in Australia. A pregnant woman and an 11-year-old child have been tasered.

Last year a Townsville man was tasered 28 times to his death.

In Perth, Kevin Spratt was tasered more than 30 times spread out over five incidents.

It has been argued that tasers are not lethal weapons, however they are, otherwise they would not lead to deaths.

Ironically, police recently charged an Oakford (WA) man under the Weapons Act for being in possession of a taser, a prohibited dangerous weapon. The maximum penalty for being in possession of a taser is \$36,000, or three years jail.

Tasers, once upon a time, like the initial roll out of the Northern Territory Intervention, were foolishly prematurely supported by the Australian Greens, who have now realised their mistake. Sweden and Iceland, who undertook evaluation studies in the use of Tasers, have banned them.

Kenya has banned their use.

Tasers were issued to WA police in 2007 with the intent of minimising the use of police firearms. During the past 30 years in WA, there have only been two direct firearm deaths by police officers. I agree with



● LEFT: Perth man Kevin Spratt was tasered more than 30 times by police.

Photo by JO MURRAY

the WA Police Commissioner that many taser-related injuries may have a quicker recovery rate than many injuries sustained by physical force.

However, since the general issue of tasers, police injuries have gone up 22 per cent and firearm use has increased.

Because of the police's zero tolerance practices, tasers appear to be used as a front line of 'defence' rather than a last line of 'defence'. There seems to be little effort to mediate, talk down and de-escalate a situation.

Some police officers I know believe that the indiscriminate use of tasers is wrong and that police officers should be taught de-escalation techniques. They believe there is a culture of thinking that tasers don't lead to death and that they merely cause temporary neuromuscular incapacitation.

Prior to tasers, police officers were hesitant to resort to firearms as a first line of 'defence'.

Another police officer acquaintance confided that Kevin Spratt 'had it coming'.

WA Judge Bruce Goetze reinforced this pervasive discriminatory thinking when he defended the actions of the police officer who tasered Warburton man Ronald Mitchell.

Ronald Mitchell was carrying a container of petrol and a lighter.

The tasing caused him to be engulfed in flames and resulted in severe burns and skin grafts.

I appreciate the police officer tried to put out the flames. The judge indicated that Ronald was at fault for his tasing and burns and said 'You really have yourself to blame'.

Zero tolerance policies by the police, the criminal justice system and the State Government are to blame.

What year are we in? 1066 or 2010?

GERRY GEORGATOS
Harrisdale, WA

More important issues at stake

I AM only just reading my 3 November issue of *The Koori Mail*. I have been in Sydney with my daughter who had terminal cancer in her lungs, which spread. I was by her side when she passed away 2.30am on 23 October.

My daughter was the second child I have lost, so when I read once again all this bullshit about 'Should we be referred to as Indigenous or Aboriginal?' I thought to myself 'Oh, here we go again!'

I was always taught by my dad that

Indigenous and Aboriginal were basically the same – native to the land.

Why do we need a poll for readers? I am Koori. And the term Indigenous is used right throughout *The Koori Mail*. Don't we have more important things to worry about? I think so.

So let's get on with important issues.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, Qld

Woman of passion for Goori history

Tribute Hazel Suturs

DURING the past couple of days, I sadly learned of the recent passing of Mrs Hazel Suturs.

As a Birrpai traditional owner, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the positive contribution to Goori advancement, and thus reconciliation, that this wonderful lady made.

'Aunty' Hazel of course was a member of the Bain family, and it was her grandfather Duncan Bain who opposed the removal by the Aboriginal Protection Board of our people from their land, which he now held through freehold title, to the Board-controlled reserve at Burnt Bridge in neighbouring Dunghutti country.

Among these Goori families were members of the Murray, Bugg, Morcom and Dungay clans. He also provided land at 'peppercorn rent' for the newly established part-time Aboriginal School at Wauchope called Morcom – one of two such schools established locally following petitioning by non-Aboriginal residents who complained that their children had to attend school with the children from the 'blacks' camp'.

Aunty Hazel inherited the empathy of her forebears and developed a passion for history, including Goori history.

She was influenced further by her

father James Bain, who had also taken a keen interest in Goori history.

Her passion was strengthened by her childhood memories of the many Goori families. This included interactions while the Goori families provided labour to the Bain and other non-Aboriginal families.

She published locally the *Memoirs of James Bain*, as well as numerous articles in the local press relating to Goori identities such as Bunyah Jimmy, 'King' Murray, George Combo, 'Possum' Davis, Neil Morcom and Clarefield Dungay. They included an obituary in 1983 to Charlie Murray Jnr, the son of 'King' Murray. Murray Snr was one of the principal subjects and collaborator of Thomas Dick in helping photograph aspects of traditional Birrpai life through a series of re-enactments, recognised today as the Thomas Dick Photographic Collection.

In recent years, I was lucky to make contact with Aunty Hazel and thus maintain the direct link that she had with the Bugg, Dungay, Morcom and Murray families. Aunty Hazel and the Bain family are thus part of the post-colonial history of the Birrpai peoples, and her, along with her family's contribution, to our ongoing struggle for justice are well respected.

It is only proper that this wonderful lady's contribution is publicly acknowledged by Birrpai people.

JOHN HEATH
Bonny Hills, NSW

Tiwi Elder a true gentleman

Tribute Matthew Wonaeamirri

NORTHERN Land Council (NLC) Chairman Wali Wunungmurra said on 15 November that he was saddened to learn of the passing of respected Tiwi Elder Matthew Wonaeamirri.

"Mr Wonaeamirri was a dedicated leader who always fought for improved outcomes for his Tiwi peoples," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"I have known Mr Wonaeamirri since I was a young man growing up on Melville Island and he will be

remembered as a true gentleman."

Mr Wunungmurra praised Mr Wonaeamirri's achievements during his lengthy term as a Tiwi Land Council member, his work as a board member of Aboriginal Benefits Account and, most recently, as a driving force behind getting the Tiwi Bombers into the Northern Territory Football League.

"He was a man who always put his peoples first and, on behalf of myself, executive members, the Full Council, CEO and all NLC staff, I extend my sincere condolences to his families during this time of great sadness," Mr Wunungmurra said.



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Roberta Sykes mourned as a pioneer activist

AN Aboriginal rights campaigner once dubbed 'the militant activist with the afro' has been remembered for her kind heart and determination.

Poet and author Roberta 'Bobbi' Sykes, 67, died at a Sydney nursing home on 14 November after battling ill health for eight years. Her funeral was held in Sydney last Tuesday.

In the 1980s, Dr Sykes became the first black Australian to attend Harvard University, gaining a PhD in education, and in 1994 she was awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal.

"She was a strong, amazing person who was fair dinkum," said Shane Phillips, a community member of The Block, in inner-Sydney Redfern.

"I know her determination and her passion for our people and what is right is one thing Roberta Sykes fought hard for."

Born in Townsville, north Queensland, in 1944, Dr Sykes grew up as Roberta Patterson with her white mother and two younger sisters.

Tent Embassy arrest

She stepped into the public domain as an afro-wearing activist known as Bobbi when she was arrested at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy outside Canberra's Parliament House in 1972.

"She did a lot for the Aboriginal community," said Mick Mundine, chief executive of the Aboriginal Housing Company in Redfern.



Rights campaigner, author and poet Dr Roberta 'Bobbi' Sykes.
AAP image/Ellen Comiskey

"For anybody to get arrested at the Tent Embassy, a lot of credit goes to her. She was a pretty staunch lady, she was.

"Anybody who fought for what they believed in and stuck to their principles then, that's why we have what we've got today..."

"She was a good person, she had a good attitude, she was a really caring, sharing sort of lady."

Dr Sykes was the first executive secretary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and worked as an adviser in Aboriginal health and education.

She penned a three-part autobiography *Snake Cradle* (1997), *Snake Dancing* (1998) and *Snake Circle* (2000), in which she revealed details about being pack-raped by white men, the resulting birth of her son when she was 17 and the trial of her attackers.

"Without vocal chords, in pain the snake rears back and opens its mouth to cry in complete silence, and its agony is only apparent to those who know it well," she wrote in *Snake Dancing*.

It won her the \$22,000 Nita B Kibble award

for a published book of fiction or non-fiction by a woman writer, classifiable as 'life-writing'.

Dr Sykes' heritage was a matter of contention within the Indigenous community. As revealed in her autobiography, her mother refused to divulge the identity of Sykes' father and the activist herself is reported to have concluded: 'As time passed, I was able to acknowledge that there were some things unknowable (and) unattainable', and 'that it was important to swallow my tears and waste no more energy .. on things beyond my reach'.

In a 1998 review of *Snake Cradle*, fellow activist Gary Foley said it ought to be remembered that Dr Sykes had made a 'legitimate and significant contribution' to the Koori political struggle during the early 1970s.

"This included being arrested with me at the first of the police riots at the Aboriginal Embassy on July 20 1972," Foley recalled.

"Whether or not she is of Aboriginal blood heritage is irrelevant to the question of the legitimacy of her contribution to the Koori political struggle.

"It should be recalled that to be involved in the Koori land rights struggle at that time was to invite vilification, harassment and political surveillance, and few had the courage to be part of the vanguard.

"Sykes at least was there, which is more than can be said of many today who claim to have been."

NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) chairwoman Bev Manton said Dr Sykes would be remembered for her writing as well as her passion for human rights.

Dr Sykes will be sorely missed by those who knew her and her passing is a sad day for the Aboriginal rights movement," she said.

In her later years, Dr Sykes lived in the Sydney suburb of Redfern, where she worked as a counsellor, consultant and advocate for human rights.

Mr Phillips, who grew up in Redfern, said Dr Sykes was working on a book at the time of her death.

"She's a great person and she should be recognised," he said.

"She was very opinionated, she spoke her mind, and that's one thing I admired about her, because no matter what, she gave her opinion of it and she always tried to be objective about it."

Devoted to getting justice

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said Dr Sykes had devoted her life to getting justice for Aboriginal people.

"She made a significant contribution to the Koori political struggle in the early 1970s," Ms Burney said.

"...She was courageous, honest and tireless in her efforts - we are all in her debt."

Larissa Behrendt, something of a protégé of Dr Sykes, who also went on to attend Harvard, told how she was at her bedside at a Sydney hospital when she died.

"I have known her all my life and one thing's for sure - I wouldn't have gone to Harvard if it wasn't for her," the 41-year-old novelist, activist and academic told AAP.

"She broke down doors so others could follow through. The amazing thing about her was that she had a passion for her private life that was equalled by her work.

"She was a trailblazer and she has left an amazing legacy."

Prof Behrendt is heavily involved with the Roberta Sykes Action in Education Foundation, formerly the Black Women's Action in Education Foundation, but renamed after its founder in 2006.

The Foundation supports black Australians to assume positive roles across the spectrum of career and leadership choices, including through scholarly pursuits.

- AAP, with additional reporting by
The Koori Mail



Roberta 'Bobbi' Sykes in her heyday. She worked for the Aboriginal Medical Service in Redfern and was an adviser on Aboriginal health and education to the NSW Health Commission. Newspix image



Richard Kerr and Fred Egan, who are Indigenous site monitor co-ordinators for the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest Flood Enhancement Project, with Minister Paul Lynch.



Tait Farram, from Bega Valley Shire Council.



Ken Zulumovski, from the Gamarada Men's Healing and Life Skills program.

Winners hailed as inspirational



SOME of New South Wales' most inspiring Indigenous individuals and organisations were amongst the winners of the 2010

Premier's Excellence Awards for Leadership in Aboriginal Communities, announced in Sydney last week.

At a ceremony at Yaama Dhiyaan Centre, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the awards recognised the efforts of Aboriginal people in NSW in building stronger communities.

"These winners inspire others to make their mark and lead by example in communities throughout the State," Mr Lynch said.

The winners were:

Strong Communities – Family Support and Assistance: Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation's Family Link Service, at Hazelbrook, which keeps Aboriginal children and young people connected with their families, communities and cultures across NSW.

Education – Learning and Knowledge: Griffith Wiradjuri Aboriginal Pre-School, which teaches parents-carers and children the importance of preparing children for school, the importance of learning the Aboriginal Wiradjuri language, and for providing a transport service.

Health and Wellbeing – Body and Mind: The Deadly Sista Girlz (DSG), at Coffs Harbour, who develop women's health and wellbeing, encourage community participation, provide exercise,



Debbie Barwick, the founder and CEO of Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chamber.

activities and events that improve the lifestyles of women in the Coffs Harbour region.

Healthy Environment – Supporting Community Infrastructure: South Eastern Aboriginal Regional Management Service (SEARMS), at Moruya. The service provides healthier housing through better management and improved rent collection, which has resulted in more resources available for repairs and maintenance.

Economic Participation – Getting on with Business: Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chambers - NSW Indigenous Business Chambers, Rutherford, which provide services, support and opportunities to the businesses and organisations of the Hunter region.

Building Community Leadership: Gamarada Men's Healing and Life Skills

Program, Redfern, which is realising the recommendations made in the Bringing Them Home report, and recognising that emotional healing, practical support and legal information are the best ways to break the cycle between Aboriginal men and the criminal justice system.

Youth Leadership – Leaders of the Future: Robert Waters, from Coffs Harbour, recognised as a staunch advocate of self-determination within Aboriginal communities, especially for the Gumbaynggirr people of Coffs Harbour.

The following were highly commended:

● **Strong Communities:** Family Support and Assistance – Aboriginal Elder Aunty Norma Shelly OAM, from south-west Sydney

● **Education – Learning and Knowledge:** Wiradjuri Elder Patricia Jean Doolan PSM, from Dubbo

● **Economic Participation – Getting on with Business:** Gumbaynggir man and NSWALC Councillor Tom Briggs, from Armidale.

● **Building Community Leadership:** Norman Moore, Des Morgan, Fred Egan and Richard Kerr – Indigenous Site Monitor Coordinators and Cultural Heritage Advisers for the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest Flood Enhancement Project

● **Youth Leadership – Leaders of the Future:** Tait Farram, from Bega Performer Dhinawan Dreaming, from Brunswick Heads, received an Education – Learning and Knowledge encouragement award.



Chief Executive of Aboriginal Affairs NSW James Christian.



Robert Waters, of Coffs Harbour, with Minister Paul Lynch.



NSW Aboriginal Land Council's Cr Tom Briggs, left, with Hewitt Whyman, of the Aboriginal Legal Service.



Melissa Callaghan and Shane Carriage, from SEARMS, with Ivan Simon, from the Aboriginal Housing Office.



Dhinawan Dreaming (Michael Baker).

Incarceration inquiry to resume



A PARLIAMENTARY committee suspended for the Federal election is set to resume its inquiry into disproportionately high rates of incarceration for Indigenous juveniles and young people.

The committee's new chair, Queensland MP Shayne Neumann, said the current rate of Indigenous juvenile incarceration – 28 times the non-Indigenous rate – was worrying and tragic.

Young Indigenous adults aged 17-24 years are 15 times more likely than their non-Indigenous counterparts to be imprisoned.

"The level of concern amongst community

members, government officials and the judiciary about Indigenous incarceration is higher than ever before," Mr Neumann said last week.

"We know there is significant goodwill in the community and many intervention programs with some successes, but the situation is worsening and we must ask ourselves why this is the case."

The inquiry, focused on prevention and early intervention, has already received 106 submissions and has conducted 17 public hearings and forums around Australia. The Committee will conduct further hearings before tabling its report and recommendations in the first half of 2011.

Cholera outbreak is still spreading

A CHOLERA outbreak in Papua New Guinea continues to spread, with fears 100 more villagers may have died.

Last week, Canberra announced it would make an extra \$500,000 available to battle cholera as PNG officials reported the disease spreading inland after an outbreak on PNG's side of the Torres Strait was contained.

Cholera on Daru, a tiny island off the coast of PNG's Western Province close to Australia's Cape York, has struck down more than 800 people.

Villagers travelling by sea to Daru and other islands in the mouth of the Fly River had aided the rapid spread of the deadly bacteria that causes diarrhoea-like symptoms.

Travel between Australia's Torres Strait Islands and neighbouring PNG has been restricted, with hundreds turned

away in an effort to contain the deadly outbreak.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) along with Australian aid agency AusAID has been regularly flying in medical supplies in a relief effort.

An AusAID spokesman in Port Moresby said the situation in

that the South Fly District (of PNG) reports possibly 400 cases with around 100 deaths," a spokesman said.

The increase in reported cases over recent days was due to better information and increased information flow, a direct result of the assistance provided by Australia, he said.

Australia has provided \$1.7 million in assistance to combat the outbreak, which is said to have killed 100 people since it was first reported on PNG's north-eastern coast in September last year.

Cholera usually makes people only mildly sick, but up to 10 per cent of patients develop a severe illness.

It is transmitted by water contaminated by bacteria from an infected person, or food contaminated by dirty water, soiled hands or flies. – AAP

'... it now seems that the South Fly District (of PNG) reports possibly 400 cases with around 100 deaths'

Daru was now under control after several weeks of high incidence.

"There have been 32 confirmed deaths in Daru caused by cholera and 870, mostly mild, cases of acute watery diarrhoea.

"Although the data is not entirely reliable, it now seems

Strategy



National Australia Bank graduates Lewis Hambly and Bianca Stacey (middle) with their branch managers Katrina Hicks and Deidree Webster.



Department of Housing graduate Jack Stack, with staff Charoah Heath, Toni-Anne Hart and Liz Morris.



Some of the AES graduates for 2011. Another graduation ceremony will be held in Sydney.



AES workers Tintinara Duroux, Gai Southwell, Iris Flanders and Gavin Mate.

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ANZ staff and the bank's graduates, from left, Joshua Booyens, graduates Jai Beetson and Merinda Smith, Stuart Willman, graduates Lisa Gadd and Kenneth McIntosh, David Brown, graduate Joshua Collins, Lorraine Sexton and Nikki Rudge.

Graduates banking on a bright future

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THOSE who knew her two years ago mightn't recognise the Tanika Kelly of today. Back then, the self-professed shy young woman was unsure of what to expect as she walked through the doors of her local Westpac Bank branch on the first day of her traineeship.

Today, Tanika is still quietly spoken but is a far more confident young woman on the brink of a new career. On her way to achieving her dream of becoming a professional business manager, she hasn't yet turned 18.

And Tanika isn't alone in celebrating this success. Eight other young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joined her in Coffs Harbour for a graduation ceremony of the latest batch of northern New South Wales school-based trainees to successfully complete two-year training under the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES).

For these newest graduates, it has opened up a world of opportunities they didn't know existed, and transformed them into work-ready employees.

The AES has been running since 2003 and today more than 500 graduates have benefitted, having been partnered with host organisations including all the major banks,

Housing Department, local councils and a variety of other government and non-government agencies.

The program encourages students to compete a traineeship – including one day a week work placement – while completing their Year 12 certificate, a challenge all the more impressive with a completion rate up about 70 per cent.

According to AES General Manager Gavin Mate, it's a two-way learning process, with many host employers attesting to the

officers, who provide ongoing coaching and mentoring, was critical to the success of the program, along with the support of families and the workplaces themselves.

"Many of our employer hosts talk about their own individual learnings from having these young people in their workplaces for two years," he said.

AES group trainer Gai Southwell said the training was 'true reconciliation', with non-Indigenous and Indigenous people working together to help close the gap.

'It's wonderful to see these young people go through such personal growth. They start out quiet, shy individuals but by the end of the two years you see them strong and confident'

positive changes the young Indigenous students have brought into the workplace.

"It's wonderful to see these young people go through such personal growth. They start out quiet, shy individuals but by the end of the two years you see them strong and confident," he said.

"We have a completion rate of 70 per cent with a further percentage gaining employment with their current host or other employers, while others go on to university. What it's about is ensuring they reach their goals, whatever they may be."

Mr Mate said the support of AES field

"People talk about closing the gap in one generation but this is what it's really about, people working together to achieve good things," she said.

For Tanika Kelly, her two-year stint with Westpac has not only focused her long-term career goals but also given her a much-needed confidence boost.

"I've learnt so much during my two years, especially computer skills. I remember my first day feeling really nervous and I didn't know who to talk to," she said.

"Banking is something I definitely want to continue doing. I've finished Year 12 now

and I feel very positive about my future."

ANZ graduate Jai Beetson says that while the traineeship has had its challenges, the result has been well worth the effort.

"I'm just finishing my HSC, and looking back I think it has been a really good opportunity for me," he said.

"Even though I didn't know what I wanted to do after I finished school, I thought I'd give this a go and see where it took me."

Jai said the support from AES and ANZ made all the difference in successfully finishing his senior year while completing a traineeship.

"It was very challenging at first, everything was so new and you have one day less a week at school... that takes a lot more effort to keep up," he said.

"But I've really enjoyed the whole experience. I've always had great support from mum and dad and my grandparents. It has gotten a lot easier and I've become a lot more confident now than I used to be."

Jai said his goals were to pursue a career in banking, specialising in personal banking and home loans, and admitted that he felt fortunate to be in such a strong position already.

"I've got a really good head start into a career straight out of school, most of my mates are just trying to find work now. It's really hard because there's not much out there so I feel really fortunate."

Strehlow manuscripts to be digitised



THE handwritten manuscripts of Carl Strehlow are to be digitised after the Alice Springs-based Strehlow Research

Centre was awarded a \$12,100 Federal Community Heritage Grant (CHG) by the National Library of Australia.

Strehlow Research Centre Archivist Graeme Shaughnessy said the project would focus on the conservation and digitisation

of Volume 1 of Carl Strehlow's hand-written manuscript *Die Aranda-und Loritja-Stamme in Zentral Australien* and his Aboriginal language dictionary.

The unique, nationally significant volumes describe traditional life and culture of central Australian Aboriginal people during the pre-contact to early contact period, and provide a rich and complex source of linguistic and anthropological data.

Dr Shaughnessy said Volume 1 of *Die Aranda-und Loritja-Stamme in Zentral Australien* would be digitally accessible to researchers and Aboriginal clients at the Strehlow Research Centre.

"Currently Carl Strehlow's unpublished 10,000-word Aboriginal language dictionary and related cultural materials are unavailable because of the language and scripts in which they are written," Mr Shaughnessy said.

"This grant will assist in translating and digitising the dictionary so it will be available in Aranda, Loritja, Dieri, Nurrinyer and German, making it accessible to researchers and the local Aranda and Loritja speaking people.

"The word list is of great linguistic significance as it contains words that are no longer in contemporary language use."

Acting Director-General of the National Library of Australia

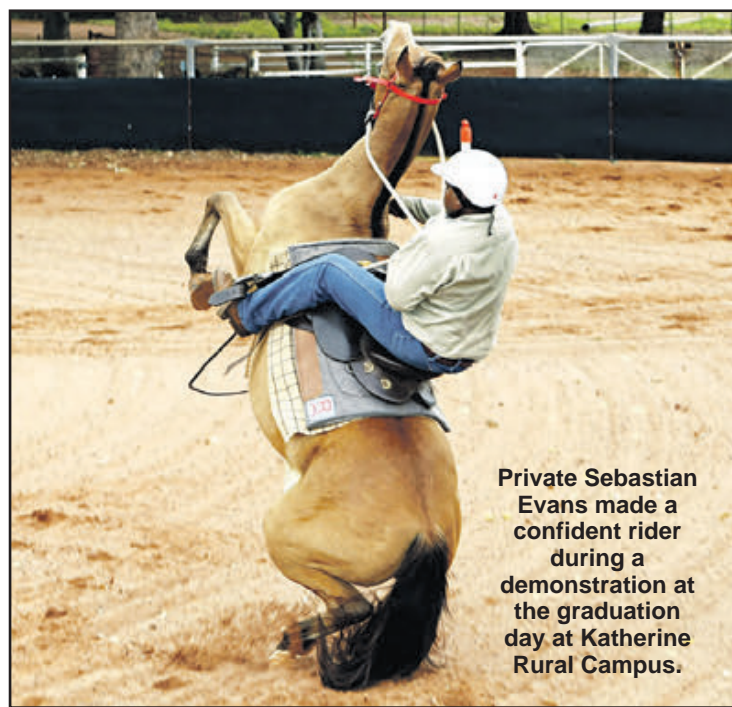
Warwick Cathro said the CHG program showed the commitment by the National Library, along with its partner institutions and the Federal Government, in encouraging communities to care for the nation's heritage.

The Strehlow Research Centre, at the Araluen Cultural Precinct, was one of 70 organisations to receive funds last month to assist in the preservation of community-owned national heritage collections.



From left, Lance Corporal James Woods, Private Sebastian Evans, Lance Corporal Danny Daniels, Lance Corporal Vinnie Rami and Private James Kruger in formation on the quad bikes as part of the course.

On course for career in defence



Private Sebastian Evans made a confident rider during a demonstration at the graduation day at Katherine Rural Campus.



A SEVEN-MONTH course has helped prepare a group of young Indigenous people for careers in the Defence Force and elsewhere.

The trainees have been taking part in the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) at Charles Darwin University's Katherine campus.

During their training, they've learned skills such as horse and quad-bike riding, first-aid and four-wheel-driving, as well as how to wield a chainsaw.

They have also undergone literacy and numeracy training provided by Mulga Gidgee Pty Ltd.

At their recent graduation, the trainees displayed their skills to family and friends, and received accolades from Federal Defence Science and Personnel Minister Warren Snowdon and Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib.

Mr Snowdon said the program equipped trainees with the skills and experiences needed to get full-time work in their communities, or in regional Northern Territory centres.

"This is a tremendous program because it increases the trainees' self-confidence,



The graduating students at the Katherine Campus grounds.

instils pride in them and builds the skills necessary for jobs in Defence and the wider community," Mr Snowdon said. The trainees were from Milingimbi,

Numbulwar, Borrooloola, Ramingining, Maningrida, Ti Tree, Urapunga (near Hudson Downs), Katherine, and Alice Springs.

"The participants complete at least 17 competencies such as first-aid, 4x4 driving skills, and chainsaw operations to achieve a Certificate II in Rural Operations through Charles Darwin University's Katherine Rural Campus," Mr Snowdon said.

Senator Arbib said the program helped provide young Indigenous Australians with direction and a potential career path.

"Most importantly it provides them with a sense of self-belief," he said.

"The course has a strong focus on the key skills needed to gain employment and presents a great opportunity to develop future role models for young Indigenous Australians.

"The course in Katherine provided the graduates with an invaluable opportunity to get a taste of life in the army before they may decide to commence the Defence Force recruiting process."

The DIDP is a whole-of-government initiative, funded Federally through the Indigenous Employment Program, Workplace English Language and Literacy Program and the Defence White Paper.

The 2010 program received more than \$1.6 million from the Australian Government and \$200,000 from the NT Government.

Sea mining concern

Groote Eylandt leaders reject company claims



TRADITIONAL owners have rejected a mining executive's suggestion that non-Indigenous people are leading community concerns about proposed exploration and mining of the seabeds

surrounding the Groote Eylandt Archipelago in the Northern Territory.

Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) deputy chairman Walter Amagula said the Warnindilyakwa people had been very clear about their 'complete opposition' to activities planned by Groote Resources Ltd. They took their worries to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last Monday, telling her they had serious concerns about the proposed mineral exploration and mining following the granting of an exploration licence to Groote Resources.

Mr Amagula said traditional owners believed mining the seabed would destroy their culture and sea country. He said the land council had been directed by members to take any legal avenue open to it in order to prevent the exploration and mining from going ahead.

The ALC has written to Groote Resources executive director Simon Noon asking for the withdrawal of its exploration licences. Representatives have also met with NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson about the issue.

The land council has also won the support of Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, who said 'the pristine marine environment of these waters and the islands of Bickerton and Winchelsea, the coral reefs, the vast sea grass plains, the stunning bio-diversity make these waters and islands far too



Warnindilyakwa traditional owners Walter Amagula, left, and Thomas Amagula briefed Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin on their people's concerns last week.

precious for undersea open-cut mining'.

Meanwhile, the TOs said Mr Noon's suggestion in a NT newspaper that non-Indigenous people were stirring opposition to the project was patronising.

Senior traditional owner Nancy Lalara was particularly incensed by Mr Noon's comments that the proposed mining would 'improve the lives of Indigenous people immeasurably'.

"How can our lives be improved when

you cut out our heart?" Ms Lalara said.

"This is a very condescending comment from Mr Noon that makes us sound like children.

"He does not seem to have a very good understanding of this region, let alone its historical, economic and cultural background.

"Traditional owners from this region have played a major role, over many years, in the development of the NT and in the

nation's mineral boom.

"Our royalties make up 70 per cent of contributions to the ABA which in turn benefits not only Aboriginal Territorians, but also the economy as a whole.

"We pay taxes and we contribute our own infrastructure, housing and health needs.

"I don't think the directors of Groote Resources Ltd directly pay for the roads, water and health clinics in their suburbs."

'Traditional owners from this region have played a major role, over many years, in the development of the NT and in the nation's mineral boom' – Traditional owner Nancy Lalara

Department of Environment
and Resource Management

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Draft Management Plans Mount Scoria Conservation Park Triunia National Park

Management plans for these protected areas are currently under review. Draft management plans have been prepared based on previous public consultation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and members of the public are invited to make submissions on the draft management plans.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the final management plans. Once approved, the final management plans will specify how the protected areas are managed.

Copies of draft management plans may be inspected or obtained free of charge during normal business hours at:

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Landcentre
Level 2 Cnr Main and Vulture Street
Woolloongabba QLD 4102

Copies can also be obtained from the Department of Environment and Resource Management website www.derm.qld.gov.au or by phoning 13 74 68 (13 QGOV).

The closing date for submissions is Monday 24 January 2011.

Submissions can be emailed to parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au or posted to:

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Registration of Interest - Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council [P.O. Box 1038 Liverpool BC NSW 1871] are investigating possible future development of certain lands between Menai and Heathcote Road in Sutherland Shire. Registrations of interest are sought from Aboriginal people with cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects at this location. This will assist in Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment of these lands and may inform future Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit [AHIP] applications under s90 of the *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974*.

Registrations must be received in writing by **15 December 2010** and include a postal address and contact details.

Registrations to project consultants Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists c/- 7 Mitchell St, Arncliffe NSW 2205 or fax (02) 9592 3036. Enquiries to Adrienne on 0403 852 820.



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Applications close 5.00pm Friday 14 January 2011.

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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Kempsey bypass

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, AECOM and Coffey Geotechnics to design and build the 14.5 km Kempsey bypass. The Macleay River and floodplain bridges will be delivered by a separate design and construct contract.

Construction activities between December 2010 and February 2011 include:

- Flood mitigation works including house raising and stock mounds within the floodplain along South West Rocks Road.
- Public utility relocations at Crescent Head Road, Old Station Road, Inches Road and South West Rocks Road.
- Clearing of vegetation, erosion and sediment control and fencing areas along the project corridor.
- Bulk earthworks including controlled blasting of rock between North Coast Railway Line and Pola Creek.
- Construction of the Crescent Head Road overpass bridge and the bridges over the North Coast Railway Line including piling and substructure works.
- Construction of sidetrack on Old Station Road and Inches Road.
- Start construction of the Frederickton levee.
- Ground treatment and foundation works in soft soil areas on the Macleay River floodplain.
- Further geotechnical and archaeological investigations.

For the safety of motorists, pedestrians and construction workers, please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

For further information or to ask a question or raise a concern contact 1800 306 004 (toll free) or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific

Revealing look at a community in severe crisis

Book Review

King Brown Country: The Betrayal of Papunya

By Russell Skelton

Allen & Unwin

ISBN 9781741756227

Paperback, 260 pages

RRP \$35

By SIV PARKER

ACCORDING to the 2006 Census, 210,000 people live in the Northern Territory, 66,600 of whom identify as Aboriginal.

About 200 of those live at Papunya, the small Central Australian community that is the subject of journalist Russell Skelton's book *King Brown Country: The Betrayal of Papunya*.

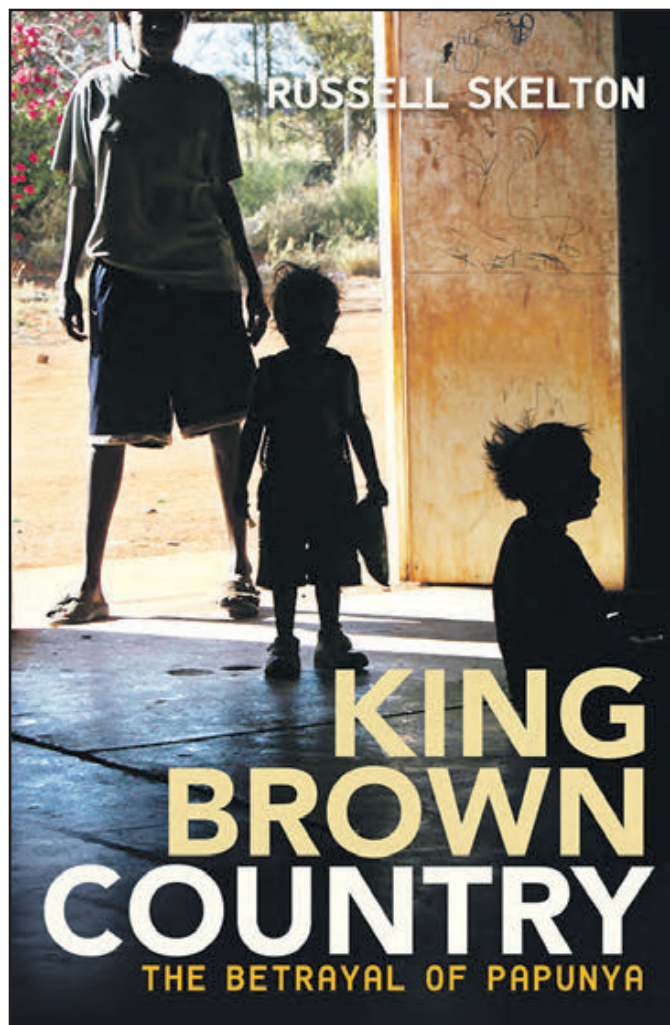
The publicity spiel for the book describes it as 'a devastatingly revealing portrait of Papunya, a Western Desert community that once showed such promise, now a community in severe crisis'. It's a fair claim.

Papunya is north-west of Alice Springs, accessible by a dusty corrugated road or by small plane. It has one shop, a health service and a small school. If not for its history as the birthplace of the now famed Papunya Aboriginal art movement, it would likely fly as low under the radar as the dozens, possibly a 100 or more, similar Aboriginal communities in the NT.

Skelton approached Papunya as if it were a foreign country – and fair enough, given how far removed the experiences of the residents are from his own. But he noted that in writing for audiences back home, foreign correspondents' pieces are often researched over limited periods, impressionistic and rarely culturally nuanced, and that language barriers exist.

Skelton had two target audiences: First, what he described as the vast mass of Australia that is indifferent and ignorant of what happens in Indigenous communities, asking them 'Do you know what is going on?' And, secondly, decision-makers, encouraging them to consider why governments and some of Papunya's own have consistently failed the community.

The author has been successful on both fronts. *King Brown Country* will reach both target audiences. Easily picked up, it's a juicy read of scandals, outrageous behaviour, whispers of impropriety and millions of dollars in funding.



Author Russell Skelton

The thing is, the Territory is a small place. People know each other. Skelton acknowledges that his book was informed by people who wanted to talk but not be identified.

For readers, Aboriginal people and Territorians especially, it's the anonymity of these sources that will prove most frustrating. Their tales are certainly worth hearing, but knowing who said what is half of the story.

Otherwise, to those of us who've endured many ill-informed pieces about Indigenous mismanagement and corruption, it's not much more than gossip. Many readers will wonder about the possible vested interests of Skelton's sources, and regret not being able to look them in the eye and say 'but how do you know that? Convince me'.

Skelton was pleased to reveal to *The Koori Mail* that, to date, the book has sold out

three times in the NT.

Reading aids for the book would include the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT) 1976*, and an explanation of the NT permits system. Unfortunately, although it provides a number of examples of where it has been employed or exploited, the book fails to explain how the permit system actually works.

Skelton himself supports the permit system and the restrictions that provide protection for traditional owners from those seeking to exploit or interfere with sacred areas. He was granted a permit for himself and his photographer to travel to Papunya, though the lack of captions for the children photographed and featured in the colour insert – a practice that generates concern within Aboriginal communities – was explained as a publisher's decision.

During an interview with *The Koori Mail*, this reviewer asked perhaps the most obvious question regarding a number of people named, and presented in a less than favourable way: What do they think about the book?

Skelton was not too sure, because none have been prepared to talk to him about it, or other media outlets for that matter. But he felt he'd received a remarkably good reaction from other Indigenous identities, on both sides of the political divide.

Blow the smoke away, and *Blue King Brown* is a history of a small community with a parade of short-term residents, each with pivotal roles in the community, who for various reasons left, never to return but were happy to contribute anonymously or be quoted... most with a bitter experience.

The only constants are the permanent residents, descendants of the Aboriginal people who found their way there in 1958. Despite the attention the community has garnered, as much through its soaring, glorious art as anything else, its residents have achingly little to show for it in terms of general well-being.

Regrettably, the same can be said for most communities near mining opportunities, great fishing spots, or with iconic and spectacular natural scenery in their backyard.

Skelton asks a lot of questions, about why events transpired the way they did. Where were the people with responsibility, accountability, skills? Why was there neglect, carelessness, indifference?

Readers will largely need to draw their own conclusions.

Girringun, parks service sign agreement

Partners care for country

By Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



IT is hoped an agreement signed in Cairns last week will lead to support for greater Indigenous involvement in collaborative management of national and conservation parks across the southern Wet Tropics of Queensland.

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service were signatories to the strengthened partnership deal, which will enable Aboriginal rangers employed by the corporation to work on a wider variety of State-held conservation tenures.

Girringun CEO Phil Rist said the memorandum of agreement was a 'landmark agreement', which should see the expansion of the corporation's existing 11-strong ranger program.

"It's about building that relationship between us and Parks, not only between the administration but between the people themselves, and how we are going to work to better manage the existing protected areas plus other tenures as well through the Girringun Ranger Program," he said.

The geographical area covered by Girringun includes national parks, conservation areas and marine parks.

"This arrangement with Parks, our ranger program and the Indigenous Protected Area negotiating process we're currently working on all adds up to a lot more significant presence on country," Mr Rist said.

"Hopefully, we will get some more money to employ more rangers and develop more capacity within the Ranger Program to do a whole lot more."

Regional Manager for Wet Tropics Region within Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Wolf Sievers said the agreement had formalised relationships with traditional owners across the region.

"Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service strongly recognises the aspirations of traditional owners for their land and we try to accommodate an engagement in relation to that where it's possible," he said.

"There are various tenures within

that boundary ... there's marine parks and some islands including Hinchinbrook, and there's also others like freehold lands and leasehold lands and council land.

"So it's a recognition of the traditional interest in land, an opportunity to get back On Country and to participate in the management of country.

"There's a benefit to us in the Parks Services because we have the benefit of that traditional knowledge, in fact, and that's a little bit more than we had ourselves sometimes.

"It also gives us a little bit more capacity, I guess an opportunity, to explore some of that cultural history and maybe work on it a little bit more.

"So there are mutual benefits too and today it's working quite well."

Mr Rist, a Nywaigi traditional owner from the Ingham area,

recently addressed the recent Third National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference in Broken Hill, where a major topic of discussion was community engagement with agencies in a suburban urban area.

"I think we are, in some regard, leading that sort of debate at the moment, in Queensland anyway," he said.

"So, there's a lot

of eyes on what we're doing and how we're doing it and I think there's a lot of expectations from agencies as well... At the end of the day we want to value add to the whole experience."

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation represents nine Traditional Owner member groups: Bandjin, Djiru, Girramay, Gugu Badhun, Gulnay, Jirrbal, Nywaigi, Warrgamay and Warungnu peoples.

Mr Rist said the agreement signing was an historic event.

"Girringun's founding Elders came together 15 years ago with the vision to enable our traditional owner groups to gain greater and more meaningful involvement in the management of their traditional lands, waters and seas now held as part of the protected area estate," he said.

"This MOU represents a key step in realising this long held desire. We pay our respects to our Elders' foresight, strength and wisdom in embarking on this journey so long ago."



Phil Rist and Wolf Sievers at the signing of the agreement in Cairns.

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Service funding available Morningside Island

Morningside Island is a Remote Service Delivery site endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). In alignment with the principles of Remote Service Delivery, the Queensland and Australian Governments are seeking greater coordination and integration of services with a client focussed approach.

Interested non-government organisations are encouraged to submit applications to deliver one or more of the services outlined below:

Safe House - Department of Communities, Queensland Government

Funding is available to provide in-community family support services and residential care placements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to address child protection concerns and build capacity for children to safely remain in, or return to, their family homes.

For more information visit www.communities.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 4799 7943

Safe Haven - Department of Communities, Queensland Government

Funding is available to deliver the Safe Haven initiative to respond to the needs of children, young people and families affected by domestic and family violence by providing family support and counselling, youth work including responses to intoxication, community patrol, brokerage, coordination and community capacity building.

For more information visit www.communities.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 4747 3499

Pride in My Home initiative - Mt Isa Regional Operations Centre

Funding is available to develop and deliver an innovative program that will assist families to establish and maintain safe and healthy homes. The initiative will provide funds for education and capacity-building activities, leading to the development of better home management and living skills, enabling practical measures that ensure the safety of all family members, their understanding of environmental health issues and tenant responsibilities, and supporting families to undertake minor home beautifications.

For more information email Danielle.regeling@roc.gov.au or phone (07) 4760 1042

Children and Family Centre - Department of Education and Training, Queensland Government

Funding is available to operate the children and family centre, to deliver integrated services including early childhood education and care, parenting and family support, and child and maternal health. The children and family centre is a joint initiative of the Queensland and Australian Governments.

For more information phone (07) 3898 0373 or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/indigenous.html

Funding applications close at 5.00pm on Monday 24 January 2011. Visit the above websites to find out more about these initiatives and how to apply for funding.



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Chris Lawrence crosses the finish line.

Marathon man will do it again

By DARREN COYNE

THERE was a point at the 32km mark of the New York City Marathon when Chris Lawrence was really feeling the pain.

"I was in Harlem and I had to stop and do some stretching (for shin splints)," the Sydney-based man told *The Koori Mail*.

"There was another fella next to me also stretching and this big African American woman walked past and gave us the biggest smile and said 'I'm really proud of you my brothers'.

"We (the other runner) smiled at each other, wished each other all the best and just kept carrying on."

Mr Lawrence said it was that type of encouragement, both from the crowd, other runners, and his supporters back home, that kept him motivated.

He finished the 42km marathon in four hours, 50 minutes and 23 seconds.

"That last 10km really slowed me down but I was happy with the effort, especially as it was my first marathon," he said.

"You don't think of the distance when you are running because you get caught up in the thrill of it.

"I found it exciting and exhilarating, challenging and painful... all those emotions at once.

"There were 45,000 people running and hundreds of thousands of people along the sides. There were bands playing and it was like a huge party.

"It was freezing cold... around eight or nine degrees, but I found you could stay warm by running in the middle of the pack. You could feel the heat coming off people."

Running to raise funds for the Heart Foundation, and to raise awareness of health issues such as diabetes and heart disease facing Indigenous people, Mr Lawrence also had his own personal motivation.

"I was doing it in memory of my father who died from one of these preventable diseases," he said.

"My dad died at just 49 years of age ... he was one of 15 kids and most of them did not live beyond 60.

"If you go by those statistics you start to think, how much time have I got left? So I was out to prove the statistics wrong."

Mr Lawrence said his personal philosophy was to 'do everything in moderation'.

"You need to eat healthy, get



Chris Lawrence with his medal for completing the New York City Marathon.

lots of rest and exercise daily," he said.

"I don't even own a car because I walk everywhere."

Mr Lawrence works for the George Institute for Global Health as a researcher based

his first marathon, Mr Lawrence plans to return to America again next year, and is hoping to have a few other Aboriginal people running along with him.

Linda Moxham, a friend from the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, trained him for this year's event, and they now plan to invite other urban Aboriginal people to take on the challenge next year.

"I will definitely be going to New York for the marathon next year and I also aim to complete the London Marathon," he said.

Anyone who would like to train with him, or make a donation to the Heart Foundation, should visit his website at www.blackheartdreaming.wordpress.com

'There was another fella next to me also stretching and this big African American woman walked past and gave us the biggest smile and said 'I'm really proud of you my brothers'.'

in Redfern, but he was no stranger to America, having spent a year studying in Washington and Boston as a Fulbright Scholar in 2009. And now, having completed

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Identification and delivery of various community support services (Dubbo Resilience Project)

CTS no. 6886/2010/0001

Housing NSW is seeking applications from government and non-government organisations to facilitate multifaceted responses to support social housing residents living in Dubbo.

The project will be delivered from a community facility building, and will focus on responding to key social issues affecting social housing residents in Dubbo.

Tender documents and application forms are available from the e-tendering website at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/housing/>

Applications must be submitted via the e-tendering website.

A mandatory briefing session for all potential applicants will be held on 30 November 2010 at the Dubbo RSL.

Tenders close at 5.00 pm on Monday 22 December 2010.

For more information about the tender and the mandatory briefing session, contact Susan Heagney on 02 6363 6037 between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm from Monday to Friday.

www.housing.nsw.gov.au

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Diabetes plan fears



QUEENSLAND'S peak Aboriginal health body is upset at being left out of the planning for a \$7.5million Diabetes Action Plan.

It says the Queensland Government launched the plan recently without consulting or discussing it with the Aboriginal health sector.

Qld Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) CEO Selwyn Button said diabetes was nine times more common among Indigenous people than other people in the state.

Despite those figures, Mr Button said there was no attempt to involve QAIHC in planning of the diabetes strategy.

He warned such schemes would fail without Indigenous involvement.

"Our Aboriginal community controlled health services are daily confronting the terrible realities of a growing diabetes

'...we would have expected that a major initiative such as this might have been discussed with us before its announcement'
– QAIHC's Selwyn Button



epidemic in our communities and we would have expected that a major initiative such as this might have been discussed with us before its announcement," Mr Button said. "This is especially disheartening given two of the measures contained within the

package include plans for Indigenous chronic disease care in far north Queensland and the implementation of a trial community-based program in Innisfail, which has a large Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population."

Mr Button said the complete lack of discussion with the sector raised serious questions about the suitability and sustainability of these measures.

"Failure to include representation from the community controlled sector in the Government's round-table discussions also raises concerns about who will be responsible for delivering and administering these services and how these measures will be linked and integrated into current programs and initiatives, to ensure connectivity of care and a streamlined patient journey," he said.

Mr Button said he was particularly disappointed with Health Minister Paul Lucas who had only recently acknowledged the critical role of the Aboriginal controlled health sector in closing the health gap.

He said QAIHC would be seeking an urgent meeting with the Minister and Premier Anna Bligh to discuss ways of improving the Diabetes Action Plan.



Students, learning partners, and Show Me The Way partners at the celebration lunch at law firm Minter Ellison.

Students shown the way



STUDENTS taking part in the Show Me The Way (SMTW) mentoring program had a chance to experience life at the top recently.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were visiting their online lawyer mentors in a corporate high-rise building overlooking Sydney Harbour.

For two months, the mentors have been giving advice to the students online, but it was the first time they had all met in person.

The advice centres on ways to tackle schoolwork, and how to identify their strengths to make positive choices about their careers.

Learning partners

The teenagers, from Exodus Youth, Redfern and James Busby High School, spent time with their learning partners from law firms Allens Arthur Robinson and Minter Ellison.

Allens Arthur Robinson lawyer Isaac Gibbs said participating in Show Me The Way was a way of giving back to the community and helping youth to connect with people outside their immediate circle.

"It was great working with these students and being able to exchange stories from each of our lives," Mr Gibbs said.



Show Me The Way co-founder Lola Forester with student Winona Ryan.

"It was exciting to see the careers and trades videos the students made while participating in the program because it shows the clear focus they now have on building a positive future."

SMTW co-founder Lola Forester said



Exodus Youth Koori Radio students Codie Daley and Justin Bathgate gets some hands-on experience.

the program encouraged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to embrace technology, complete high school and progress to tertiary education.

"It is a disturbing statistic that only 43 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people complete high school," she said. "Show Me The Way supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and fills the gap where other socio-economic factors may interrupt their learning opportunities."

'Dump the dump' call



OPPONENTS of a possible nuclear waste dump at Muckaty, north of Tennant Creek in

the Northern Territory, have delivered more than 2500 petitions to the Melbourne electorate office of Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson.

Although some traditional owners backed by the Northern Land Council have nominated Muckaty for such a dump, others have joined forces with the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) to lobby the Federal Government against it.

They say they were not properly consulted about the site's nomination and have started legal action against the threat of such a dump on their land.

ACF nuclear free campaigner Dave Sweeney was accompanied by residents from Mr Ferguson's Batman electorate to deliver the petitions on 18 November.

The petitions build on a 'Dump the Dump' campaign started before the Federal election. In recent months, opponents have also erected a publicly-funded billboard on a busy Melbourne street, and placed advertisements in local papers.

The campaign seeks to put a human face – that of Aboriginal traditional owners – to the campaign for a new approach to



Kasey Sparks of Friends of the Earth and daughter Kite, ACF nuclear-free campaigner Dave Sweeney and son Mungo Jack, and Kirsten Blair with sons Harry and Leon before delivering the petition to Minister Martin Ferguson's office. Photo by Dominic O'Brien

possible dump site selection based on 'sound science, best process and community consent'.

"Muckaty is a long way from where I live and work but I believe we all have rights and responsibilities for the equitable treatment of all Australians," the petitions read.

"Radioactive waste lasts a very long time and decisions made now will have a lasting impact on our environment and future generations."

The petitions say key documents about the dump plan have been kept from the Aboriginal people, the NT Government and

community and the Australian Parliament.

"It is not acceptable for dirty business like radioactive waste to also be secret business," the petitions continue.

"In 2010 we expect and demand a more open and mature approach than trucking the nation's

radioactive waste to a remote and disputed dump on Aboriginal land.

"This 'out of sight-out of mind' approach is out of step with Federal Government policies and promises, out of step with international practice and standards and out of step with people's right to a fair hearing and a fair go.

"Radioactive waste came before you and will outlast you. As a nation, we must get radioactive waste management right – and the proposed approach is wrong.

"Please stop using your Federal powers to override the widespread State and Territory and local government opposition to this plan."

Mr Sweeney said the message to Mr Ferguson was simple.

"This issue is not out of sight and not out of mind and many people in this region do not support or accept this plan to push a radioactive waste dump on an unwilling community," he said.

"Minister Ferguson's dump plan is irresponsible, divisive and out of step with both international best practice and local community opinion.

"It's a bad plan that is based on a broken promise. Instead of trying to dump and run we need to develop effective, responsible and lasting ways to manage Australia's radioactive waste."

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Office for Early Childhood Education and Care

Funding to operate new children and family centres

Ten children and family centres will be established in Queensland under the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in their early years (0 – 8 years).

Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding (available until mid 2014) to operate one or more of the children and family centres in Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Mount Isa, Mareeba, Cairns and Ipswich.

The children and family centres will provide integrated services, responsive to community needs, and include early childhood education and care, parenting and family support, and child and maternal health services.

Interested organisations can apply to operate one or more of the children and family centres, but must lodge a separate funding submission for each location. Funding Information Papers and Submission Forms are available at www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/indigenous.html or by calling (07) 3898 0373.

Funding submissions close as follows:

- Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Mount Isa, Mareeba - 5.00pm Monday 24 January 2011
- Cairns, Ipswich - 5.00pm Monday 31 January 2011

Funding rounds will open during 2011 for additional children and family centres to be established in Mackay, Rockhampton, Marsden and Palm Island.

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BLACKTOWN City Council has become the 200th organisation in Australia to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan.

The council, which has one of the largest Aboriginal populations in New South Wales, launched its plan on Friday.

Blacktown Mayor Alan Pendleton said the plan was an important milestone for the council as it would provide a foundation to improve relationships and respect for all Australians in Blacktown.

"The plan outlines a series of actions for the next two years that will help

council build relationships with Aboriginal communities," he said.

Developed in consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the plan was developed around the themes of relationships, respect and opportunities.

Milestone

Reconciliation Australia (RA) chief executive Leah Armstrong said the launch marked a significant milestone for the RAP program.

"This is an important day for Blacktown and indeed the RAP program, which began just four years ago when eight

organisations pledged to make a positive impact on reconciliation within their normal business activities," she said.

"Blacktown City Council has been leading the way in the local government sector and I'm pleased to note that their launch is the 200th Reconciliation Action Plan."

Ms Armstrong said the world's largest hotel chain, InterContinental Hotel Group, would join the RAP community this week when they launched their Reconciliation Action Plan in Kakadu, in the Northern Territory.

The RAP community also includes small businesses, local councils, sporting

codes, hospitals, schools, universities and state and Federal Government departments.

RA established the RAP program in 2006, with the aim of encouraging and supporting organisations to engage their community in the national effort to close the gaps between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Copies of the Blacktown RAP are available on the council's website in the community development section at www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/our-city/community-development or by calling (02) 9839 6000.

Long road ahead

Ten years on, there's been slow progress on 'unfinished business'

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



TEN years on from the decade of reconciliation, more work than ever is needed to shift the imbalance of power for Indigenous Australians.

That's according to the latest report by the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) – *Are we there yet? Ten years on from the decade of reconciliation: A reconciliation progress report*.

For many, the answer will be a simple, yet resounding no, albeit with some progress along the way. That's according to ANTaR's National Director Jacquie Phillips, who said there was still much work to be done.

Launched last week by Pat Dodson at the inaugural Indigenous Policy and Dialogue conference hosted by the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney, the 'father of reconciliation' was reported as likening the reconciliation process to a slow-moving car.

"I'd say it's probably a four-wheel-drive locked into extra low in a very sandy spot, it's not certainly something like a fast Formula One vehicle running down a racetrack," he said.

"There is movement and hopefully you get out of the bog, you come unstuck and then get on the highway and disengage and get back onto normal process of speed."

Ms Phillips said ANTaR believed the next two years would be critical to the cause, with the

Government's formal commitment to a referendum by 2013 to recognise Indigenous people in the Constitution.

"This report marks the ten-year anniversary, it's been a decade where we've seen some high points, like the Apology, but we've also seen a stalling of the reconciliation process, we believe that a whole lot of the agenda has been left untouched," she said.

'Meaningful action'

Ms Phillips said the Government's rhetoric on 'resetting the relationship' must now be followed up with real and meaningful action.

"We want to revive the reconciliation momentum and to engage the Government into having a constructive and meaningful dialogue. There is some goodwill and a desire for change, but there remains a lot of unfinished business," she said.

Ms Phillips said that while ANTaR would continue to campaign on reconciliation issues throughout the year, three

significant issues would be the major focus of their work.

"We need law reform and policy change on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we need to empower the referendum expert panel to develop options for reform and finally we need the process leading to the referendum to be fully consultative," she said.

Ms Phillips said that with such a broad focus on pertinent national issues, ANTaR would continue to lobby for increased funding, relying heavily on its members and dedicated volunteers.

"The people's movement is critical to the reconciliation process, but the people can't do it by themselves. We need to be able to engage across the whole community to shift hearts and minds across the country," she said.

"We are optimistic but we're not under-estimating the challenge and bipartisan support is critical. We remain inspired by

the 1967 referendum, we are all members of a shared country and the Apology captured real goodwill and a sense of pride in what we had achieved. We want the opportunity to capture and celebrate that time again."

Ms Phillips said that while the road to true reconciliation was a long one, ANTaR was hopeful real change could come.

"The world is watching, and we shouldn't ever forget that progress is slow, but it is very real and looking at a reconciliation timeline shows us just how far we've come," she said. "We have had setbacks and disappointments but change is coming."

Ms Phillips said the 'Closing the Gap' campaign with a significant funding boost of \$4.6 billion, along with the corporate sector taking up Reconciliation Action Plans were all signs that things were improving.

"We will also continue with our 'A better way' campaign and in 2011 we'll be focusing on a new campaign around Indigenous incarceration," she said.

Top firms offer free legal advice



A NUMBER of well established law firms are offering pro bono legal advice to not-for-profit Indigenous organisations.

The LawHelp partners will provide their legal expertise free of charge on issues such as native title, property management and tax.

The initiative, supported by the Federal Government, has been running since July, but was launched only last Monday by Attorney-General Robert McClelland at Parliament House in Canberra.

Mr McClelland said early access to targeted legal advice was crucial for any case.

"Getting advice and preventing small problems from becoming bigger is something that can certainly

add stability to organisations," he said. "(Early advice) is important ... to keep the wolves away and to prevent lawyers like me from making money on problems that can later (occur)."

Eligible corporations include medical services, native title bodies, community stores, art centres, media organisations and environmental groups.

Further information at LawHelp@oric.gov.au. – AAP

● **Pictured: Launching the new pro bono legal service, LawHelp, at Parliament House in Canberra are, from left, the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Nggunawal Elder Agnes Shea and Attorney-General Robert McClelland.**



WA mural unveiled



● **ABOVE:** DWF students Glen Miller, Jolene Farrell, Jamie-Lee Little, Craig Hill, Amanda Sampi, Jordan Gliddon, Gilbert 'Jack' Calyun, Darren Hart, Travis Hansen, Candice Nundle, Amanda Hansen and three youth work students.

Photo courtesy Tamara Binamat, ABC Local

● **RIGHT:** DWF role models/mentors attended the launch, from left, Dale Kickett, Alicia Janz, Kirby Bentley, Josie Janz and Troy Cook.

Photo: Jodi Hoffmann, ALSWA



MORE than 80 people gathered at the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) last month for the unveiling of the Moorditj Mural. Spanning five metres, the mural was created by the David Wirrpanda Foundation (DWF) and Central Institute of Technology (Central) 'Solid Futures' students.

The project was sponsored by ALSWA and involved the students researching ALSWA's 36-year history before creating the mural, guided by Noongar artist Peter Farmer.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said the agency was thrilled to support such a significant project.

"When the students first visited our agency to find out more about what we do, I think we all knew that this was going to be a special partnership," he said.

"The students and DWF mentors embraced the opportunity to research our agency and the mural is a visually spectacular artwork that symbolises ALSWA's historical journey over almost four decades."

For the students, who are completing a Certificate II in Business, their classroom transformed into an art room every Thursday morning for two months as they researched, sketched and painted.

As part of the unveiling, Mr Eggington, David Wirrpanda and Jodie Schroder from DWF, artist Peter Farmer, Anne Blythman (Central Executive Director Health, Community Services and Languages) and students Amanda Sampi and Travis Hansen spoke about the importance of the mural project and how much could be achieved when partnerships were formed.

As the speakers each unveiled the mural section by section, onlookers applauded before ALSWA's certificates and plaques of appreciation were presented to participants.

"We are so proud to have had the opportunity to be part of this initiative and everyone involved has done a fantastic job creating this vibrant mural," Mr Eggington said. "This project is a wonderful example of the hard work, collaborations and employment outcomes that are being achieved when agencies work together for a common goal."

Since the project started, two of the students – Jolene Farrell and Gilbert 'Jack' Calyun – have also started work with ALSWA.



Noongar artist-in-residence Peter Farmer who worked with the students on the mural, pictured with his wife Miranda Farmer.

Palliative care program a winner



AN Indigenous palliative care education program developed in the Northern Territory has been judged the most innovative program at the 18th International Congress on Palliative Care in Montreal, Canada.

Delegates from 50 countries selected the NT Program of Experience in Palliative Approach (PEPA) from a field of 270.

PEPA Manager Cindy Paardekooper

said the NT PEPA team had been leading the way in Indigenous palliative care education in Australia.

"Many national stakeholders have been looking to us for direction," she said. All PEPA-related education is delivered by an Aboriginal person who identifies with the target audience as 'of their kind'.

A descendant of the Kokatha people of South Australia, Ms Paardekooper informed the delegation that since starting in 2008, more than 100 remote

Indigenous health workers and aged-care staff had been educated through PEPA in the palliative approach to care in Indigenous communities.

"We need to support those looking after people in their final stages of life and help them to deliver care in a culturally-sensitive environment," she said.

Ms Paardekooper said aspects of the PEPA model could be used by people from other cultures to create their own culturally-sensitive palliative care

education programs.

"PEPA education for Aboriginal health workers includes realistic situations of Aboriginal settings, scenarios, patients' journeys and stories relating to the Aboriginal way of life," she said.

"Prior to sessions, discussions take place between the participants and the educator to ensure a culturally safe working environment."

For more information on PEPA visit www.pepaeducation.com

Govt faces legal suit for wages



THE lives of Aboriginal people living in poverty could have been a lot different if they or their families had not had their

wages withheld, the West Australian Aboriginal Legal Service says.

The ALS has announced it is initiating legal action against the WA Government in order to recoup the wages of Aboriginal workers who had their payments withheld between 1905 and 1972.

During that time their wages were placed into trust funds that they could not access, and many did not receive a cent, ALSWA Chief Executive Dennis Eggington said.

The WA Government undertook an inquiry on the issue more than two years ago, but Mr Eggington said they still had not released a report.

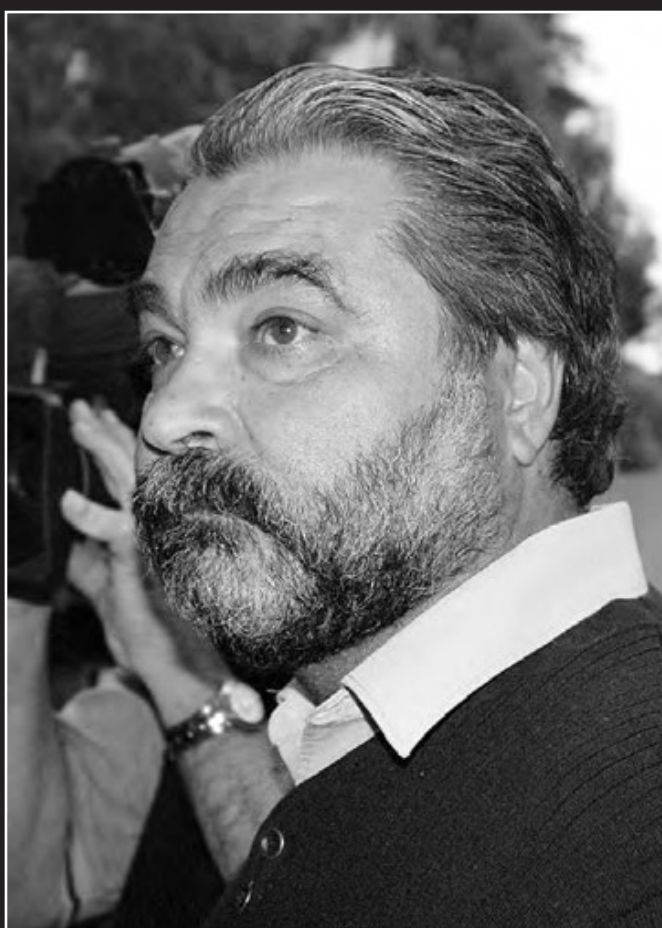
With many of the Aborigines affected by the decision to withhold wages getting older and dying, now was the time for the Aboriginal community to take action, he said.

"The state of play is that everyone has been very worried and frustrated to the extent we're now demanding action by the Government," Mr Eggington said.

"We've been lobbied by people and families who know that they or their parents worked for missions, churches, the government or pastoral stations, a whole lot of places that used Aboriginal labour, and either didn't get paid or had their wages withheld."

The ALS will hire a full-time solicitor to examine all the cases where Aboriginal workers had wages withheld or were not paid, and to identify anyone else who may have been affected.

Mr Eggington said the legal action against the Government



ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington ... "It's so important to these people they get their money or their families get this money because of inter-generational poverty. A lot of Aboriginal families live in abject poverty."

would be a test case.

"It's so important to these people they get their money or their families get this money because of inter-generational poverty. A lot of Aboriginal families live in abject poverty," he said.

Helped families

"Some of the money we're talking about could have easily helped families buy houses or set up small business or just simply given them an economic basis."

Mr Eggington said he hoped the threat of legal action would pressure the Government into taking a proactive approach and outline their plan for reparations.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames was contacted for comment.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Roger Cook had earlier called on the Government to publicly release and respond to the stolen wages report finalised more than two years ago. — AAP



Australian Government

Indigenous Arts, Culture, Language, Broadcasting and Heritage Funding for 2011-2012

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provides funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, culture, language and broadcasting projects.

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities provides funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage projects.

Find out more about these programs and how to apply at www.arts.gov.au/indigenous

- Indigenous Culture Support program
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records program
- National Arts and Crafts Industry Support program
- Indigenous Broadcasting Program
- Indigenous Heritage Program

Applications close 5:00pm AEDST 21 January 2011

Enquiries: 1800 006 992

Email: Indigeniousach@arts.gov.au for broadcasting, culture, language and arts programs

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Youth Engagement Grants - funding available

State-wide funding of \$200,000 per year over three years is available from the Department of Communities to assist local governments and community organisations to facilitate regional youth engagement initiatives across Queensland.

The grants will provide funds to organisations so they can run forums that increase awareness of issues relevant to young Queenslanders, and support youth-led projects addressing the young people's needs raised in these forums.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit www.communities.qld.gov.au, or phone 3008 8635.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 4pm on 17 January 2011.



Authorised by the Queensland Government, George St, Brisbane.

WA human rights vigil



A 'VIGIL for Human Rights' will be held in Perth on 10 December to call for a civil and just society for everyone.

The vigil will feature a number of Aboriginal speakers, including Associate Professor Ted Wilkes from Curtin University, Dennis Eggington from the Aboriginal Legal Service, Aboriginal Party president Dr William Hayward and Glenn Moore the party's leader.

There will also be Aboriginal singers and dancers following the



Dr William Hayward

speeches.

The event is being coordinated by the Human Rights Alliance and supported by The Aboriginal Party and Refugee Rights Action Network.

Women in Black, Socialist Alternative, Socialist Alliance, Socialist Party, Communist Party, Friends

of Palestine WA, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee WA have all endorsed it.

The vigil will be held at the Wesley Centre, at the corner of William Street and Hay Street, from 6pm onwards.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KOOMA PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

THE KOOMA PEOPLE include the descendants of the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

Susan Mitchell
Mary Button of Murra Murra
Maggie of Bendena
Annie Murray

Lucy Sheridan
Kitty of Bollon
Julia Powell
Susan McAulley

This Notice invites all persons who are members of the Kooma People (the description of whom is set out above) to attend an Authorisation meeting at the time and location below:

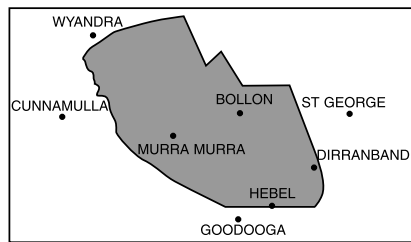
Date of Meeting: Sunday 12 December 2010

Venue of Meeting: Paroo Shire Hall, Jane Street, Cunnamulla Qld

Time of Meeting: 10.00AM – 4:00PM

The Authorisation Meeting will authorise matters including:

- An Applicant for the new Kooma Application;
- The role of the Applicant and the extent of their authority;
- A claim group description that is consistent with the expert evidence;
- A boundary description for the Kooma Application (as depicted in the map below); and
- A description of the native title rights and interests claimed in relation to Kooma lands and waters.



The proposed area of the new Kooma native title determination application is depicted left:

Figure 1: Please note that this map is indicative of the areas of the claims and not the actual boundaries of the claims. The boundaries of the claims will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

An Information Session to assist the group to prepare for the meeting will be held on:

Date of Session: Saturday 11 December 2010

Venue of Session: Paroo Shire Hall, Jane Street, Cunnamulla Qld

Time of Session: 10.00AM – 4:00PM

All Kooma People are invited to contact Sharon McAvoy, Communities Relations Officer, of Queensland South Native Title Services on 1800 663 693 no later than **close of business Friday 3 December 2010** to register their intention to be present at the information session and authorisation meeting.

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



Compo call for the Forgotten



Members of the National Sorry Day Committee joined Forgotten Australians in a walk across Canberra's Commonwealth Bridge on 16 November.

By DARREN COYNE



THE FEDERAL Government has announced details of a new service to help the 'Forgotten Australians' reunite with families, and learn of their past.

At the same time, the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) has renewed its calls for Forgotten Australians to receive compensation.

The Government said the \$26.5 million Find and Connect Service would be launched in April next year after a service provider was appointed.

The announcement was made a year after the Government apologised to the Forgotten Australians, which included Aboriginal people, for the abuse and neglect they experienced in institutions or out of home care.

The new service would include:

- A national website and single online access point to help Forgotten Australians and former child migrants find their records held by past care providers and government agencies;

- A national 1800 telephone number for care leavers to call if they want to speak with trained staff to help them locate their personal records;

- Specialised Find and Connect workers in every state and territory to provide hands on assistance in locating and accessing personal records and, where possible, reunite with family members; and

- New counselling services specifically for Forgotten Australians and former child migrants, as they trace their records and families.

Counsellors will be appropriately trained and qualified.

Meanwhile, the anniversary of the apology prompted members of the NSDC to join Forgotten Australians in a walk across the Commonwealth Bridge on 16 November.

Indigenous co-chair Helen Moran told *The Koori Mail* that about 60 people took part in the work, including a handful of Indigenous people.

Continued disregard

Ms Moran said the bridge march highlighted the 'continued disregard by the Australian Government when it comes to reparations, restitution and monetary compensation'.

"While the Apologies to the Stolen Generations and the Forgotten Australians were important steps in a shared journey of healing for all Australians it is clear that the Australian Government does not hold the need for reparations and compensation in the same light," Ms Moran said.

"As in the case of the Stolen Generations, the National Sorry Day Committee considers that both the State and Federal Governments have an obligation to compensate adult survivors, who as children, suffered trauma and harmful abuse as a result of their institutionalisation, foster and out-of-home care. "Neither Indigenous nor non-Indigenous survivors should be forced to face the trauma of legal and financial burdens by having to access recompense through the courts."

"The governments have a responsibility to redress these past wrongs because they sit at the core of Australia's human rights obligations."

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

Date received: 4 November 2010
Public comments due: 15 January 2011

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vahc@dvc.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



Craig Wheeler's winning photos on the rescue and release of a large flat-backed turtle which became entangled in a ghost net.

Turtle rescue wins photo competition

By ALF WILSON



MAPOON land and sea ranger Craig Wheeler was the subject of a photo shoot himself back in 2009 when he and colleague Nickolas Woodley appeared on the front page of *The Koori Mail*.

Now, he's had success on the other end of a camera, having won the Best Photo Series category in the National Working on Country Photography Competition.

Mr Wheeler's three photos, titled Turtle Rescue Series, show the rescue and release of a large flat-backed turtle which became entangled in a ghost net.



Craig Wheeler, left, and Nickolas Woodley pictured last year.

The competition received 80 entries from Indigenous Working on Country and Indigenous Protected Area ranger groups

and their communities from around Australia.

Back in February 2009, *The Koori Mail* was visiting Mapoon near Weipa on Cape York a Cape York when we saw Mr Wheeler motoring around a bend along a dirt road on quad bikes with another ranger Nickolas Woodley.

As we noted then, the duo looked every bit like they were stars in a Hollywood movie.

Mr Wheeler was educated at Abergowrie College near Ingham and has made a positive impact on the community he loves dearly. He told *The Koori Mail* last week that he got interested in photography whilst in Grade Six at Napranum Primary School.

"I shot these pics with a GPS camera but carry a little silver one with me all the time whilst working," he said.

"The presentation of my award took place in Canberra and I couldn't make it so my cousin went on my behalf."

Mr Wheeler said he was proud to win the award and had many locals come up and congratulate him.

The day we spoke to Mr Wheeler he had been with other rangers cleaning up rubbish including timber and parts of ghost nets which had washed up on a local beach.

"There are heaps of big crocodiles up here and we see them all the time. The turtle in my pics was lucky. Many of them die in the nets," he said.

Protesters voice uranium concerns



PROTESTERS outside BHP Billiton's annual general meeting in Perth have slammed the resource giant's uranium mining plans in Australia.

Conservation groups, unions and Aboriginal traditional owner groups voiced their environmental concerns at the Perth Convention and Exhibition centre on 16 November.

They raised particular concerns about BHP proposed uranium mine at Yeelirrie in Western Australia's Goldfields region.

Conservation Council of WA director Piers Verstegen said BHP had been acting behind the scenes to prevent a public inquiry from going ahead into uranium mining in WA.

He said serious issues related to the Yeelirrie proposal ranged from health impact and local communities through to the issue of whether WA uranium would find its way into weapons programs in other countries like Russia and China.

"These issues have been swept under

the table by both BHP and the state government," Mr Verstegen said.

"This is an extremely damaging and dangerous industry and there's no such thing as a safe uranium mine anywhere in the world and we know that BHP will not be able to operate a safe uranium mine here."

Mr Verstegen said BHP's attempt to prevent a transparent public inquiry showed it did not have confidence in its ability to manage the environmental and health impacts of uranium mining.

Australian Conservation Foundation campaigner David Noonan said BHP would also face questions at its AGM on Tuesday about its plans for an open pit mine at Roxby Downs in South Australia.

He said the mine would leak three million litres of liquid radioactive waste a day until 2050.

"This practice is unacceptable in Australia in this day and age. We need an Australian Erin Brockovich to expose what's going on here," Mr Noonan said.

Kado Muir, a traditional owner from the

Yeelirrie area, told reporters his people wanted the WA Government to hold a public inquiry into the opening of uranium mines in the state, following 40 years of a virtual ban.

"We want to know what this landscape will be like at the end of this mine," Mr Muir said.

"We want to ensure we can use the land for the next 40,000 years that we will be living here."

"We don't want to be left with a toxic, radioactive outback."

"As far as traditional owners are concerned they do not want to have uranium mines in their backyards."

Unions WA spokeswoman Linda Morich said her union opposed uranium mining in the state because of safety concerns for workers and nearby communities.

"There's no safe dose of radiation, there's no safe uranium mines," she said.

To coincide with the AGM in Perth, smaller protest rallies were held outside BHP Billiton officers around Australia.—AAP



Kado Muir, a traditional owner from the Yeelirrie area

Diabetes danger sparks push for more screening



WITH 275 Australians developing diabetes every day, the Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA) chose World Diabetes Day on 14 November to call for increased screening for the disease.

The college said such screening could help close the Indigenous health gap if implemented in conjunction with targeted health promotion.

Meanwhile, Diabetes Australia acting CEO Professor Greg Johnson said Australia was in the midst of 'a diabetes epidemic', with the health and hospital system unable to cope with the numbers.

"We know people with diabetes are 'frequent flyers' in the hospital system," he said.

"Thirty-two per cent of preventable hospital admissions in Australia relate to people with diabetes and its complications which include heart attacks, strokes, blindness, kidney problems and limb amputations."

RCNA CEO Debra Cerasa said it was imperative that more people were screened for diabetes, which often went undiagnosed until there was a major complication.

"Many people don't know they have diabetes until they end up in an emergency department (ED) or, worse still, an intensive care unit," she said.

"Nurses can play a much bigger role in screening, health promotion and other preventative measures that relate to



An Aboriginal patient undergoes dialysis. (File photo)

diabetes. We're calling for screening for diabetes to become standard practice in EDs and in schools as well as general practices and other community health settings.

"The AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) report *Australia's Health 2010* states that over 80,000 Australians have diabetes, and Type 2 diabetes is projected to become the leading cause of disease burden by 2023.

"We are not doing enough to catch it in

its early stages when the condition can be reversed, or at least managed effectively."

Ms Cerasa said nurses and midwives delivered primary health care in an array of community settings and, with the right strategic investments, much greater use could be made of the nursing workforce to battle and prevent diabetes.

She said nurse-led programs to monitor at-risk students should also be implemented in schools, and must also target Indigenous Australians, who face

much higher incidences of diabetes than the rest of Australia.

"Health promotion and education activities will promote the best outcomes for people at risk for diabetes and other lifestyle diseases and prevent many of the complications later on in life," Ms Cerasa said.

"Diabetes is a disease that becomes harder to manage the later it is detected and the older the person is.

"Further, as it is a disease that is triggered or compounded by unhealthy lifestyle factors, it often occurs in tandem with other serious cardiovascular and kidney problems that generally affect a person later in life.

"This complicates the care required and puts a person at serious risk of disability and early death."

Health and Ageing Minister Nicola Roxon said that with more than 800,000 Australians diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes – and this figure projected to rise substantially over the next 10 to 15 years – diabetes prevention and education couldn't be more important.

She said prevention, early intervention and care in the community were primary objectives of the Federal Government's national health reform agenda.

Meanwhile, Diabetes Australia said it was looking forward to working with the Government as a key member on an advisory group to design and plan for a pilot of the Coordinated Care for Diabetes reform to start in July 2011.

Ear task force call



AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship 2011

For the assistance and encouragement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders studying for a medical degree at an Australian University.

Applications are now sought for the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship for 2011. Applicants must be people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

Applicants must be eligible for ABSTUDY. A scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds any other substantial scholarship. To be eligible to apply, applicants must be currently enrolled full time at an Australian Medical School and in at least their first year of medicine.

The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of an advisory committee appointed by the AMA. The value of any scholarship given in 2011 will be \$9,000 per annum.

The scholarship will be awarded for a full course of study, subject to review at the end of each year.

Applications close Sunday 30 January 2011.

To receive further information and an application package, please contact Mrs Sophia Habib, Administration Officer, AMA on 02 6270 5452 or by e-mail shahib@ama.com.au. An application package can also be downloaded from the AMA website www.ama.com.au

The Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship Trust Fund has been established with a contribution from the Australian Government. The Trust Fund is administered by the Australian Medical Association.

The Australian Medical Association would also like to acknowledge the Reuben Peleman Benevolent Foundation for its support of the Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship.



SOME of Australia's leading experts in ear disease have called for an ear and

hearing task force to be formed, led by Indigenous researchers and community leaders.

The call was made in a recent edition of the *Medical Journal of Australia*, following a workshop earlier this year which aimed to enhance national collaborations and provide up-to-date information on ear health research in Australia – with a focus on ways to reduce the burden of ear disease.

More than 80 per cent of Indigenous children have middle ear infections (otitis media) by age one – a rate that is among the highest in the world. The rate of ear drum rupture from persistent ear infection in Indigenous children is 15 per cent, well above the World Health Organisation threshold of 4 per cent, indicating a major public health problem. The cost of treating OM in Australia is more than \$100 million a year.

The Menzies School of

Health Research Ear Health Research Program, led by Associate Professor Peter Morris, has conducted a number of OM prevention and treatment trials. The team's work over two decades has demonstrated that the increased risk of infection and poor response to treatment are related to accumulation of multiple species and strains of pathogens in the upper respiratory tract that are poorly eliminated by young infants. Current research is looking at long-acting antibiotics and different uses of vaccinations.

Hygiene measures

Menzies' Associate Professor Amanda Leach said more evidence was needed about the impact of hygiene measures on reducing ear disease.

"It's crucial that more is done to tackle the underlying environmental issues such as overcrowding in homes and exposure to cigarette smoke," she said.

Head of Infectious Disease research at Perth's Telethon Institute for Child Health Research Associate Professor

Deborah Lehmann said a comprehensive attack on the disease was needed.

"The more we delay, the more children are suffering serious damage to their hearing that can impact on their future education, employment and quality of life," Dr Lehmann said.

"This must be an important focus if we are to close the gap in a range of outcomes for Aboriginal children."

Head of the Vaccine Trials Group, Associate Professor Peter Richmond, said more research into interventions to reduce ear disease was urgently required.

"While vaccines have had some impact on serious infection in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children, more research is needed to improve their effectiveness in prevention of ear disease in all children. Better ways of evaluating this effectiveness also need to be developed," he said.

"We also need to know more about which bacteria and viruses cause disease and how children develop immunity to these infections to be best able to combat it."

Doctor is a winner

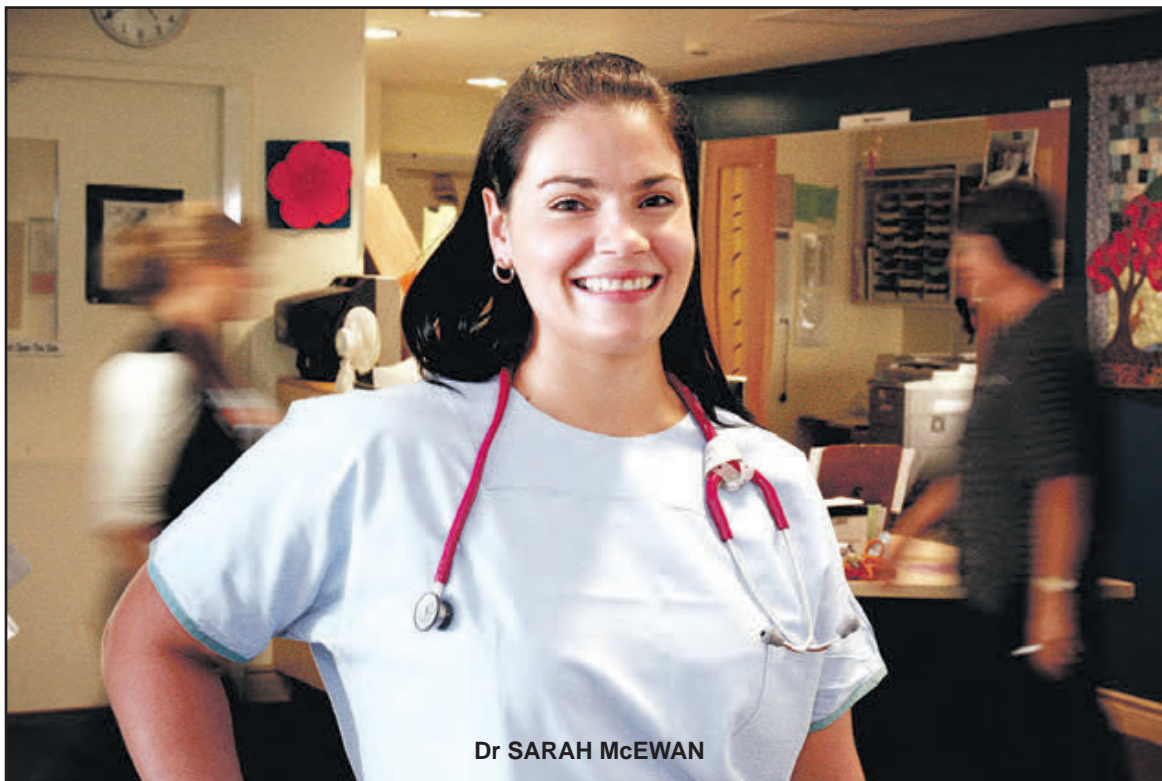


INDIGENOUS medical registrar Dr Sarah McEwan has been recognised for her 'extraordinary dedication to and leadership in rural practice'.

Dr McEwan recently received the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) 2010 Rural Registrar of the Year award. She also won the 2009 Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Rural Register of the Year.

As an Indigenous registrar, Dr McEwan has worked as the Indigenous support officer for North Coast GP Training in New South Wales and recently moved to Port Hedland in Western Australia where she is providing medical care to remote Indigenous communities.

Dr McEwan is a Wiradjuri woman who grew up in Mudgee, rural NSW, and went to the University of Newcastle to study medicine after graduating from Mudgee High School. She then completed her Advanced Rural General Practice Graduate Diploma and has also completed extra qualifications including sexual health, obstetrics and gynaecology, and child health.



Dr SARAH McEWAN

ACRRM President Dr Jeff Ayton said Dr McEwan was an extraordinary role model for other young rural doctors, taking a leadership role not only in her medical practice but also in her

community. "Sarah provides outstanding, dedicated care to the rural communities in which she works, most recently as the District Medical Officer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and

Emergency at Port Hedland Hospital," he said.

"She has shown a great enthusiasm for pursuing further education and training in the key areas needed by her rural

community, and her ongoing commitment to rural medicine and strong leadership role make her a highly deserving recipient of this prestigious award."

Dr McEwan was inspired to pursue a career as a country doctor from a range of influences during her childhood in Mudgee.

"My father always had an interest in community volunteer work such as the rescue squad and also St John Ambulance, and I had a great mentor in Rob O'Connor who was a fantastic physical education and health teacher and inspired me to learn more about the human body," she said. "Our local GPs in Mudgee – a husband-and-wife team – delivered me as a baby, saw me through my childhood vaccinations and routine illnesses, and then performed after-hours home visits when I was very ill and required urgent medical attention and transfer to a nearby referral hospital when I was younger.

"I think from this I developed an awareness of what it would be like to be a rural general practitioner.

"The possibility fascinated me which then stemmed into me being given the opportunity to study medicine."

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- or Email: cadetship@doh.health.nsw.gov.au



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All smiles in Tiwi class



IN Meredith Quail's Year 2 class on the Tiwi Island of Bathurst, there's one daily routine that simply can't be missed.

Every morning her class pauses from their lessons to enjoy a piece of fruit together, before lining up at the sink to give their pearly whites a scrub.

"Once we had a special assembly and it meant the kids didn't brush their teeth at the usual time and they all started complaining that their teeth were dirty and they needed to brush them, so we stopped everything and brushed our teeth," Mrs Quail said.

Before starting the program, Mrs Quail, who has taught at Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School in the community of Nguu for the past nine years, had noticed children coming to school with sore mouths because of poor oral health.

"I noticed some kids were reluctant to smile, and often complained of tooth aches because of decay. Some would comment that my teeth were clean and that I had nice-smelling breath," she said.

"Now they all give me big grins, and love looking at their teeth in the mirror after we brush. They even watch each other's brushing technique to make sure they're doing it right."

The school engaged the help of Andrew Packer, a health



Brushing up for better teeth ... Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School children Mark Apuatimi, Mark Pilakui and Hilda Kerinauia.

promotions officer with the Northern Territory Department of Health, to establish the school-wide tooth-brushing program.

"Having Andrew involved has been great because he's been able to teach the children proper tooth-brushing techniques and get them excited about healthy eating," Mrs Quail said.

Mr Packer visits the school twice a year and calls staff

monthly to check on the program.

Mrs Quail said he sits down with the class to talk about 'good foods' and 'sometimes foods' and the children were eager to talk about the good foods they ate such as wallaby, turtle, goanna, fish, fruit, vegetables and milk.

She said the children now knew that eating too much of the

'sometimes foods', such as soft drinks, cake, lollies and chips, weren't good for their teeth.

When asked why they should take care of their teeth, the children chime in with the answer: "We brush our teeth so that we have nice smiles, can eat our food and talk."

It's a simple program, but Mr Packer says that's the key to its success.

"It doesn't take a lot of effort but it has great results. The children can see the difference healthy eating and tooth brushing makes and we've made them feel good about doing it," he said.

Mr Packer expects the program will continue to be a success in the community.

"Once a program has been established for a while it becomes part of habit and quite easy to maintain," he said.

Tarcissius Orsto, an Aboriginal community worker at Nguu, has also become involved in the program.

"I go around and speak to mothers about how important it is to look after their children's teeth. I speak to them in language and they listen and understand," he said.

"Some children have asked their parents for their own toothbrushes and toothpaste and have begun brushing at home as well as at school."

At the end of term all the children will take their toothbrushes and toothpaste home so they can brush over the Christmas break. When they return to school next year, they'll be given a new set to continue the school program.

"Judging by the positive results we've had so far, I think this program will filter through the community and create a culture of good oral hygiene in Nguu," Mr Packer said.

— By BRIDGET WILD

Mixed cancer findings



Health

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For appointment to the Advisory Council to the CLINICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Minister for Health is seeking expressions of interest from persons interested in serving as members of the Advisory Council for the Clinical Education and Training Institute (CETI), established as part of implementing *Caring Together: The Health Action Plan for NSW*. The primary role of the CETI will be to develop, conduct, coordinate, support and evaluate clinical education and training programs across the NSW public health system.

The CETI is a statutory health corporation established under the Health Services Act 1997 and is governed by a Chief Executive. The role of the CETI Advisory Council is to provide advice to the Chief Executive of CETI on a range of matters including the development and implementation of strategic plans for the organisation and on current and emerging clinical education and training issues.

Expressions of Interest are sought from individuals with skills and experience in health service delivery; organisational culture; or in clinical training and education, who are able to make a positive contribution to the CETI at a strategic level. Women and people from non-English and Aboriginal backgrounds are also encouraged to apply.

The term of appointments will be for a period of up to 4 years.

For an information package, please call Katrina Houlton on 0459 839 865. All interested persons must complete a nomination form available in the information package. Applications should be lodged by close of business on **Friday 24th December 2010** and be addressed to the Clinical Education and Training Institute, Locked Bag 5022, Gladesville, NSW, 1675.

Inquiries should be directed to Professor Steven Boyages, Chief Executive, Clinical Education and Training Institute on telephone (02) 8860 2550

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INDIGENOUS people in Queensland are less likely to be diagnosed with certain types of cancers, but

those who are, are more likely to die.

A comprehensive study of cancer cases and deaths in Indigenous Queenslanders by the Queensland Institute of Medical Research was released last week.

Dr Suzanne Moore, from QIMR's Cancer and Population Studies Group, said it was the first study to research Indigenous cancer rates across all of Queensland.

"Previously, studies had only taken into account rural Indigenous communities," Dr Moore said.

"Using data from the Queensland Cancer Registry, we determined the number of cancer cases and number of cancer deaths from 1997-2006 in the Indigenous Queensland population and compared this to overall figures."

Dr Moore said there were 955 cancer-related deaths in

the Indigenous Queensland population during the period 1997-2006. Of those cases 495 were males and 460 females.

"Our results showed that Indigenous people were 21 per cent less likely to be diagnosed with cancer than the total Queensland population," she said.

"In particular, Indigenous Queenslanders had lower rates of colo-rectal, prostate, breast and skin cancers."

However, the cases of lung cancers were nearly double, and oesophageal and liver cancers were more than twice that of other Queenslanders.

Women

Cancers in women, such as cervical and uterine cancers, were also over double that of the general Queensland population.

"Alarming, despite the lower number of cancer cases, Indigenous people were 36 per cent more likely to die from cancer than the total Queensland population," Dr Moore said.

"This is thought to be due to a range of factors, including

later diagnosis, resistance to seeking treatment, and higher rates of aggressive cancers."

The study also argued that lifestyle factors might have contributed to increased rates of some cancers.

Higher rates of smoking may have increased the risk of lung cancer, and higher rates of hepatitis B infection and excessive alcohol consumption (among those Indigenous people who drink) might have increased the risk of liver cancer.

Also, lower participation in cervical cancer screening programs and increased rates of obesity might be associated with higher rates of cervical and uterine cancer in Indigenous women.

The paper was published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on 15 November and can be found at http://www.mja.com.au/public/issues/193_10_151110/moo10340_fm.html

According to the study, cancer is now the second leading cause of death, after heart disease, for Indigenous Australians.

A work by
Wally
Pwerle
(45cms).



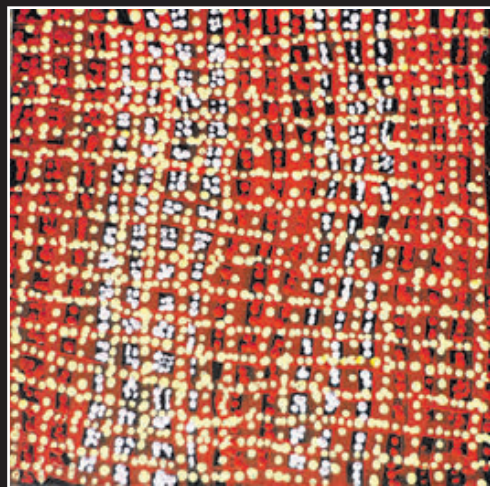
Small pieces feature in final show



THE final show of the year for Artitja Fine Art in south Fremantle, Perth, features small pieces. *ART + OBJECTS: small and affordable 2010* mainly features the work of desert artists from the many remote regions of

Australia, as well as the baskets and bush sculptures of Nyoongah fibre artist Janine McCaullay Bott, whose work is currently on show at the WA Museum in Perth.

A jewellery range featuring artwork by top artist Emily Kngwarreye as well as Gloria Petyarre and Barbara Weir also forms part of the show. Other items on offer include art books, textiles and the 2011 McCulloch & McCulloch Aboriginal and Australian Art Diaries. *ART + OBJECTS* runs from tomorrow until 24 December at 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle. For more information go to www.artitja.com.au



A painting by Eunice Porter (25x25cm).



A basket by Janine McCaullay Bott.



Marcelle Laurence, left, and Ross Forsyth pose by an artwork donated by their aunt, Mollie Gowing, at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney. Mollie Gowing, who was a supporter of the gallery and of Indigenous art in particular, has bequeathed 142 works plus \$5 million for two endowment funds for acquisitions. AAP Image

Gallery praises major bequest



EVEN for a 'rare being' like Mollie Gowing, it was a gift of remarkable generosity. The late philanthropist, and wife of retail giant Jim

Gowing, who for decades donated her time, money and passion to promoting Indigenous art, bequeathed 142 works from her private collection as her parting gift to her beloved Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW).

Friends and family who gathered at the AGNSW last Thursday, almost a year after Mrs Gowing's death, heaped praise on a woman who was as fiery and opinionated as she was innovative and generous.

Starting with her first gift to the gallery in 1992, Mrs Gowing's bequests have formed nearly one-third – or 386 – of all the Indigenous artworks held by AGNSW.

AGNSW Director Edmund Capon said her last gift of 142 works was 'a bonanza' and would ensure the legacy of her more than 30 years of supporting the gallery would endure.

"Mollie is one of those rare beings who's actually had a longer association with the gallery than anybody in this room," Mr Capon said.

"I think these bequests will mean that

the name of Mollie Gowing will be etched in perpetuity into the annals of the AGNSW, and how right that is."

Mrs Gowing was introduced to Aboriginal art by her husband, who sent her works when he was stationed in Darwin during World War II.

Immediately recognising their beauty and significance, Mrs Gowing then spent decades trying to bring the works from Australia's red centre to a wider audience, said Hetti Perkins, the gallery's curator of Aboriginal art.

'Ahead of her time'

"She was very ahead of her time in the way she thought about Aboriginal art," said Ms Perkins. "She saw it in a way that few people did at the time."

Ms Perkins said she chose specifically to hang several works from the collection by Emily Kame Kngwarreye because the artist had a connection with Mrs Gowing.

"By all reports, she was a bit like Mollie: A pretty feisty, kinda opinionated, innovative, passionate person," she said.

"She's pretty much a constant presence within this building, and now we can add to that the works from her own home."

Mrs Gowing began volunteering as a

guide at the AGNSW in the early 1970s.

After her husband's death in 1978, the gallery became something of a second home to her, and she could be seen strolling through the wings many days a week.

Upon her death in December last year, her loss was felt keenly by gallery staff.

"She really was a great friend and someone you really miss," said Ms Perkins, who worked with Mrs Gowing in unveiling the Yiribana wing for Indigenous art at the gallery in 1994.

"All the security guards, all the guys who work on the installations, everyone knew her. She'd remember everyone's names and their kids, she was incredible." Ross Forsyth, a nephew of Mrs Gowing, said the joy his aunt drew from her relationship with the gallery made him strongly recommend other collectors follow her example.

"Knowing the pleasure that this gift gave to Mollie, I wish to encourage other collectors to gift their collections to our gallery," he said.

The 142 works, which include paintings by famed Australian artists Arthur Boyd and Fred Williams, will be rotated and hung in a wing dedicated to Mrs Gowing. – AAP

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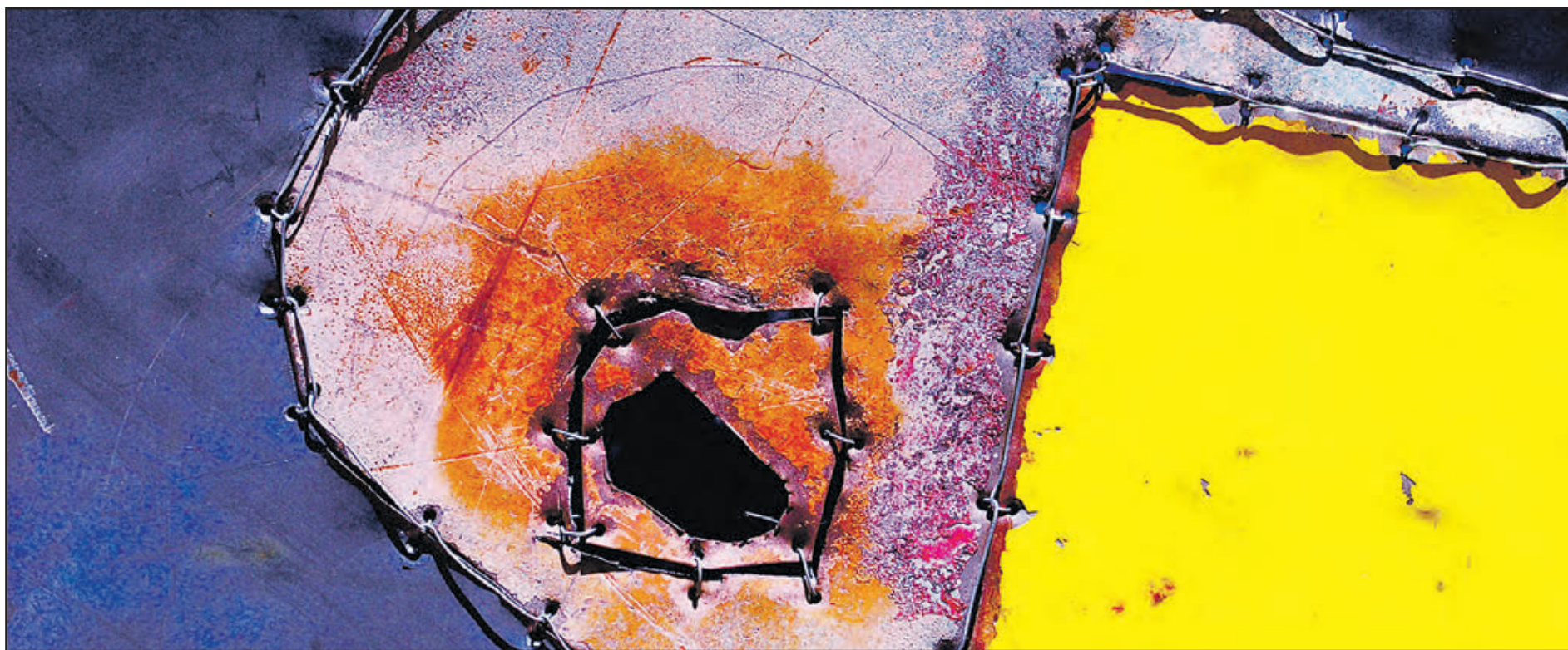
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Dan Murphy's *Fresh for You* (detail), made of scrap metal and twitching wire, which is part of the new exhibition in Alice Springs.

Exhibition inspired by Mparntwe



MPARNTWE (the Arrernte name for Alice Springs) is the inspiration for a new exhibition, which opened at the Araluen Arts Centre last month. The exhibition

includes the work of more than 20 contemporary artists across a variety of media, from painting to metal sculpture to video works.

Director of the Araluen Cultural Precinct Tim Rollason said the exhibition, *Pmere Arntarntareme – Watching This*

Place, was developed by the Alice Springs artist-run initiative Watch This Space and aimed to capture the 'layered realities of intercultural Alice Springs, which sees artists and custodians both watching country'.

Arrernte custodian Doris Stuart took the artists involved in the exhibition on a tour of Alice Springs sacred sites and spoke to them about her role in watching over the many sites and places.

In response, member artists of Watch This Space developed artworks which

now form part of the exhibition.

Artist and co-curator of *Pmere Arntarntareme – Watching This Place* Dan Murphy said the intensity and depth of the artists' observations gave them a unique perspective.

"This perspective is shared and expanded by the Arrernte custodians who continue to watch over and care for their sacred country and this exhibition was created in order to facilitate a dialogue and cultural exchange between resident local artists and Arrernte

custodians of Mparntwe," Mr Murphy said.

"Both groups are seriously engaged in observing this country and the unfolding dramas of life at the centre of this iconic town and cultural meeting place."

Operating for more than 16 years, Watch This Space is the only contemporary experimental art space in Central Australia.

Pmere Arntarntareme – Watching This Place is on at the Araluen Arts Centre until 13 February.

Art from the heart

By MARGARET SMITH



SIXTEEN Koori female artists have come together to

exhibit their works at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery in Camperdown, Sydney.

The group was formed six years ago and the general comment from the audience at the opening of Art from the Heart was that this year's work was brighter and more confident than ever.

The paintings were varied with striking patterns, rich colours, soft tones, evocations of country, and very personal works dedicated to family memories.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir was so impressed she visited twice, and bought a painting by Ruby Troutman titled 'Grubs', which she said called up her own country.

Elder and artist Euphemia Bostock welcomed guests to the exhibition, followed by Lois Kirk who said there'd been 'tremendous growth by our artists since the last exhibition a year ago'. "I'm

very proud of the artists making such a commitment to who and where they are," Ms Kirk said.

Artist Carmel Richardson told *The Koori Mail* she was fascinated by the moon's light and her painting 'represented the women when they did corroborees'. She said she'd been painting since she was a little girl in Boggabilla.

Danielle Garoga, an Aboriginal and Papua New Guinea artist, was inspired by the sea.

Healing

"And my painting is also about distress and healing within my family," she revealed.

Kim Healey's paintings were inspired by her grandmother's language, Gumbayngiirr, from around Nambucca Heads.

Nineteen of the paintings displayed have been sold, as well as some fabrics.

The Chrissie Cotter Gallery is in Pidcock Street, Camperdown. The exhibition runs until 5 December, and is open from 11am-4pm, Wednesday to Sunday.



Carmel Richardson with the work *Full Moon's Women's Corroboree*.



NSW Governor Marie Bashir with the painting she bought called *Grubs* by Ruby Troutman, left, and paintings by Kim Healey behind her.

Quaill to run Cairns event



Cairns Indigenous Art Fair's new artistic director, Avril Quaill.



A NEW artistic director is set to lead a major far north Queensland annual Indigenous arts program.

Aboriginal artist Avril Quaill was recently appointed to co-ordinate the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

She has taken over from founding director Michael Snelling, who set up and saw the art fair through its first two years.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh thanked Mr Snelling for his expertise and guidance.

"Michael helped make this event what it is today, a fantastic opportunity for Queensland Indigenous artists to sell their work, make critical connections with leading galleries and curators from around the world and for everyone to celebrate and enjoy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture," Ms Bligh said.

"He now hands the baton to Ms Quaill, whose remarkable wealth of knowledge and experience makes her the perfect choice to steer the event in 2011."

As one of the founding members of the NSW

Indigenous arts institution Boomalli, Ms Quaill – a Nunukul woman with clan associations to the Goenpul and Nuigi people of Moreton Bay – has had a wide range of experiences.

She said her vision for 2011 was to enhance CIAF's reputation as a world-class event where Queensland's best and innovative Indigenous art pieces could be showcased and be a platform for experienced and emerging artists to develop skills and to build their professional careers.

"CIAF has established itself as a ground-breaking event internationally recognised as a truly unique celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture," Ms Quaill said.

Opportunities

"We plan to further enhance international programs which attracted the world's foremost art collectors and curators to CIAF 2010, and resulted in a significant boost in sales and opportunities for artists."

Ms Quaill, who has held a senior curatorial position at the National Gallery of Australia, said organisers were exploring opportunities to move next year's event closer to the Cairns waterfront, in a move she hoped would incorporate many more of the art venues in the city.

"We are developing new

programs and partnerships that we will announce as we approach the 2011 opening and we are also looking forward to working with our sponsors, partners across government and the private sector, Indigenous art centres, galleries, other organisations and communities that made the previous two events so successful," she said.

Premier Bligh said the art fair was getting bigger and better every year, with more than 10,000 visitors to this year's event.

"After two tremendously successful years, CIAF has firmly established itself as the leading event to showcase the artworks of Queensland-born or based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to local, national and international audiences," she said.

"More than 10,500 visitors immersed themselves in three days of art, dance, music and debate at this year's event, bringing enormous economic benefits and a greater appreciation of the state's growing Indigenous art sector."

Ms Bligh said CIAF 2011 would run from 19-21 August, and said work had already started on securing key artists for this event.

CIAF is a State Government initiative of 'Backing Indigenous Arts' program, delivered by Arts Queensland.

School kids express their art



THE culmination of the third consecutive year of the Sydney Region Public

Schools Koori Art Expression program is a two-month-long exhibition at the Australian Museum featuring 75 works, many of them collaborative efforts. Sydney region project officer Zea Vargas said the talents of about 500 students, from Kindergarten to Year 12, will be showcased.

The exhibition has taken its title from this year's NAIDOC theme – 'Unsung Heroes, Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way' – with students and teachers looking at issues such as how the contribution of Aboriginal people to Australian society has gone unrecognised; how Aboriginal people have contributed to the conservation of the Australian environment; how Aboriginal leaders help other Aboriginal people set their own direction for the future; and how we can recognise someone who makes a



Bless their Tootsies (2010), a mixed media collaborative work by Years Seven to 10 at the Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus Support Unit (Physical). The feet represent the wildlife staff and volunteers who tirelessly worked during and after the Victorian bushfires. Photo by Jane Stanley

difference in the lives of others.

Ms Vargas said the Koori Art Expressions program was open to all students to 'give everybody the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal culture and history'. Teachers who were involved with the Koori Art Expressions

program received professional training at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Art Department of the Art Gallery of NSW.

Ms Vargas said they had asked the participating schools to send in their best works, and ended up accepting everything

that was submitted 'because the works were so good'.

"(The program) is growing each year, not only in terms of the number works, but the quality. People are also using a variety of media," Ms Vargas said. "There's a few sculptures this year."

The exhibition opens tomorrow and will run until 30 January at the Australian Museum, 6 College Street, Sydney.

It will be officially opened by Community Services Minister Linda Burney today, 1 December, at 5.30pm.

SA graduates have extra skills



TEN young Indigenous men from South Australia now have new skills after graduating from an Indigenous Employment Development Course (IEDC). The course aims to prepare Aboriginal people with the skills and confidence to seek employment in the wider community.

The ten participants, aged from 17-24 and from Port Lincoln, Ceduna and

Murray Bridge, trained in English language, literacy and numeracy skills, general life skills, and learnt about health and fitness levels, leadership and teamwork.

Graduates can use the program as a stepping stone to general employment in their community, or to enter the Australian Defence Force.

Each person obtains a TAFE qualification, ranging from a Certificate I in Introductory Vocational Education to

Certificate II in Education and Skills Development.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment Mark Arbib, and Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Warren Snowdon congratulated the participants for undertaking the eight-week training course.

"This is only the second course that's been held, the first was in Dubbo, NSW, in 2009 in conjunction with NSW Police and other agencies," Mr Snowdon said.

The IEDC program involved a collaboration between the Australian Government, Regional Development Australia, the South Australian Government and the Australian Defence Force.

Mr Snowdon said the Australian Government had allocated more than \$750 million over five years to the Indigenous Employment Program, to assist Indigenous Australians into ongoing, sustainable work.



NT Christian Schools Association trainees Tracey Zanker and Barney Schwerin show off their graduation certificates to Kormilda College students Lezlee and Michael Hall.

Education support trainees graduate



A RECORD 54 trainees ranging in age from 17 to 62, graduated last month with Certificate III and IV education

support qualifications from the Northern Territory Christian Schools Association (NTCSA).

NTCSA became a registered training organisation (RTO) in 2002 and offers two vocation and education training (VET) qualifications aimed at addressing the urgent need for support staff for teachers and students in Top End schools.

The training course focuses on training people who can support Indigenous students, and seven of the trainees who graduated last month were Indigenous.

Trainees worked at government and independent schools in Darwin and Palmerston including Marrara Christian College, Kormilda, St Francis of Assisi School, Moulden Park School and Sacred Heart Primary School, as well as community education settings.

About 90 per cent of the 54 trainees are already employed, with many able to increase the hours they work in recognition of their additional skills.

NTSCA RTO and VET

manager Cos Russo said there was an urgent need for extra help in local classrooms to cater for students with special needs, such as low literacy and numeracy and to help out in larger class sizes.

"It is enhancing the learning environment for the students, and the schools are telling us more students are succeeding in the classes because of the extra educational support," he said.

"In senior schools these teacher aides are helping students achieve their NT Certificate of Education and Training.

'Urgent need'

"There is an urgent need for extra help in local classrooms to cater for students with special needs, such as low literacy and numeracy in some Indigenous students, and help out in larger class sizes.

"The great part about this program is that the trainees don't need any educational pre-requisite to do the training and those who work in the same schools support each other through their studies."

Graduating trainee Barney Schwerin, 45, has changed his focus from a career as a youth worker in correction and juvenile detention centres in

Queensland to helping youngsters before they get in trouble.

Mr Schwerin began working as part of the maintenance crew at Kormilda College four years ago, but after witnessing some of the difficulties students were having, he offered his skills with youth and was offered a job as a restorative officer.

He decided to do the Certificate III in Education Support and enjoyed it so much that he has already signed up for Certificate IV next year.

"My job is to deal with the behaviour – not the person – and teach the students to take responsibility for what they have done," Mr Schwerin said.

"The course consolidated what I already knew and has given me a formal qualification."

The trainees were jointly funded by the NT Department of Education and Training and the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. NTSCA will expand its education support courses next year and is looking at offering the qualifications across the NT.

For more information contact NTSCA on (08) 8920 4355.



SETTLERS Primary School in Baldivis, south of Perth, has been named the overall winner of the PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning,

Sharing) Reconciliation Award 2010.

PALS is an initiative of the West Australian Indigenous Affairs Department in partnership with BHP Billiton, which encourages young West Australians to develop projects to promote and advance reconciliation.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames said Settlers Primary won for its project 'Recognising the past: looking forward' which helped students gain an appreciation of the local Indigenous culture.

The activities included art and painting activities for more than 100 school community members, and the writing of a play about a dreaming story called *The Hand of Humans*, which was performed to an audience of about 1300 during NAIDOC Week.

The whole school also participated in activities including the creation of a Noongar garden, and were taught more about Indigenous culture, the food eaten and the clothing and shelters used during different seasons.

School PALS project co-ordinator Marie Garvan said the program had helped students learn much more about Indigenous culture.

"The students even got to eat a kangaroo stew, which was a real highlight," she said.

Dr Hames said that this year a record 232 primary and secondary schools completed 268 reconciliation projects across WA.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice

President HSEC Carl Binning congratulated Settlers and other PALS winners who were announced at the Wardarnji Aboriginal Cultural Festival, held at the Fremantle Arts Centre.

PALS Reconciliation Awards 2010 winners:

Overall Winner: Settlers Primary School (Baldivis) for 'Recognising the past: looking forward'.

Education Category: Arbor Grove Primary School (Ellenbrook) for 'Bush Tucker Garden'.

Arts and Culture Category: Baldivis Primary School (Baldivis) for 'Let's All Sing Together'.

Health Category:

Cyril Jackson Senior High School (Bassendean) for 'CJ Bush Tucker Garden'.

Sustainable

Partnerships Category: Australind Senior High School (Australind) for 'Roelands Kids'.

Environment

Category: Ellen Stirling Primary School (Ellenbrook) for 'Exploring Noongar History and Culture at Ellen Stirling'.

Community

Development Category: Katanning Primary School

(Katanning) for 'Coolingah Moort Dangoo Kadajiny'.

2010 PALS Showcase School: Osborne Park Primary School (Osborne Park) for 'We Celebrate our Diversity'.

Ongoing Commitment to the Creative Arts: St Mary's College (Broome) for 'Sydney Connections Tour'.

Troy Cook Youth Award: Koorana Primary School (Warnbro) for 'Circle of Life'.

Further information on the PALS program, finalists and winners is available at <http://pals.dia.wa.gov.au>

'The students even got to eat a kangaroo stew, which was a real highlight'

Foundation is growing



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) chairperson Professor Cindy Shannon says the work of the

foundation has grown significantly since it was established two years ago.

QATSIF was set up in November 2008 to provide a secure funding source for improved educational results for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

Its initial funding was provided from interest earned from the Queensland Government's former Aborigines' Welfare Fund and the Queensland Government Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparations Scheme.

Announcing the second round of Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) scholarships, Prof Shannon said the foundation would continue to provide a two-year funding package

to students from 41 Queensland schools through the QATSIF Queensland Certificate of Education Scholarship Support 2011-2012, with a total of 315 Indigenous students to receive scholarships totalling more than \$1.1 million.

She said this was a significant increase on the 17 schools from the first round of scholarships, where 114 students were awarded scholarships in 2009.

'Wonderful'

Round one scholarship recipient Wassie Toolis, who is studying at St Peter's College, Indooroopilly in Brisbane, said receiving a QATSIF scholarship had enabled him to go to boarding school, which was 'a wonderful experience'.

"I want to become a PE teacher and I believe 'Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true'," he said.

"Also when I think of where the

funds come from it makes me proud to be doing what I am doing at St Peter's and representing Indigenous Queenslanders at such a great school."

Carmille Pearson, from Djarragun College in Gordonvale, far north Queensland, said the scholarship was invaluable.

"Knowing I have the scholarship really helps me keep working hard and coming to school," she said.

"We don't have a computer at home. My scholarship has helped me finish my work, and get ahead with schoolwork. I know I will get my QCE next year with this scholarship."

Prof Shannon said QATSIF would continue its partnership with the Government, Catholic and independent sectors of education as well as with the Federal Department of Education and Workplace Relations and the Queensland Indigenous Education Consultative Committee.



QATSIF chairperson Prof Cindy Shannon.

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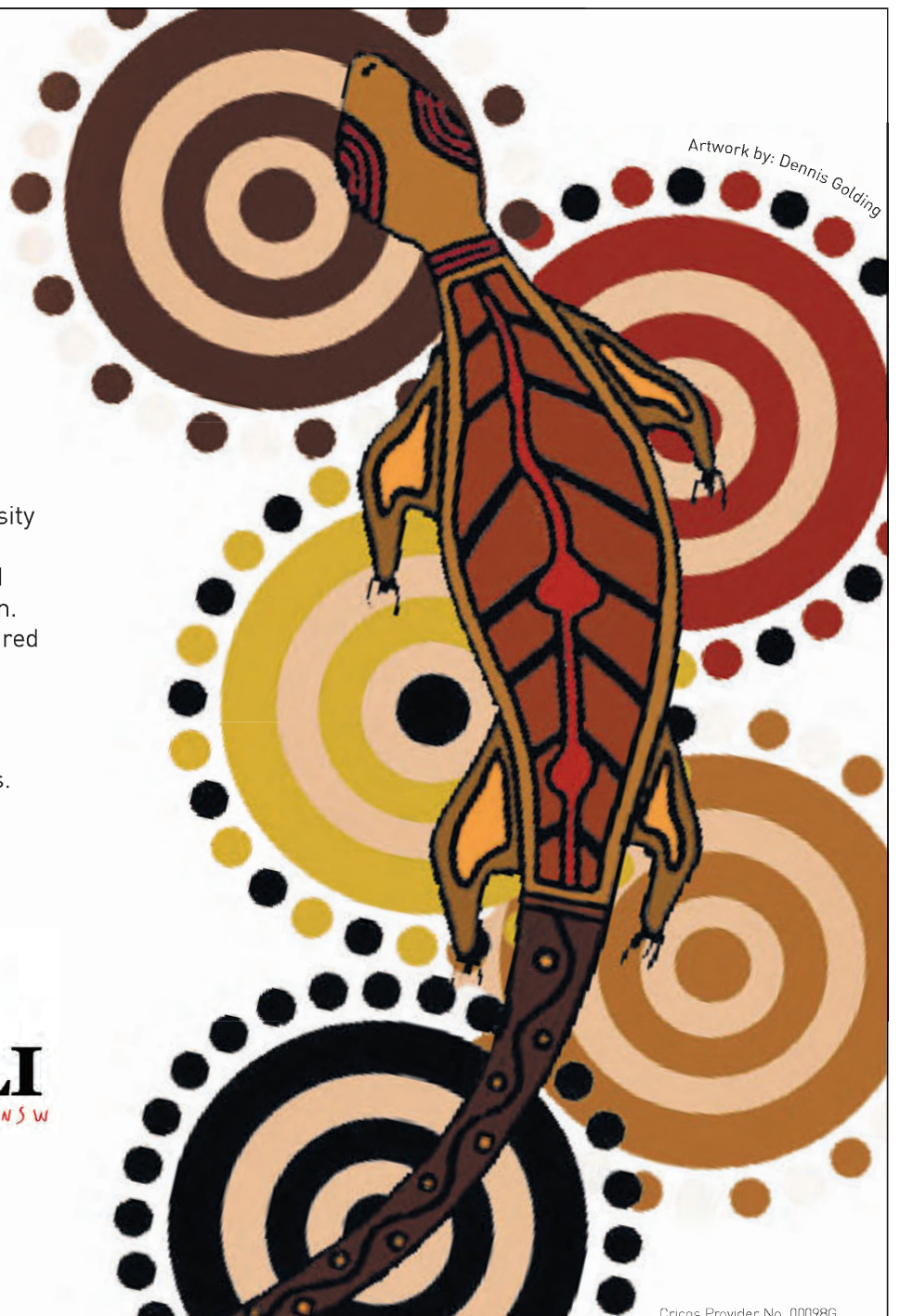
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Bowraville to Sydney...



THREE young Aboriginal students from Bowraville on the mid north coast of New South Wales are gearing up to start high school in Sydney next year, after receiving educational scholarships.

Principal of St Mary's Primary School in Bowraville Claire Mellon said the students were well deserving of the scholarships and had worked hard for them. "The scholarships provide wonderful opportunities for the students and St Mary's, their families and our community are all incredibly proud of them," Ms Mellon said.

Year 6 student Timo Ballengarry will be going to Saint Ignatius College, Riverview, Tyron Kay (also Year 6) will be going to St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, while Year 9 student Nikita Jarrett is off to Kincoppal, Rose Bay.

Timo is the fifth student from St Mary's Primary School to earn a scholarship from Riverview, which he received based on his academic success and social awareness.

Opportunity

"Timo is a wonderful young man, and I know he is very grateful of this opportunity," Ms Mellon said.

Tyron chose St Gregory's in Campbelltown because the school is a specialist in rugby league.

"Tyron is a promising rugby league player and coupled with his Naplan results, outstanding school reports and social skills, he was successful in achieving a scholarship," Ms Mellon said.

She said Nikita received her scholarship from Kincoppal due to her outstanding intra- and inter-personal skills.

"Nikita has strong self-awareness and self-knowledge, and this was demonstrated by her decision to stay in Bowraville and attend the John Paul College Annex that is at St Mary's Bowraville until she felt ready to go to Sydney," Ms Mellon said. "These scholarships reinforce to our current students at St Mary's Primary School that if you work hard, attend school and are respectful to yourself and your friends that opportunities are created."

From left, Tyron Kay, Nikita Jarrett and Timo Ballengarry are getting ready to head to Sydney colleges.



MAPPING THE WAY...

25-year-old Nat Heath graduated from the University of Newcastle in 2006 however returned to his old stomping ground to help other Indigenous students map their way through university.

Working at The Wollotuka Institute, Nat's role as Access and Retention Officer sees him as the first point of call to Indigenous students who require assistance choosing courses and mapping out their degree. He also organises the alternative entry program.

"I really enjoy the face-to-face contact with students, whether it be helping with academic matters or organising social events so they get to know each other better.

"Coming to university can be daunting for students who come from a regional or rural setting as many of our Indigenous students do.

"The Wollotuka Institute helps students' find accommodation, tutoring and study tools as well providing support on a personal level.

"I'm able to act as a liaison for students if things get hard, arranging extensions for assignments or helping prepare for an exam.

"I'm thrilled to be able to offer current students the assistance I received when I studied at the University of Newcastle, Wollotuka is a great institution," said Nat.

For more information regarding The Wollotuka Institute or studying at the University of Newcastle visit www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka or phone 02 4921 6863.



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School out for famous five

By BEN WYLD



UNTIL recently, Adele Chapman-Burgess had five exam calendars strategically placed on the family fridge door.

But last month, with the end of the HSC, they were torn down and thrown in the bin as the journey of secondary education for the Chapman-Burgess quintuplets, at Glen Innes High School, northern NSW, came to an end.

"It will be the end of an era," Mrs Chapman-Burgess said, in the lead-up to daughter India's visual arts examination. "There will be a few tears – probably more than a few".

A child's completion of the HSC is a milestone celebrated by every family, but for the Chapman-Burgess family it will represent a landmark achievement.

Jack, Louis, India, Erika and Georgia Chapman-Burgess were Australia's first Aboriginal quintuplets when born at Brisbane's Mater Hospital on 13 May 1992.

Significance

Mrs Chapman-Burgess, who teaches English, Australian history and geography and Aboriginal studies at Glen Innes High, is only too aware of the significance of her children completing the HSC.

"It's just amazing, you only have to look at the statistics to know the problem we have with trying to close the gap," she said.

"At our school, we actually have 11 Indigenous students graduating Year 12 this year. Education is so important and knowledge is just part of learning – hopefully they can go out and get careers that really help close the gap."

Jack is aiming to study robotics and animatronics at either Newcastle or Wollongong University, while India is hoping to study nursing or teaching at the University of New England (UNE).



The Chapman-Burgess quintuplets, from left, India, Louis, Georgia, Jack and Erika.

Photo courtesy of the NSW Department of Education and Training

Georgia is interested in a career in event-planning and management and is looking to study at Southern Cross University in Coffs Harbour, while Louis has his sights set on getting into the defence forces. Meanwhile, Erika wants to study pharmacy at either Sydney University or UNE.

Mrs Chapman-Burgess said that while she was proud of her children's sense of direction, there was some sadness in that this Christmas could be the last they

would share together for some time.

"So we're doing something a bit different for Christmas this year and spending a few days together," she said. "(And) their 19th birthday, next May, will be the first time they have not celebrated it together so that will be strange."

And strange perhaps also for the Glen Innes community, who from the time the five tiny siblings arrived home from Brisbane have played a role in their development.

In the early years a roster of community volunteers helped family members assist Mrs Chapman-Burgess and her husband, Ian, care for their children.

"The community has given so much to us I'm always saying to the kids that they've got to give back to the community because they've helped raise you," she said.

"They say it takes a village to raise one child, well it's taken this country town to raise these five."

Youth target the gap



ALMOST 60 young Aboriginal people gathered in Sydney recently to share their thoughts on

how to close the gap.

The two-day Young Aboriginal People's Regional Roundtable (YAPRR) State Conference brought together about 60 young leaders to work on strategies to improve the lot of Aboriginal people.

Focussing on education and the transition from school to work, the delegates met with politicians, unions and Aboriginal organisations.

They heard from a range of speakers, including representatives from the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, NSW Department of Education and Training, National Union of Students, TAFE NSW, and the Purrimaibahn Aboriginal Education and Training Unit.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch said it was a great opportunity to meet with future leaders of Aboriginal communities.

"The NSW Government understands the best way to achieve outcomes on the ground



Young Aboriginal People's Regional Roundtable delegates in Sydney.

is by working in partnership with Aboriginal people," he said.

"These young leaders, who are enthusiastic representatives of

their communities, will gain a great deal from these key speakers."

National Congress of

Australia's First Peoples National Executive Co-Chair Sam Jeffries also met with the delegates.

Of the estimated 148,000

Aboriginal people living in NSW, 57 per cent are aged 24 or younger and 83 percent are 44 or younger.

New centre chief tells of his vision



WESTERN
Australia's longest-serving Aboriginal academic has revealed his vision for Curtin University's Centre

for Aboriginal Studies (CAS), after assuming the role of its director in September.

Associate Professor Simon Forrest is a Nyungar Yamaji man, with family links to the Wongi people, and follows in the footsteps of his uncle, Victor Forrest, who was part of the team that established CAS in 1983.

He said his first priority would be to manage the 'overwhelming' demand from groups inside and outside the university that wanted to collaborate with CAS.

"There seems to be a lot more outside organisations wanting to have partnerships with the centre," Assoc Prof Forrest said.

"Since 1996, the first reconciliation day and week, there has been significant focus on partnerships in various areas between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal worlds.

"There are numerous individuals and organisations I have met since starting at Curtin who are interested in developing or continuing relationships with CAS and working with those people and staff within CAS on how we can contribute in a meaningful way to other parts of the university and to outside organisations.

Assoc Prof Forrest said

'There seems to be a lot more outside organisations wanting to have partnerships with the centre' – CAS head Simon Forrest



collaboration with the Aboriginal units of other Perth-based universities would be a strong part of that.

The former primary school teacher, who holds Bachelor and Master of Education degrees and has taught at undergraduate and postgraduate level since 1983, said CAS must restore its research capability.

Research

"This place did have a research centre that ceased operations in 2005/2006 and we are working in a strategic way with a view to re-establishing a research centre and a research practice and ethos," he said.

"The first part of that strategy is to develop a research plan that will include strategies such as increasing postgraduate

activities and building relationships with organisations such as Pindi Pindi – The National Research Centre for Aboriginal Children, Families and Community."

Assoc Prof Forrest said he would be putting his hand up to teach one of the centre's units next year as part of his personal philosophy of leading a team from the field, rather than from the sidelines.

Curtin Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education, Robyn Quin, said CAS would benefit from Assoc Prof Forrest's expertise in Aboriginal education, history, politics and culture.

"Simon is a great asset for CAS and we look forward to having him at the centre and welcoming him to the Curtin community," she said.



PAUL BUCKLEY

Teacher is named trainer of the year



AFTER more than two years of educating construction students in remote and Indigenous communities, Paul

Buckley was awarded Trainer of the Year at the recent Construction Skills Queensland awards in Brisbane. Mr Buckley is a trades teacher at Tropical North Queensland TAFE where he has taught a long list of certificate-level courses.

He said he was passionate and committed to driving education in Indigenous communities to ensure his students received industry standard and current qualifications and skills. "People in regional and remote communities deserve the same quality educational opportunities as those in metropolitan areas," Mr Buckley said.

TNQT was also a finalist in the Regional Training

Organisation of the Year category.

"This recognition proves the high quality industry relevance of the programs on offer to our students at TNQT," Institute Director Jo Pyne said.

"We are also particularly proud of Paul Buckley, who goes over and above to ensure his students undertaking construction-related programs in remote locations are treated to equal educational opportunities as those who can access our campuses."

Mr Buckley teaches Civil, Load Shifting, Traffic Control, Driver Training, Farm Equipment Training, White Card, Warehouse Logistics, Fencing and Construction courses.

His students include school students, school leavers, apprentices, job-seekers and people who have been working in their trades who require career advancement or need their qualifications recognised.

Providing opportunities for Indigenous Australians



NEW IN 2011

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The Diploma of Community and Social Development is a one-year undergraduate qualification available for Indigenous students at the Penrith campus as a weekly attendance program.

The Diploma provides students with initial skills and knowledge for working in community and welfare organisations as well as providing an introduction to Indigenous Australian studies. Indigenous students are generally eligible for ITAS tutorial assistance.

Prospective Indigenous students have Direct Admission into the course via the Badanami Alternative Entry Program (BAEP). The BAEP includes testing of literacy and numeracy and an interview.

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The latest group of Tranby College graduates in Sydney.

Tranby celebrates



TRANBY College has held its latest graduation ceremony.

About 50 students from around the country graduated from the Diploma of Governance, Diploma of National Indigenous Legal Advocacy and Diploma of Community Development courses after up to two years of study at the Sydney-based Aboriginal training college.

Chief Executive Officer Kristy Masella said that part of the success of the program lay in the cultural competence of the

organisation. "All of the students have without a doubt come away with a sense of pride in what they've achieved ... we're very hands on and we pride ourselves on that," she said.

Expectations

National Indigenous Legal Advocacy graduate Avery Brown said the course exceeded his expectations.

"I've just finished my two-year course. I've been working in the Aboriginal Legal Service for a long time and I've done an Aboriginal field officers' course through the

University of New South Wales, but this was so much better," he said.

"It's a course designed and run by your own mob and that makes all the difference."

Mr Avery said the studies had consolidated his skills and given him a new focus on his work with communities in the NSW Northern Rivers.

"Aboriginal field officers are out there in the communities where the real problems are. I want to take my new-found skills and knowledge and start to make a difference," he said.

"It was a two-way learning process. I would like to think I added to the discussions with my background in this area, that every one of my fellow students and teachers learnt something from me and I in turn learnt something from them.

"All this knowledge will be useless to me if I don't go back into my community and use what I've learnt. At the end of the day you're just trying to make some small difference in the lives of Aboriginal people.

"This has renewed my passion to keep going."



AVERY BROWN



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The group of more than 70 – which included proud parents – from around Australia visiting AIATSIS in Canberra. Photograph by Kerstin Styche, AIATSIS.



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Young Indigenous leaders of tomorrow visit AIATSIS



THIRTY Indigenous Year 12 students from across the country dropped into the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) last week as part of a visit to Canberra.

The students and their parents were in Canberra as part of the Federal Government sponsored Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

co-ordinated through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

At AIATSIS, they were given a brief overview of the Institute's activities as the world's leading research, collecting and publishing institution in the field of Australian Indigenous studies.

The Government's Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, which started in 2006, helps young people –

most from remote areas of Australia – to access high-performing government and non-government schools (day and boarding) and universities.

More than 30 of them, many with their proud parents present, were in Canberra this week to celebrate reaching their important Year 12 milestone and were presented with their Year 12 certificates by School Education Minister Peter Garrett.

Union takes to road to spread the message



A CAMPAIGN urging the Federal Government to increase funding to public schools around Australia is gathering momentum.

NSW Teachers Federation Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator Charline Emzin-Boyd said it had been 38 years since the Federal Government had reviewed school funding.

"Every state and territory is doing something different as part of this campaign and here in NSW we have three vans travelling throughout the state promoting the message," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Ms Emzin-Boyd said people were being encouraged to make a submission to the Federal Government about school funding, and also to sign a petition asking for an increase in funding to public schools.

"The campaign has certainly been well received and from an Aboriginal perspective, it is



Aboriginal Education co-ordinator Charline Emzin-Boyd, NSW Teachers' Federation president Bob Lipscombe, North Coast organiser Nicole Major, Cyle Binge, Leonie Binge, Lois Johnson and Gordon Johnson in Lismore recently.

certainly getting the message out with visits to events such as the (ruby league) Knockout where we spent four days," she said.

Ms Emzin-Boyd said there was no clear time frame as to when the Federal Government's review would be finalised, but people were being urged to have

their submissions in by December.

Anyone wanting to make a submission should visit www.forourfuture.nswtf.org.au

"We need to make sure that every child in the country has an opportunity to receive the very best education," Ms Emzin-Boyd said.

Adelaide-based student to study at Oxford

SA ADNYAMATHANA woman Rebecca Richards has won a scholarship to study at the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford. The Adelaide-based anthropology student was awarded one of eight General Sir John Monash Scholarships, worth \$50,000 a year for up to three years.

Ms Richards will embark on a Master of Philosophy course focused on the digital repatriation of Australian Indigenous artefacts in the Pitt Museum collection.

Federal Innovation Minister Senator Kim Carr said the scholarship recipients were some of the country's best and brightest young minds. "They will now continue their studies abroad at some of the world's best universities, increasing their knowledge and showcasing Australia's talents to the world," Senator Carr said.

Citation for Riverina co-ordinator



Riverina Institute Director Kerry Penton presents Coral Bulger (right) with her 20-year citation.

NSW ONE of TAFE NSW Riverina Institute's Aboriginal co-ordinators, Coral Bulger, received her 20-year citation at a recent presentation. She was commended for her dedication to supporting Indigenous students and communities across the Wiradjuri nation.

Ms Bulger started as a clerical assistant trainee in 1982 at Riverina Institute's Tumut Campus, gaining a part-time position at the end of her traineeship.

In 1985, she became a trainee teacher of secretarial studies at Petersham College under the Aboriginal Teachers Preparatory Training Scheme. A year later, she gained a full-time position at Tumut campus as Teacher of Secretarial Studies.

Higher duties

Ms Bulger undertook periods of higher duties as a co-ordinator in the Aboriginal Education Unit, as well as head teacher. In 1999, she resigned and was re-employed in 2001 as Aboriginal co-ordinator, Wagga Wagga, in a temporary capacity.

Later that year, she gained her current permanent position and her work over the past decade has allowed her to build relationships between the Institute and communities such as Brungle and Harden and extend programs into the greater Wagga region.

A spokeswoman for TAFE NSW Riverina Institute said Ms Bulger had represented the Institute at meetings across the region, and had also delivered cultural training to its staff.

"Coral uses any opportunity to promote cultural awareness – through which her determination to bridge the gap for our Indigenous students has been very evident," the spokeswoman said.



Graduates Cleo Elliott, Heidi Burgess (Diploma), Colleen Atkinson, Melissa Weldon (Diploma) and Tara Childs.

Study works for Wiradjuri centre staff

NSW A GROUP of Wiradjuri Childcare Centre workers have graduated from a child studies program through TAFE NSW Riverina Institute.

The group from Wagga Wagga took part in the Wiradjuri Training and Development Project, with three graduating with a Certificate III in Children's Services and two with a Diploma of Children's Services.

Wiradjuri Child Care Centre administrator Heidi Burgess, who graduated with a diploma, said the qualifications have given everyone a real confidence boost. "In the past it was difficult to find trained Aboriginal workers, but now it's great to have our children looked after and educated by our people," she said.

The training combined a mixture of on-site training and recognition of prior

learning with some weekend workshops, home study and assessment tasks.

"One of the greatest benefits for our staff was that the training didn't affect their working hours, they were able to gain their qualification while they were still working full time in their job," she said.

'In the past it was difficult to find trained Aboriginal workers, but now it's great to have our children looked after and educated by our people'

Ms Burgess said the training was culturally appropriate and tailored to suit the women's needs.

"Especially for us as Aboriginal women, a smaller group suited us as we were more comfortable to ask for help when it was needed," she said.

"The qualification has really

opened a door for us. We can move forward and look to the future of our children."

Riverina Institute said the training was a good example of people working together to strengthen families and communities.

"We were excited by the opportunity to work with the Wiradjuri Child Care Centre to strengthen the capacity of the Aboriginal community and carers who support children and families. Our shared vision is ultimately to assist the children of our community grow up healthy, strong and happy kids," a spokesperson said.

The Wiradjuri Training and Development Project was funded by the NSW Department of Community Services through the Families NSW Supported Playgroups Training and Development Project.

Canning Stock Route series set for CHOGM



AN art exhibition detailing the history of the Canning Stock Route looks set to be a feature attraction at the Commonwealth Heads of

Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held in Perth in October 2011.

Negotiations are under way between the National Museum of Australia, where the exhibition is now on display, and the head of the CHOGM

2011 Taskforce, Terry Crane. Pilbara MP Tom Stephens said the Federal Government was hoping to display the exhibition at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre during CHOGM in an effort to promote Indigenous

art to the world.

"The Yiwarra Kuju: The Canning Stock Route exhibition is one of which Pilbara people can be rightly proud," Mr Stephens said. The exhibition outlines the story of the Canning Stock

Route's impact on the local Aboriginal people and the importance of the country that surrounds this cattle route, with the works of senior and emerging artists and the stories of traditional custodians.



Three sisters, from left, Muni Rita Simpson, Rosie Williams and Dulcie Gibbs Kirl Kirl painting a collaborative artwork for the Canning Stock Route exhibition in August 2007 at Parnkapirni, between Well 35 and Well 36.

One-millionth 'hit'

'Vitally important' service helps track down info



THE Family History Unit (FHU) website of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra has chalked up its one millionth visitor 'hit' since it was established seven years ago.

AIATSIS' Chairperson Professor Mick Dodson said the visitor numbers demonstrated the important role that the Family History Unit played in helping Indigenous people reunite with their families as well as assisting the Aboriginal Link-Up services.

"One million hits is a phenomenal achievement given the client base," Prof Dodson said.

"The website is clearly well utilised by Link-Up caseworkers, libraries, archives and the general public.

"Special features of the website included a family history kit and links to hundreds of on-line resources such as record indexes and guides to records."

Prof Dodson said that AIATSIS had been able to establish the FHU as a result of Federal Government funding after recommendations contained in the 1997 Bringing Them Home report.

The Unit is now jointly funded by the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) and AIATSIS.

He said past removal policies had made

it particularly difficult for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to trace their families, and helping them with this process was 'vitally important'.

AIATSIS' Library Services Unit head Rod Stroud said the small team within the FHU had trained more than 200 caseworkers since 1999.

The Unit was now working with Canberra's Institute of Technology (CIT) to have the family history tracing skills workshops recognised as a formal qualification, which Mr Stroud said would be 'a wonderful breakthrough'.

The Unit provides a family history information service to Indigenous clients all around Australia via email and a free-call telephone service with staff searching the following resources as standard for all requests:

- Births, Deaths and Marriages indexes for all states and territories of Australia
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Biographical Index (ABI), which presently has approximately 65,000 name entries and is fully searchable online through the AIATSIS Library catalogue
- Archive Indexes – The Family History Unit holds Aboriginal Welfare Board/Aboriginal Protection Board indexes, Colonial Secretary Blanket return lists and Protector's reports
- Language material, autobiographies, genealogies, cemetery indexes, histories of



Family History Unit staff tracking down information for people seeking family details.

missions, stations and reserves as well as mission magazines and published and unpublished material held in the Institute's collections.

Mr Stroud said there was a constant backlog of inquiries.

"We know the service is highly valued," he said.

"Especially so for the many clients who live in regional and remote areas with little or no access to the libraries and archives of the capital cities."

Qld program borrowed from Illawarra region



BLUE Care Central Queensland Allied Health at Gracemere, just outside of Rockhampton, has drawn inspiration from a health care program set up by Elders in the Illawarra region

of NSW.

The central Queensland version of the program, a Blue Care first, aims to improve and promote better health for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people living with chronic and complex care needs.

The central Queensland program has been named Mangabay Dhingiga

Ganggundi Bimbi, which means 'meeting place for doing good' and will involve weekly gatherings at the Blue Care centre, where clients can participate in gym or hydrotherapy pool exercise sessions, social support and educational sessions, along with health consultations and weekly results monitoring.

Elders' permission

Blue Care spokeswoman Sue Jones said the program had been adapted from Aunty Jean's Good Health Program, with permission from Illawarra Elders.

"Aunty Jean's Good Health Program has been built around the community's

capacity to work together for better health outcomes, with the Elders leading the way," Ms Jones said.

"Similarly, the strong supportive relationship between local Elders and Aboriginal health workers has given our program its identity and direction."

She said the program was the culmination of 18 months hard work and was about providing Indigenous people with culturally appropriate health support and education to reduce the level and impact of preventable chronic health conditions.

"This is about empowering Indigenous people in the community to take control

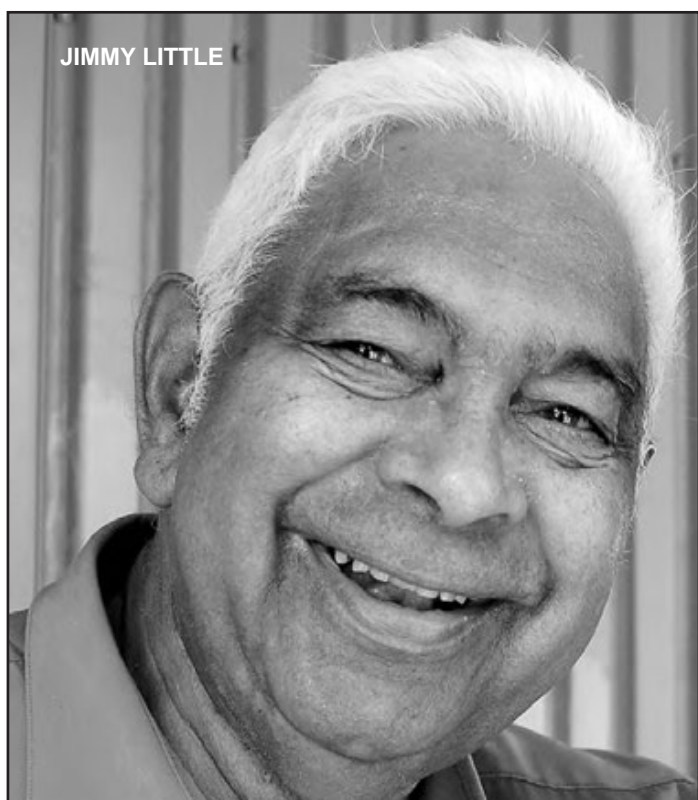
and manage their own health with our support," Ms Jones said.

"Our role will be to motivate, provide support, help with goal-setting and exercise and we can call on our networks, as well as provide specialist allied health advice."

She said people who lived with – or were at risk of developing – chronic conditions including high blood pressure, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes or stroke would benefit from the program.

Mangabay Dhingiga Ganggundi Bimbi is funded through the Qld Department of Communities' Home and Community Care program.

Uncle Jimmy goes hi-tech



JIMMY LITTLE



THE Jimmy Little Foundation (JLF) is using Bluetooth technology to deliver healthy eating and lifestyle messages to

young people in remote communities across the Northern Territory and far north Queensland.

The Foundation has been using the technology to help roll out its Thumbs Up! program, where ambassadors engage students in the classroom through music and multimedia to give them messages about healthy eating.

Foundation founder Uncle Jimmy Little said they were working in 29 Remote Service Delivery (RSD) communities and used the technology to keep in touch with students who had been part of their programs.

"A young person can go home and tell their family all about their experience in the workshops, the lessons learned and pass on healthy eating tips, and then open their phone up to show everyone," he said.

"This is something the NT

Government has shown a lot of interest in and supports our rollout of this initiative."

As part of the Thumbs Up! program, which is aimed at Indigenous children aged between five and 16, creative songs and videos are developed and produced and then given back to the community to foster pride and improve retention of the messages.

"Another fantastic spin-off of this Bluetooth technology is that we are able to upload what we've recorded that day, so no waiting around for DVDs and things. The people in the community can download straight onto their phones," Uncle Jimmy said.

"The Jimmy Little Foundation is also working with corporate partners to encourage school attendance through a reward system and we see many more possibilities to engage remote communities in healthy eating and healthy lifestyle education."

JLF, which is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2006, is working towards creating a healthier future for Indigenous Australians and

showcased the Bluetooth hub used to send SMS messages at the 2010 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthcare Conference in Sydney last week.

Musical icon and national treasure, Uncle Jimmy Little suffered kidney failure resulting in a transplant in 2004 that saw him begin his journey to raise awareness about healthy eating and start the Jimmy Little Foundation.

He presented during last week's healthcare conference on his personal health experiences and challenges, as well as first-hand observations and solutions discovered over a lifetime and through his work with the Foundation.

Uncle Jimmy has been awarded an Order of Australia for his continued work with Indigenous health and education programs and holds doctorates from the Queensland University of Technology, Sydney University and the Australian Catholic University.

For more information on the Jimmy Little Foundation go to www.jlf.org.au

Broome videos win national acclaim



BROOME'S Goolarri Media Enterprises has won three prizes at the 2010 Australian Video Producers Awards

The West Australian media company won first prize in three categories, including best documentary for *Talking Country 2*.

Supported by the Kimberley Language Resource Centre with assistance from the Federal Government, the five-part series, told in language, tells stories of Aboriginal culture from the Kimberley region.

A clip made by Goolarri for local Broome musicians, the Naomi Pigram Band won the AVPA award for best music video.

The music video *Hurts To Be Me* was praised for its photography and style.

This video was produced with the assistance of Department of Culture and the Arts and Lotterywest.

Goolarri Media also won an award for Best Special Event for its 2009 *Kimberley Girl* DVD.

The AVPA Awards also acknowledged Goolarri as finalists for a number of other productions including *Yabu Band Live in Concert*, a domestic violence video produced for Kinway, and a commercial made for the Shire of Broome on garbage recycling.

Goolarri Media's Managing Director Kevin Fong said it was humbling to be recognised by industry peers and to walk away with three prestigious awards and to be finalists in four other categories.

"Capturing and telling stories are at the heart of Goolarri so to share these on a national stage and give our people a voice is what it's all about," he said.

The winning productions can be viewed by going to www.goolarri.com/awards



Back, from left, Mark Fogliani (camera trainee), Kimberley West (director), Mark Cochrane (director); front, from left, Aimee Howard (Kimberley Girl 2009) and Jodie Bell (Goolarri CEO).

Opposition holds fears for dugongs

A male dugong, weighing nearly 500kg, which was caught in Moreton Bay, off Brisbane, last June. A number of samples including blood, urine, stools and semen are taken to assess the health of the dugong and its breeding potential as part of an overall study into the population's health. — AAP Image



THE names and addresses of people poaching dugongs in Queensland and selling the meat for profit have been given to the State Government and police, the Opposition says.

Traditional owners in Queensland have permission to hunt dugongs, but Shadow Minister for Sustainability Glen Elmes said some were breaking the law and he had proof.

"To hunt the animals for traditional purposes is fine, but when you are poaching and onselling the meat for profit, that is when it is against the law," Mr Elmes told AAP.

He said he had the names and address of two culprits and had forwarded them to police and the Government.

Daily flights

Mr Elmes said a flight arrived every day at Cairns Airport at 5pm from Horn Island with packaged dugong meat for selling.

"This is not a secret in the north," he said.

"I have asked for an urgent investigation. If that is not forthcoming, I will use the opportunity at the next sitting of this Parliament in February to name the individuals."

Sustainability Minister Kate Jones said she had received the details.

"I hope there is something

substantial in the information he has provided, so if illegal activities have taken place, they can be investigated and the offenders brought to justice," she said in a statement.

Ms Jones said when illegal activities could be proven, the Government did not hesitate to take action.

On two separate occasions, people were recently fined \$1000 for using illegal nets in the Yarrabah area, just south of Cairns, for example.

She also said Mr Elmes should be careful about generalising about traditional owners.

"What our Government doesn't do is make gross generalisations about all native title holders in the state's far north," Ms Jones said.

Calls for a crackdown on illegal dugong killing in far north Queensland have been growing since the bodies of three of the endangered creatures were discovered near Cairns in April.

Only one could be saved.

Mr Elmes said now was the time for a blanket ban on dugong killing.

"Overwhelmingly, everyone, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, wants a total moratorium on the taking of dugong and turtles until the surviving numbers are known and a sustainable take for Indigenous people by traditional means for traditional purposes can be reinstated," he said. — AAP

SA man shortlisted



SOUTH Australia's Vince Coulthard has been shortlisted for the Australian Human Rights Commission's 2010 Human Rights

Awards.

An Adnyamathanha man and this year's National NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Mr Coulthard is one of 200 activists nominated from around Australia for their commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights.

SA's Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen announced the nomination.

"Vince has been nominated in the Community (Individual) Award category for his efforts in working to overcome discrimination and increase awareness of injustice and inequality," Mr Wanganeen said.

"He has spent his life advocating for the rights of the Adnyamathanha people and for all Indigenous Australians.

"Last year marked the culmination of over 16 years work by Vince and his people as they won consent determination over 41,000 square kilometres of their land.

"I wish him luck in Sydney on 10 December when the 2010 Human Rights Award winners are announced."

Meanwhile, tickets are selling fast for the annual awards luncheon, to be held at Sheraton on the Park Hotel in Sydney.



Vince Coulthard during a ceremony last year, during which 41,000 square kilometres of Adnyamathanha land was handed back to traditional owners.

Tickets to the awards can be purchased for \$80 or \$50 concession by calling (02) 9284 9618 or emailing hrawards@humanrights.gov.au

Human Rights Commission President Catherine Branson said attending the event helped to build support and motivation for protecting and promoting human

rights in Australia.

"Hearing about the efforts and achievements of individuals and organisations to overcome disadvantage, improve equality,

and protect the rights of others is inspirational and motivates us all towards creating a fairer Australia," Ms Branson said.

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National

6-8 December: The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Summit 2010. Exploring and discussing the challenges and issues within law and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to ensure fair and just representation. Register now and have your say. All welcome. Held at Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel. Details: (02) 9437 1311 or email registration@liquidlearning.com.au or visit www.liquidlearning.com.au/llg08/December/

9-10 December: 2007 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People – Indigenous Survival: Where To From Here. An international symposium for Indigenous community members, international lawyers, academics and activities who have worked in the areas of international law and the rights of Indigenous peoples from the 1970s until the present. Free and all welcome. Held at the David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research, University of South Australia, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8302 9194 or email kizze.rankine@unisa.edu.au or visit www.unisa.edu.au/ducier/research/symposium

27 December-1 January: Woodford Folk Festival welcomes you to come celebrate its 25th anniversary this year which features a range of First Nations performances, drumming bass, bands, dance performances, stories by Elders and much more. Cost involved. All welcome. Held Woodford, Hinterland, Sunshine Coast. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or visit www.woodfordfolkfestival.com

NSW-ACT

Until 1 December: Spiritual Journey, an Aboriginal art exhibition inspired by the music of Indigenous singer and songwriter Archie Roach, showcasing paintings, ceramics and sculptures as well as 3D installation pieces by many Northern NSW artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Barrat Galleries, Alstonville. Details: (02) 6628 0297 or visit www.barratgalleries.com.au

Until 8 December: 2010 Regional students youth art exhibition and awards. Showcasing Aboriginal artworks, and presenting many awards to the winner. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. All welcome. Held at Cowra Regional Art Gallery, 77 Darling St, Cowra. Details: (02) 6340 2190 or email cowraartgallery@cowra.nsw.gov.au or visit www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Until 20 December: Beloved Mother, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Aboriginal artwork from Wiradjuri artists Karla Dickson. Free and all welcome. Held at Gallery Quotidian and Quixotic, 74 Main St, Alstonville. Details: (0407) 755 442 or www.dacou.com.au

Until 24 December: Coo-ee Aboriginal Art present Coo-ee Christmas, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks from various Warlukurlangu artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach. Details: (02) 9300 9233 or email info@cooeart.com.au or visit www.coeart.com.au

1 December: World AIDS Days dinner, a

Tribute to Hollows



One of the photos in the exhibition shows 'Snowy' whose vision was restored within 24 hours of his eye operation, allowing him to make plans to go hunting, and begin passing on his knowledge of horses to his grandchildren.

Photo courtesy of Brendan Esposito/Sydney Morning Herald

A PHOTOGRAPHY exhibition celebrating the work of eye surgeon Professor Fred Hollows has travelled from the walls of Parliament House, where it was viewed by more than 200,000 people this year, to a shopping centre in Bondi Junction.

Fred Hollows Foundation founding director Gabi Hollows said the exhibition featured some of the final photographs taken of Fred working in the field not long before his death in 1993.

"As a local resident, I am really proud to be able to bring this exhibition to Bondi Junction," Ms Hollows said.

"I hope it will give people a chance to learn more about Fred's life and the Foundation's work, which I think is extremely important, given that three out of four people who are blind don't have to be."

In 2009, the Foundation performed 195,406 sight operations and treatments, screened 1,765,079 people and trained 5878 eye health professionals. Photographers featured in the exhibition include Michael Amendolia, who captured the final years of Fred's work in countries, including Nepal and Vietnam.

It also includes the work of Sydney Morning Herald photographer Brendan Esposito, as well as Hugh Rutherford and Hanh Tran, who have documented the Fred Hollows Foundation's recent work.

The exhibition is on Level Three of Westfield Bondi Junction until this Monday 5 December.

charity event entertained by Bangarra Dance Theatre presenting many performing arts. Some of Australia's leading experts in the field of HIV will be the guest speakers. All welcome, cost for tickets apply. Held at Randwick Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse, Randwick. Details: (02) 9663 8400 or visit www.worldaidsdaydinner.com.au

2 December: Yalangbara art of the Djang'kawu art exhibition. This exhibition will showcase artworks by the famous Marika family from the north-east Arnhem Land exploring the miraculous journey of the Djang'kawu ancestors. Featuring guest speaker Franchesca Cubillo. Light lunch will be provided including wine courtesy of Capital Wines. All welcome. Held at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details (02) 6208 5021 or email rsvp@nma.gov.au

2-8 December: Never say Never job skills workshop. Five-day free workshops for unemployed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. This workshop is aimed at helping Indigenous people for training and job purposes. Free and all welcome. Held at Western Sydney Community Forum, Level 4, 146 Marsden Street, Parramatta, Sydney. Details: (02) 9264 7000 or email info@lbfconsulting.com.au

3 December: Sydney Institute Eora College is holding an end-of-year exhibition, showcasing the talents of it Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through their art exhibition, music concerts and film screenings. Free and all welcome. Held at Sydney Institute Eora College, 333 Abercrombie St, Chippendale. Details: (02) 9217 4878 or visit www.sit.nsw.edu.au

3 December: Opening of Gangga Marrang, an Indigenous art, dance, cultural group and gallery, aimed to support the sharing and strengthening of the Biripi culture. Also offer cultural education and mentorship to the wider community including school groups. Entertainment by Aboriginal dancers, public speakers and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at 82 Vitoria St, Taree. Details: (02) 6552 7856 or email a.bicknell@tide.org.au

4 December: Film screening fundraiser. Screening of *Our Generation* and *Alyawarr Walk-off Protest v NT Intervention*. Including panel guests Jeff McMullen, journalist Richard Downs, Alyawarr spokesman as well as Alyawarr Elders Banjo Morton, Lillie Morton and Angelina Luck. Costs involved. All welcome. Held at Town Hall, 107 Norton St, Leichhardt, Sydney. Details: (0431) 321 444 or visit <http://affectaustralia.com/>

4 December-31 January: A Show of Strength exhibition of NSW Aboriginal artists showcasing Indigenous artworks of many kinds. Free and all welcome. Held at Boomalli Aboriginal Art Gallery, 55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt. Details: (02) 9560 2541 or visit www.boomalli.org.au

12 December: Redfern screening of *Our Generation* presenting the ground-breaking new documentary on the NT Intervention and Aboriginal rights. Followed by Q&A led by Jeff McMullen. All welcome, entry by donation. Held Redfern Community Centre, Hugo Street, Redfern, Sydney. Details: (0424) 407 547 or visit <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au>

26 January: Yabun 2011. The day will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander cultures and will include art and craft stalls, dance workshops, politics, literature, information stalls, activities for kids, live entertainment and more. All welcome. Held at Victoria Park, Broadway, Sydney from 10am-6pm. Details: (02) 9384 4000 or email yabun@gadigal.org.au or visit www.gadigal.org.au

Northern Territory

23-24 February: Indigenous Law and Justice Conference. Law and Justice within Indigenous communities addresses strategies to increase equitable processes and outcomes for Indigenous people when encountering the criminal justice system, with a view to reducing incarceration rates. Register before 17 December and have your say. All welcome. Held at Holiday Inn, Esplanade, Darwin. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@criterionconferences.com

Queensland

Every Wednesday: Culture night for the preservation, promotion and presentation of Aboriginal culture and heritage. Culture night aims to enhance community cultural identity and enhance the self-esteem and identity of our youth and our future. This event includes plenty of activities art workshops, storytelling, traditional songs, corroboree and much more. Free and all welcome. Held Musgrave Park Cultural Centre, South Brisbane. Details: (07) 3846 5700 (0434) 545 475 or email admin@musgravepark.org.au

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Queensland

Until 4 December: Our Country, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing many works by Aboriginal artist Anthony Walker and Lae Oldmeadow, a non-Indigenous artist. The exhibition features works that explore the natural world and illustrates the formations of the land.

Free and all welcome. Held at the Artworkers Alliance's PS Gallery, Paddington, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3368 1488

12-19 December: Evolve 2010 members' exhibition. This year's member's exhibition is a collection of works involving the concept of evolution, the process by which something simple becomes more complex.

Works are in many different mediums and 'evolve' has been interpreted in the artists' own way. Free and all welcome. Held at Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders St, Townsville. Details: (07) 4772 7109 or visit www.umbrella.org.au

Western Australia

8 December: Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc) holding the annual general meeting. Membership forms are available at ALSWA offices and will be available at the meeting venue. Free and all welcome. Held at the Aboriginal Legal Service of W.A., 7 Aberdeen St, Perth. Details: (08) 9265 6666 or 1800 019 900.

6-7 December: Improving service delivery for Indigenous people. Using an inter-cultural approach to build engagement and implementation pathways. From this master class you will take away tools and skills to help people identify the inter-cultural space, and work from it with culturally different groups to not only engage them, but help them implement services so that they can be more effectively utilised by the people who need them. Register now and have you say. All welcome. Held at Parmelia House, Ground Floor, 191 St George's Terrace, Perth. Details: (1300) 316 882 or (08) 9480 0999 or email registration@critterconferences.com or visit critterconferences.com or visit

www.improving servicedelivery.com

10 December: The Human Rights Alliance will bring on rallies each month, campaigns and actions. Coming: Rally for Hope, Rally for Human Rights, Rally for Freedom, March for Justice. The program commences with five-minute talks from speakers of various organizations, then followed by music and songs from Aboriginal performers. Free and all welcome. Held at the Wesley Centre, cnr William Street and Hay Streets, Perth. Details: (0430) 657 309

South Australia

4-5 December: Art at the Hart 2010. This is a two-day annual market for the selling of creative output by South Australian artists. More than 65 artist stalls provide a wide range of items to purchase such as paintings, photography, jewellery, food, clothing and other crafts. Art at the Heart brings together professional, emerging and community artists and loads more. Free and all welcome. Held at Port River, Mundy Street, Port Adelaide. Details:

(08) 8405 6560 or visit www.celticfestival.com.au

Victoria

4-24 December: Mossenson Galleries presents Tjukurrpa Papunya Tjupi Arts, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks from many Aboriginal artists. Free and all welcome. Held at 41 Derby Street, Collingwood. Details: (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit the website www.mossensongalleries.com.au

7 December: The Silent Tears of Indigenous Women of Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. Come along and support the Indigenous women of the Chittagong Hill Tracts region and find out more about their silent tears and how you can support their efforts to stop this violence. All welcome. Entry is by donation. Parking is available. Held at Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Building 211, Curtin University, Kent St, Bentley. Details: (08) 9266 2563 or email events@curtin.edu.au



The Yarning circle in Liverpool, Sydney.

Yarning and much more



THERE was plenty of yarning going on when 30 educators gathered at the Playful Beginnings Aboriginal Early Learning Centre in Liverpool, western Sydney, last month. The centre was one of just two in NSW to conduct a Twilight Tour as part of the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange for Early Childhood educators.

The Reggio Emilia Education project, which is an educational philosophy focused on pre-school and primary education, inspired the exchange. Loris Malaguzzi and the parents of the villages around Reggio Emilia, in Italy, started the education program after World War II and it has since spread around the world.

When the educators gathered at Playful Beginnings, they exchanged stories and tips with each other around the yarning circle.

Aunty Norma Shelley performed a Welcome to Country and Uncle Steve Williams performed the smoking ceremony.

Brisbane artists take works for a spin



TWO Indigenous artists from Brisbane recently got on their bike to take their art for a spin.

They used their artistic talents to paint a full-sized plywood bicycle which was featured in Joyride, an art exhibition that was part of the International Bicycle Film Festival, held from 17-21 November.

The festival was celebrating 10 years, and Joyride selected a number of artists from around Australia to submit works which celebrating all things with two wheels.

Gilimbaa creative director Riki Salam and CEO David Williams joined in customising a life-size plywood bicycle cutout with Indigenous art.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is very dynamic, and as such we continue to tell our stories in the 21st century in an

accessible and effective way," Mr Williams said.

"This is just another way of showcasing our culture to a wider audience in a positive and fun way."

It's not the first time the pair have worked with strange 'canvases'.

They painted a range of AFL boots as part of the Qantas Boots and Dreams exhibition to promote the AFL Indigenous round earlier this year.

Riki Salam also worked as a designer on the Qantas 737 Yananyi Dreaming, and has just completed the artwork for the Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples.

That project, led by the United Nations and the Australian Human Rights Commission, is expected to be released soon.

"We're constantly challenged to look at different ways we can showcase and promote our culture in a unique and effective way," Mr Williams said.



Gilimbaa CEO David Williams and creative director Riki Salam with one of the plywood bicycle.

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

More Townsville jobs in pipeline



From left, BARK CEO Gavin Kum Sing, Darryl Condren and Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell.



After the signing were, from left, Carl Townson, Chris Townson, Darryl Condren, Chris Townson Jr, Gavin Kum Sing, Ray Townson and Randall Ross.

By Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



A LANDMARK agreement between the Townsville City Council (TCC) and the Brothers' Act Of Random Kindness (BARK) has added some bite to the prospects of long-term unemployed Indigenous people gaining training and jobs.

Under the deal, Townsville-based not-for-profit group BARK will provide the council with at least 12,000 hours of labour services a year for three years across various departments.

The plan was formalised on 24 November with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the council and BARK, which supports long-term unemployed Indigenous men.

The agreement follows on from the success of the Pipeline To Prosperity, a project developed with BARK that employed 20 Indigenous men on the Mount Spec water pipeline over the past two years.

BARK CEO Gavin Kum Sing welcomed the deal, saying it would give Indigenous men with few other opportunities a chance to improve their lives.

"This has allowed us to kick some major goals for our people and is very exciting," he said.

"With this understanding and the support of the council, BARK will now be able to provide a much-needed service for the Indigenous men of the Townsville community; it will provide 20 positions across the board.

"BARK looks forward to playing an important role in creating training and employment opportunities that can help Indigenous people to build a better future."

The *Koori Mail* was at the signing where project participants Chris Townson, Chris Townson Jr, Darryl Condren, Ray Townson and Carl

Townson were all enthusiastic.

Local Elder Randall Ross said all participants had come through the Red Dust Healing Program.

"This is just so exciting and will provide many jobs," Mr Ross said.

Social Ventures Australia (SVA) is providing funding support for the agreement. SVA Social Enterprise manager Andrew Hamilton also welcomed the agreement and commended the council for its commitment.

Townsville Mayor Cr Les Tyrell said the agreement would significantly boost the council's commitment to Indigenous employment.

"This project is great news for the council and the community," he said.

Prospects

"The agreement will provide Indigenous people trapped in the unemployment cycle with a chance to acquire skills and improve their job prospects while performing meaningful work for the city.

"Council is consulting widely across all of our departments to scope the work that can be delivered by BARK, and the result will be an extensive program that will run for three years.

"The success of Pipeline to Prosperity gives us great confidence in developing a broader employment partnership with BARK.

"All of the participants gained new qualifications in horticulture, conservation and land management, construction, traffic management and first aid while completing important work for the community.

"More importantly, a number of participants in the program have been able to vastly improve their lives."

The agreement is believed to meet key objectives of the State and Commonwealth governments, and Townsville council is in discussion with the relevant departments to secure funding assistance.

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Clerk Grade 3/4

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CUSTOMER SERVICES DIVISION

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LOCATION: Queanbeyan

JOB STATUS: Temporary Full-Time under Section 24, 29 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period up to 12 months with possible extension.

JOB NOTES: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide culturally appropriate service to Indigenous people via face to face contact; respond to telephone, mail, counter and electronic enquiries; assist parties in the resolution of disputes; develop and present community programs; assist in providing counter assistance to customers. Some country travel is required.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality
- Experience working with Aboriginal communities
- Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment
- Demonstrated capacity to understand and apply legislation
- Demonstrated capacity to work in a team environment
- Willingness to contribute to the team by assisting in supervisory duties
- A current drivers licence and a willingness to drive

ENQUIRIES: Jill Jessop, 02 4925 7012

We encourage you to submit your application online, however if you are experiencing difficulties applying please contact enquiry officer.

CLOSING DATE: 8 December 2010

How to apply and information packages: Access information about the role at:
www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Quote Ref No: 00000AZ1

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Human Services
NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Housing Analyst

Clerk Grade 7/8

Policy Branch

Planning & Reporting

Head Office, Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 10/AHO_2024

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Job Description:

Collate and analyse housing data, maintain databases, develop and apply housing needs modelling to regional housing programs, and engage in projects that support policy development and implementation in the Aboriginal housing sector.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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- Extensive experience in the use of statistical software packages such as Microsoft Excel and at least one or more of the following, Microsoft Access, SPSS and MapInfo.
- Sound analytical and problem solving skills.
- Experience in managing multiple projects within specified time frames in a changing environment.
- Demonstrated experience in data management and ability to analyse and provide well researched advice.
- Demonstrated understanding of cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of the Aboriginal people.
- Sound oral and written communication skills including demonstrated interpersonal, negotiation and consultation skills and preparation of reports.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. This is not an identified position, but people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin are strongly encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Vincent Ogu on (02) 8836 9436

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Closing Date: Friday 24 December 2010

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Indigenous Coordination Centre Townsville

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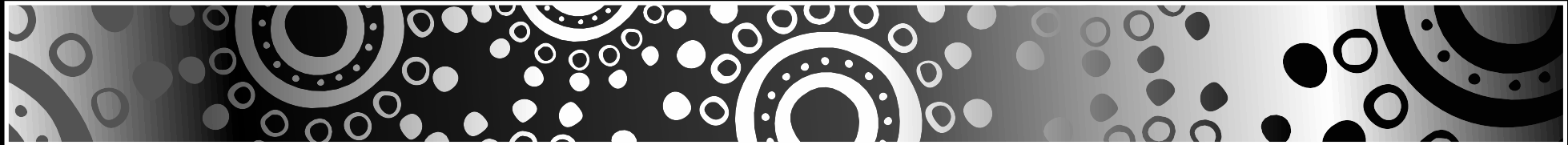
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Duties

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Want to know more?
Contact Tracy Leo-Warcon on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents
From our website or telephone Marie McGorm 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, 17 December 2010.

This is a Secondary Education hostel.

Houseparent

(Expected Vacancy)
Katherine
Fordimail Student Hostel
APS Level 3
\$44,987 - \$47,742 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

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IYMP Project Manager

Darwin
Regional Office
APS Level 6
\$61,626 - \$69,319 pa, plus superannuation
Non-ongoing, up to 31 December 2012

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) is an Australian Government Indigenous Partnerships initiative that supports Indigenous young people who wish to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining sustainable employment in their home community or elsewhere.

The IYMP Project Manager will manage the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program in the designated service area. They have responsibilities for managing a team that identifies, develops and implements education and training strategies for program participants in a safe and supportive residential setting.

- Duties**
- Case-manage IYMP program participants, including the planning and delivery of testing and assessment activities, the provision of mentors and handling complaints.
 - Supervise and support Residential Youth Workers and Indigenous Community Facilitators.
 - Work with communities in sourcing program participants to help them gain skills, education and training that enable them to take up their career of choice and facilitate the relocation of participants to the IYMP service area.
 - Applicants are required to hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and a current Working With Children Check card.

Want to know more?
Contact Brenton Rigney on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents
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By 5pm, 17 December 2010.

Residential Youth Worker

Darwin
Boulter IYMP
APS Level 4
\$776.97 - \$830.80 per week, plus superannuation

We are seeking a motivated person to provide high quality care and support within a residential setting to Indigenous young people aged 16 to 24 from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

The position is part-time, 4 days (30.40 hours) per week for a fixed contract period up to 31 December 2012. The duties may include weekend work. Residential Youth Workers are required to work with minimal supervision and sleepover onsite on days of duty.

- Duties**
- Managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation.
 - Assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle.
 - Liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.
 - Applicants who hold a Certificate IV in Youth Work will be highly regarded.
 - The successful applicant must hold a current Working With Children Check card.

Want to know more?
Contact Charlene Pollard on 08 8981 4388.

Application Documents
From our website or telephone Marie McGorm on 08 8981 4388 www.ahl.gov.au

The successful applicant may be required to undergo a medical assessment during the 6 month probation period. The successful applicant will be required to satisfactorily complete a Federal Police records check and be able to meet State/ Territory government requirements for working with young individuals.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close **5pm, 17 December 2010** and should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 3820, DARWIN NT 0801 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program
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Residential Youth Worker

Port Augusta
IYMP
APS Level 4
\$582.73 - \$623.10 per week, plus superannuation

We are seeking a motivated person to provide high quality care and support within a residential setting to Indigenous young people aged 16 to 24 from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

The position is part-time, 3 days (22.80 hours) a week for a fixed contract period up to 31 December 2012. The duties may include weekend work. Residential Youth Workers are required to work with minimal supervision and sleepover onsite on days of duty.

- Duties**
- Managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation.
 - Assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle.
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Want to know more?
Contact Kelly Smyth on 0437 697 311.

Application Documents
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Written applications addressing the selection criteria close **5pm, 17 December 2010** and should be sent to: Deputy Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, 2 Clements Street, DUDLEY PARK SA 5008 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program
The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) is an Australian Government Indigenous Partnerships initiative that supports Indigenous young people who wish to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining sustainable employment in their home community or elsewhere.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people
Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment
The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

These are identified positions.

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Human Services
NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Project Manager

Clerk Grade 7/8
Statewide Housing Services
Backlog Maintenance and Refurbishment Team
Parramatta
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 10/AHO_1950

Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,451 per annum (Salary: \$78,142 pa - \$86,498 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Project Manager inspects and monitors the condition of AHO and Aboriginal community owned properties and inspects other properties for purchase. The position manages projects to maintain AHO and Aboriginal community owned properties to agreed standards and gathers data for AHO reporting and decision-making. The position facilitates knowledge transfer through technical services and advice to the Aboriginal community and other agencies and provides advice to the AHO and Aboriginal community housing providers on asset management standards, options and projects. The high level of community contact requires this position to be sensitive to user issues and requirements and to exchange broad ranging skills and competencies in the specific technical area of building and construction.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes; and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society relating to housing issues. Demonstrated commitment to client service.
- Expertise to manage property or assets; construction or similar including developing, formulating and implementing asset management plans and strategies.
- Demonstrated project management, organisational and administrative skills gained in property management or a similar industry.
- Demonstrated analytical, conceptual and problem solving skills to review and evaluate complex projects, assess the impact of change and make sound judgements regarding community based housing or services.
- Proven capacity to communicate with varied audiences including government agencies and client groups.
- Skills to consult negotiate and resolve conflict to achieve project results or sector outcomes.
- Understanding and ability to apply State and Federal Aboriginal-Housing policies and practices in the sector.
- Current driver's licence and willingness to drive long distances on country roads and willingness to travel intrastate on planes including light planes.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Greg Slabb (02) 8836 9459 or mobile 0427 496 406

Information Packages: www.aho.nsw.gov.au/employment or 1800 203 966

Closing Date: Friday 10 December 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

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Life Without Barriers is a not-for-profit organisation providing innovative community based services to promote, support and enhance independence and well-being for children, young people and adults with disabilities, mental health issues and/or living in crisis across Australia.



House Manager - Alice Springs

Fixed term -3 months with strong possibility of ongoing employment

Lead and support a dedicated team of youth support workers who provide quality services to children and young people living in supported accommodation.

Successful applicants will have Tertiary qualifications in Human Services or related discipline. Experience leading a team and developing and implementing high quality case plans is highly desirable. Relevant life experience will also be considered. The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks.

Contact: Christine Williamson, Program Manager phone (08) 8955 6400 or 0437 592 063.

We offer attractive remuneration packages including salary packaging options.

Applications close: Wednesday, 8 December 2010

Please visit our website at www.lwb.org.au or to obtain a job description and address the selection criteria in your application. Applications to christine.williamson@lwb.org.au or post to Life Without Barriers, PO Box 8098 Alice Springs NT 0870

LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for this position.

NSW HEALTH GREATER SOUTHERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

These are some of the opportunities within our Health Service:

EUROBODALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Oncology Social Worker

Position No: 58769/1

Salary: \$51,693-\$74,897 pa pro rata

Enquiries: Catherine Barkley, Allied Health Manager, (02) 4474 1589,

catherine.barkley@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

EASTERN SECTOR

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Clinician

Position No: 58277/3

Salary: Dependent upon qualifications and experience

Enquiries: Margaret Huff, Manager, D&A Merit, (02) 6299 1725,

margaret.huff@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

YASS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE:

Community Mental Health Clinician

(Specialist Mental Health Services for Older Persons)

Position No: 58447/2

Salary: Dependent upon qualifications and experience

Enquiries: Tim Grenfell, Team Manager, (02) 6128 9900, tim.grenfell@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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ABORIGINAL MENTOR/ ELDER,

South Coast Correctional Centre,
Nowra, Clerk Grade 5/6 (South Coast
NSW), Permanent Part-Time (17.5
hours per week).

Vacancy Number: 00000ASH Total remuneration package valued at \$83,722 pa including salary of \$68,761 pa to \$75,870 pa and employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Salary is on a pro-rata basis.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Advise on the development and delivery of spiritual, ecological and educational programs for Aboriginal offenders. Provide leadership and encourage participation in programs to promote positive change and reduce the number of Aboriginal offenders in custody.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the Aboriginal culture. Proven experience and ability to consult with Aboriginal representatives, organisations and communities. Willingness to participate as a team member in working with offenders in custody and the community. Effective communication and negotiation skills. Understanding of the NSW Justice System. Current Drivers license and a willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

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. In this position an applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. 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 similar positions within this area. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment.

Inquiries and Information Packages:

jean.dally@dcs.nsw.gov.au , 4424 6026

Closing Date: 12/12/2010

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Aboriginal Health Roles

Various Positions - Bourke, NSW

Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is an Aboriginal community controlled health organisation that offers confidential services to support the health and wellbeing of Bourke community members and those in surrounding areas.



Bourke Aboriginal Health Service is expanding their **Health team** and has the following exciting **Aboriginal Roles** available:

- * **Receptionist (Medical & General)**
- * **Administration Officer**
- * **Health Worker: Social & Emotional Wellbeing (Mental Health)**
- * **Health Worker: Sexual & Reproductive Health**
- * **Health Worker: Family Health**
- * **Youth Support Worker: Alcohol & Other Drugs**
- * **Access Coordinator**

The successful applicants will be rewarded with an **attractive salary** commensurate with experience and qualifications plus **ongoing professional training** with an organisation that actively supports your **career development**. Further benefits include: **five weeks annual leave; salary sacrifice options; uniforms and uniform laundry allowance; and sociable working hours with the ability to accrue RDO's!**

These are roles in which the successful applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions, as authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.



bahs.applynow.com.au
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled organisation that provides primary and preventative health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal Community.

The following opportunities exist to join a highly motivated and innovative team in our Family Counselling Services Program located in Northcote.

COUNSELLOR (FULL TIME / PART TIME)

The Counsellor will develop and provide comprehensive counseling services to individuals and families who are affected by a range of presenting issues including mental health and substance misuse problems in a culturally appropriate manner.

FINANCIAL COUNSELLOR / TEAM LEADER FINANCIAL WELL BEING TEAM (1.0 EFT)

The position is a dual role providing direct financial counseling support case management to clients for four days and to provide leadership and support to other members of the team. This role provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for an experienced and culturally sensitive clinician committed to working towards 'closing the gap' and being part of an evolving team of skilled and committed workers.

Indigenous Applicants are encouraged to apply.

Salary Packaging is available.

For Key Selection Criteria and Job Description contact Lesley Day or Narelle Carter on 03 9419 3000 or more information regarding the position Helen Kennedy on 03 9403 3300.

Closing Date: 10th December 2010

Applicants should address the selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Rod Jackson, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065

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department of disability,
housing & community services

Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services
Office for Children, Youth and Family Support
Youth Directorate
Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

Youth Worker

Administrative Services Officer Class 3/4

Salary Range: \$48,103-\$58,213 (PN: 03299, several)

Bimberi signals a new era in Youth Justice. We are looking for people who have the ability to relate to people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds; enjoy challenging and varied work with young people; will treat young people fairly, consistently and in a non-judgemental way and can be positive role models for young people in the youth justice system. Staff will receive an attractive remuneration package and the opportunity for professional development. Training will be provided.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Completion or partial completion of the Youth Worker Level 3 or 4 Certificate or qualification in the behavioural sciences desirable. Applicants will be required to undergo psychometric testing as part of the recruitment process. Possession of a current driver's licence and Senior First Aid Certificate.

Contact Officer: Mark Stephens (02) 6207 3346 leanne.rourke@act.gov.au

Applications Close: 10 December 2010

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**Leadership:
make a
Difference in
Aboriginal
education.**

You start here

Lead the Aboriginal Education and Training Unit to enable the Institute, including Faculties, to provide better education and training opportunities and employment pathways for indigenous Australians.

The Aboriginal Education and Training Unit Manager is a new position created to provide strategic leadership to effectively address and respond to the education, training and career goals of Aboriginal students. This is a key role in achieving equity for Aboriginal students. Central to this role will be the development of genuine and sustainable partnerships with the Aboriginal community as well as the positioning of TAFE NSW New England Institute as a leader in Aboriginal education and training.

Please note this position has been re-advertised.

The location for this position is at the New England Institute Tamworth Campus.

Job Ref No: NEI/10/018

Classification: Chief Education Officer

Salary Details: Total remuneration package valued to \$119,993 per annum, including salary (\$108,685 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applicants may apply online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or Applicants can obtain an Information Package:

Email: neirecruitment@tafensw.edu.au or

Phone: Recruitment Officer 02 6768 2303

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on the recommended applicants.

Closing: 4.00 pm, Friday 10th December 2010

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Human Services
Community Services

Casework Manager (Aboriginal) IFBS, Clerk Grade 9

Bourke

Permanent Full-Time

Salary package from \$98,295 - \$101,058

To manage and lead a team of Caseworkers who provide services to vulnerable children, young people and families.

Promote the development of best practice caseworker aligned to Community Services policies and guidelines.

Work with other agencies to achieve high quality service delivery for our clients.

Requirements:

Aboriginality and demonstrated commitment to improving services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Current Drivers Licence

Experience in the field of child protection, social welfare and/or child development, including working with Aboriginal children, families and community.

Join us now.

To apply online visit

www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers

Refer to job: 10/CS_1943

Enquiries: Bianca Jarrett (02) 9716 2225

Applications close: Friday 17 December 2010

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ARTS LAW CENTRE OF
AUSTRALIA

INDIGENOUS INFORMATION/ LIAISON OFFICER

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts. Our Artists in the Black service provides Arts Law services to Indigenous artists, organisations and communities.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous information/liaison officer. Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

For job description and selection criteria contact
(02) 9356 2566 or www.artslaw.com.au.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.



ANYINGINYI HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION TENNANT CREEK NORTHERN TERRITORY



AHAC is a community controlled organisation that provides primary health, clinical and social and emotional services to the Aboriginal people of the Barkly Region. AHAC has been providing primary health care services to Tennant Creek and the Barkly region since 1985. AHAC offers a holistic approach to the health and well being of its clients through its clinical, social and emotional, educational and fitness services.

Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families Section Manager \$84,594.24 - \$101,522.40

The Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families Section services Aboriginal clientele to promote individual and community well-being through a range of culturally appropriate coordinated approaches aimed at addressing family violence, social & emotional well being, family & social dysfunction, mental health and suicidal, high risk or harmful behaviour, counselling support, alcohol and substance misuse.

As Section Manager your role would be to:-

- Oversee all social and emotional well being programs provided by Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families.
- Be responsible for all operational activities including further development, implementation and evaluation of new programs.
- Ensuring promotion, development and implementation of cultural practices and traditions into operations and services responsive to the organisations and clients needs.

This is a dynamic and demanding position requiring excellent communication skills, flexibility and the ability to think laterally.

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate including 6 weeks annual leave, sick leave, a generous fringe benefits provision, accommodation, vehicle, and superannuation to attract the right person.

If this sounds like the position for you and you would like further information and a position description, please contact the Human Resource Officer on (08) 8962 2633 or email pam.lum@anyinginyi.com.au

All applicants must be willing to undergo a Police Check.

Previous applicants need not apply.

**Applications close Friday 10th December.
2 year contract negotiable.**

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**Justice &
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ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICES OFFICER (TARGETED ATSI CADETSHIP)

JAG10/1315

Parramatta, Permanent full time

Salary range: \$52,104 - \$56,644

Total Remuneration package valued up to: \$62,507

You are eligible to apply for a cadetship if you are:

- Under 25 years at time of application;
- Aboriginal;
- A Permanent resident in Australia.

This position implements, monitors and reviews simple and straightforward annual Client Plans and Budgets and approves minor expenditure on requests from clients or other interested parties. NSW TG provide an in house training program for the successful applicants.

NSW TG provide an in-house training program for the successful applicants.

Selection Criteria:

- Understanding of the needs, rights, and expectations of people with a disability;
- Good communication and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to understand the basis of client budgets;
- Ability to apply legislation.

An e-list may be created to fill future, permanent, temporary, full-time and part-time positions as they arise.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries:

Necta Minas (02) 8688 5855 necta.minas@tag.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 10 December 2010

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Sydney based Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Team



Life Without Barriers is a national not-for-profit organisation providing innovative community based services to promote, support and enhance independence and well-being of children, young people and adults with disabilities, mental health issues and/or living in crisis across Australia. There are currently several positions available in the Sydney based Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander team, located at our Rockdale office.

Manager, Carer Support - Aboriginal

The successful applicant will lead a team of Supporter of Carers (SOCs) to strengthen carer capacity to support Aboriginal children in out-of-home care. You will be responsible for the allocation of case loads and the coordination and monitoring of foster care assessment, reviews and recruitment.

Manager, Casework - Aboriginal (2 positions available)

The successful applicants will lead a team of case managers who will develop and implement quality case management services to Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care. This position supports the Operations Manager to develop, implement and monitor effective operating and administrative systems.

Case Manager, Aboriginal (several positions available)

You will be the lead worker in the placement team, which is dedicated to the safety, welfare and wellbeing of the children and young people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage in out-of-home care, through the support and development of positive, stable, foster and residential care placements. As Case Manager you will oversee the day-to-day provision of services to the child or young person to ensure that it is effective, efficient and in accordance with the child or young person's case plan.

Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). The successful applicants must have a current drivers licence.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicants which includes excellent salary packaging options.

To download an information pack for each of these positions, please visit our website at www.lwb.org.au. For all enquiries, please contact Adrienne Nally on (02) 9508 4077 or adrienne.nally@lwb.org.au.

For each position, all applications MUST address the selection criteria in the information pack to be considered. Applications close Friday, 10th December 2010.

The successful applicants will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position.

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Administrative Assistant Tamworth Campus

Provide administrative and general clerical support to the AETU Manager and AETU staff and interact with all customers to support timely and positive outcomes for Aboriginal education and training.

Job Ref No: NEI/10/081

Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2

Status: Permanent Part Time (0.8 EFT)

Enquiries: Andrew Pratt – 02 6768 2042

Salary Details: Total remuneration package valued to \$62,506 per annum, including salary (salary \$52,104 - \$56,644 pro rata pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Student Support Officer

Support Aboriginal students throughout their learning experience in New England Institute by establishing and maintaining strong and effective relationships with individual students and teaching, administrative and support staff to achieve positive outcomes of success and excellence. There are three positions available, 1 at Tamworth, 1 Gunnedah or Narrabri and 1 at Glen Innes or Inverell. See below for details.

Tamworth Campus

Job Ref No: NEI/10/079

Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Status: Permanent Full Time

Enquiries: Andrew Pratt – 02 6768 2042

Salary Details: Total remuneration package valued to \$70,382 per annum, including salary (salary \$58,249 - \$63,781 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Gunnedah or Narrabri Campus

Job Ref No: NEI/10/078

Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Status: Permanent Part Time (0.5 EFT)

Enquiries: Andrew Pratt – 02 6768 2042

Salary Details: Total remuneration package valued to \$70,382 per annum, including salary (salary \$58,249 - \$63,781 pro rata pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Glen Innes or Inverell Campus

Job Ref No: NEI/10/080

Classification: Clerk Grade 3/4

Enquiries: Andrew Pratt – 02 6768 2042

Status: Permanent Part Time (0.5 EFT)

Salary Details: Total remuneration package valued to \$70,382 per annum, including salary (salary \$58,249 - \$63,781 pro rata pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applicants must obtain an Information Package:

Email: neirecruitment@tafensw.edu.au or

Phone: Recruitment Officer 02 6768 2303

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on the recommended applicants.

Closing: 4.00 pm, Friday 10th December 2010



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DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Koori Justice Unit

\$66,235 - \$75,151 plus superannuation

Position No DJ5711

The Koori Justice Unit is seeking a Senior Project Officer to assist in the ongoing development and implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement's (AJA's) Koori Recruitment and Career Development Strategy. The Senior Project Officer will contribute to the development of initiatives associated with increasing Koori employment, retention and career development opportunities across the Justice Portfolio.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, please contact Traci McCormick at the Koori Justice Unit on (03) 8684 1753 or see www.careers.vic.gov.au entering DJ5711 in the reference field.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 15 December 2010

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

Koori VOCAT List Registrar

VPS3: \$53,502 - \$64,962 plus superannuation

Role No: MC2251

(Fixed Term until 16 September 2011)

The Koori VOCAT List Registrar is integral to the success of the Koori VOCAT List in increasing access to financial assistance for victims of crime who are Indigenous and/or Torres Strait Islander. In addition to exercising a range of administrative and statutory powers as a Registrar of the Tribunal, the Koori VOCAT List Registrar will be responsible for managing the day-to-day administration of the List, and for file management relating to all applications within the List. The Koori VOCAT List Registrar will also be required to participate in and conduct educational activities for internal and external stakeholders, collect, monitor and analyse statistics, and prepare reports regarding the List. Travel to other metropolitan and regional venues of the Tribunal will be required from time-to-time to meet with applicants, local stakeholders and service providers.

This is an identified position and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

Applications close 12 December 2010.

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NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Castlereagh Local Area Command, Western Region, Field Operations
Clerk Grade 3/4, Permanent Full-Time, WALGETT, NSWPF 10/290

Salary Package: \$70,382. **Salary:** \$58,249 - \$63,781. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) has the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the Local Area Command. Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer's assist in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing of programs that brings about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people and which are in line with NSW Police policy. Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers also work closely with the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal Community Organisations and other service providers in their day-to-day activities and promotes an awareness of the NSW Police to Aboriginal people and communities and promotes an awareness of Aboriginal issues to Police.

Job Notes:

- This position is 35 hours per week.
- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by *Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the *NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel.
- Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Effective written and oral communications skills and ability to participate in the development of local community strategies.
- Experience in program development/management, word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shifts on a 24-hour rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

Enquiries/Information Pack: Ben Salt on (02) 6828 6801

Applications marked "Confidential" to: The Local Area Manager, Castlereagh Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, PO Box 312, Walgett NSW 2832

CLOSING DATE: Friday 10 December 2010

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Dja Dja Wurrung Clans
Aboriginal Corporation



NORTH CENTRAL
Catchment Management Authority
Connecting Rivers, Landscapes, People

INDIGENOUS NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1 Project Manager

1 Work Crew Supervisor

6 Natural Resource Management Traineeships

Based in Bendigo, North Central Victoria

- Natural Resource and Cultural Heritage Management
- Indigenous employment, training and capacity building opportunities
- Business Enterprise

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to work in Natural Resource Management?

A number of exciting and rewarding opportunities exist to participate in the establishment and ongoing operation of the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC) Natural Resource Management business enterprise in Bendigo. As part of a dynamic team, you will be involved in an innovative project initiative in partnership with the DDWCAC, North Central Catchment Management Authority, local government and other natural resource management agencies.

We are seeking a range of self motivated people for recruitment to the following positions:

Project Manager

- Responsible for delivery of the project including work plan development, mentoring and managing negotiations and relationships with key stakeholders.
- Expected salary range : \$65,000 - \$80,000 (plus superannuation),
- Immediate commencement

Indigenous people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Work Crew Supervisor

- Responsible for the day to day supervision of Indigenous trainees including coordination and management of a trainee work crew who will be performing on ground project based work across a range of agencies.
- Expected salary range : \$50,000 - \$65,000 (plus superannuation)
- Immediate commencement

Indigenous people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

Natural Resource Management Traineeships

- We are seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent who wish to develop their skills and experience and gain ongoing employment in natural resource and cultural heritage management in the Bendigo region. You will undertake nationally accredited training in Certificate III Conservation and Land Management and obtain a range of trade certificates and work experience in a supported training and work crew environment.
- Salary range is varied and will be negotiated subject to relevant experience and/or qualifications.
- Commencing early February 2011

All positions are for a two year period with an opportunity of continued employment with the DDWCAC business enterprise.

For further information please contact Mr. Mark Costello on (03) 5440 1875.

To obtain a copy of the position description and instructions on how to apply visit:
http://www.nccma.vic.gov.au/about_us/Careers/Vacancies/

Applications marked 'Confidential' addressing the key selection criteria can be emailed to hmanager@nccma.vic.gov.au or posted to:

HR Manager
North Central Catchment Management Authority
PO Box 18
Huntly Vic 3551

Applications should be received by 5pm Friday 17 December 2010.



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Principal, Senior and Project Officers
Indigenous Professional Support Unit
Townsville or Brisbane Based

Full time, Part time and Fixed Term positions
\$57,286 - \$74,367 plus 10% super

The Indigenous Professional Support Unit (IPSU) provides Commonwealth funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander childrens services, their staff and their management with professional development and support. These positions will work as part of the IPSU team, planning and delivering high quality professional development to eligible services across Queensland.

Position description available at www.qcross.org.au or
jobs@qcross.org.au. For information call Ana on 07 3004 6900

Closing Date: COB Monday 13 December 2010

GALAMBILA

Aboriginal Health Service Incorporated
Galambila Aboriginal Health Service is seeking a
Health Services Manager
to manage the health clinic.

Based in Coffs Harbour the HSM will work closely with the CEO and Corporate Services Manager to provide improved health outcomes to the local indigenous community. A background of management in health services is required. Salary will be in the range of \$91K - \$102K plus Super plus excellent salary sacrifice provisions.

Applications close Friday 10th December 2010

**Please contact Nick Adamson for a
copy of the application pack via email:**
nick.adamson@galambila.org.au
or Phone 0266520850

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Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art & Craft Centres

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Job opportunities in
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Administration and Finance Manager

Full-time position available now \$60,000 - \$65,000

Artworker Program Manager

12-month maternity leave position commencing February 2011

\$60,000 - \$65,000. Applications for this position closes: December 10, 2010.

Desart is the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres.

Art Centres are community-based enterprises which provide economic, social and cultural benefits. Desart member Art Centres are owned and managed by Aboriginal people in their own communities.

Desart is a government-funded, not-for-profit Aboriginal Corporation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information please contact Michelle on (08) 8953 4736 or email:
michelle@desart.com.au

www.desart.com.au

KOORI PRISON OFFICERS

Put Your Life Experience to Work in Your Community

Valuing workplace diversity, the Department of Justice has a growing number of Koori staff working across Victoria. Your job will make a real difference because you'll be working with people from different backgrounds.

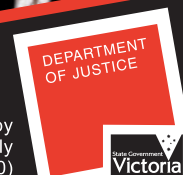
An **Information Session** will be held on *Thursday 9th December, 6pm-7pm* at the *Aborigines Advancement League (AAL), Thornbury*. Come and speak to our Koori staff about this challenging and rewarding job. Application packs will also be available on the night.

To register your attendance at our information session, or to arrange for an application pack to be sent to you, please call the Indigenous Policy & Services Unit in Corrections Victoria on **(03) 8684 6528**. Alternatively, you can contact the Department's Recruitment Services Team on **(03) 8684 0016** or email prisonsrecruitment@justice.vic.gov.au

PRISON OFFICERS – THE OPPORTUNITY IS YOURS



VCAT has ruled that these positions be filled by
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only
(VCAT exemption number: A293/2010)



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Tanami 2020 - New Beginnings

On 20 November, our Tanami Operations in the Northern Territory moved from a contractor mining model to become 100% Newmont owned and operated. As part of this move, we're investing heavily in infrastructure, resources and onsite facilities, to secure the future of the Tanami mine.

With new projects planned and an extended mine life to 2020, we're excited to be able to provide a stable and secure working environment for our Tanami employees. Large scale plans are underway to upgrade onsite accommodation to all ensuite rooms and improved

village facilities with modern social and entertainment areas. This \$6 million investment will give our people an increased level of comfort to match their FIFO needs.

Newmont employees enjoy excellent remuneration, attractive working conditions, incentive bonuses, free family medical insurance and the rewards of being part of one of the world's largest gold producers.

For more information on the opportunities available at Tanami, please visit Newmont.com/ select Careers and search under Asia Pacific region, Tanami.

newmont.com

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

PaCE Coordinator

Contribute to the education future of the APY Lands



The APY Lands in the far north west of South Australia is home to around 3,000 Anangu and is currently poised to embark on a number of development proposals to expand the available services and programs.

The Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) program focuses on the development and implementation of creative and innovative approaches to improve educational outcomes of Indigenous young people, through enhancing parental engagement with schools and education providers.

The administration body for the APY Lands, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY), in conjunction with Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is inviting applications for a PaCE Coordinator to take on a management role for the APY Regional PaCE Strategy project. In this role you will work with parents, communities and education organisations to;

- Provide resources to increase parent's knowledge on the value of education of their children from birth to high school
- Provide resources to increase parent's knowledge on their rights and responsibilities
- Provide parents with the tools and knowledge to better equip themselves to be actively involved and aware of their children's education needs

You will use your experience in working within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and community programs and your experience in current education systems and processes, together with project management and relationship building skills to develop community-school partnerships across the APY Lands.

Applicants should request a full job description from the Administration Officer on amapy@anangu.com.au. Written applications, addressing the responsibilities, skills and experience, and including referees, close on Friday 17 December 2010 and should be forwarded to:

General Manager
Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
PMB 227 Umuwa via Alice Springs NT 0872
Email: gmapy@anangu.com.au

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Condobolin Public School - 02 6895 2134
- Glebe Public School - 02 9660 4549
- Hume Public School - 02 6025 1850

GENERAL ASSISTANT

- Orange High School - 02 6362 3364

SCHOOL SUPPORT LEARNING OFFICER

- Orange High School - 02 6362 3364

SCHOOL SUPPORT LEARNING OFFICER - ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

- Beresfield Public School - 02 4966 1146

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is
Friday 17 December 2010.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Multiple Electricity Roles

Every day we deliver to our communities the ability to live and the energy to grow

Integral Energy is a state-owned energy corporation with over 50 years of experience in managing one of Australia's largest energy networks servicing Western Sydney and the Greater West, the Illawarra, and the Southern Highlands of NSW. We employ 2,800 staff working in a range of professional, administrative and trade professions.

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- Electrical Fitter Mechanics and Column Inspectors
- Lineworkers for distribution, transmission and live line.
- Electricity Workers to operate our plant and assist the tradesmen

Integral Energy offers a 9 day fortnight with competitive pay rates and 15% employer contribution to superannuation. We offer career development and training opportunities with a state of the art technical training centre and an education assistance program.

If you have the right tickets and/or qualifications to work in the electricity supply industry, or you would like further information, log on to <http://integral.nga.net.au> and fill out our application form. Don't miss this opportunity to secure your career with Integral Energy.



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Indigenous Cadetship Support 2011

Are you?

- An Indigenous person interested in a career with the Northern Territory Government?
- Interested in getting paid while you study a diploma, advanced diploma or degree?

The Northern Territory Government is offering Indigenous Territorians currently studying full-time or about to commence study in 2011, the opportunity to put theory into practice by applying for a cadetship with the Northern Territory Public Sector through the Commonwealth funded Indigenous Cadetship Support program.

The cadetship offers:

- Reimbursement of Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) fees on passed units
- A fortnightly allowance whilst studying
- Full time paid employment during semester breaks (12 weeks).

Discipline being studied:

You must be enrolled to commence in 2011 or currently be studying one of the disciplines listed below:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| • Aboriginal and Australian Studies | • Environmental Science |
| • Accounting | • Events |
| • Biology | • IT, Computing and Information Management |
| • Business | • Marine Biology |
| • Business Administration | • Marketing |
| • Civil Engineering | • Project Management |
| • Commerce | • Research and Evaluation |
| • Economics | • Science/Aquaculture |
| • Engineering/Architecture/Design | • Sports Management |
| | • Sport Science |

For further details and how to apply:

Refer to the 2010 Indigenous Cadetship Support Handbook for selection criteria and the application form. To obtain the handbook please visit the website at www.nt.gov.au/jobs (quoting vacancy **200014**). For additional enquiries please email: employmentprograms.dbe@nt.gov.au or contact the program advisor on (08) 8999 3708.

Quote vacancy number: 200014

Closing date: 10 December 2010

This project is supported by funding from the Commonwealth Government under its Indigenous Cadetship Support, administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.



Australian Government
Department of Education and
Workplace Relations



The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity groups are encouraged to apply.

www.nt.gov.au/jobs



BATCHELOR INSTITUTE
OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Senior Lecturer – Remote Assistant Teacher Education

Position No: 14568

3 year fixed term appointment commencing ASAP – Batchelor, NT
Remuneration Academic Level C - \$85,365 - \$98,434

This position is responsible for assisting the Head of Faculty to manage academic program delivery in the VET sector including; management and coordination of delivery courses and preparation and delivery of workshops, lecturers and seminars. The Senior Lecturer will be required to consult and be available to counsel students on their academic pathways and progress; supervise staff performance, manage budget programs and collaborative work with the Teacher Education and Early Childhood Units and other stakeholders is also required. This role also includes advising the Head of Faculty of developments in the VET sector in relation to remote teacher education support; research, projects and grants.

Lecturer - Interpreting

Position No: 9087

Fixed term appointment commencing Jan 2011 to Dec 2013 – Alice Springs
Remuneration Academic Level B - \$69,686 - \$82,753

This position assists in the management of the operations of the Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics (CALL) and to take primary responsibility for the preparation and delivery of VET certificate course in Interpreting.

Lecturer – Languages & Linguistics (Higher Ed)

Position No: 18425

2 year fixed term appointment commencing Jan 2011 – Alice Springs/Batchelor
Remuneration Academic Level B - \$69,686 - \$82,753

This position assists in the management of the operations of the Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics (CALL) and to participate in the preparation and delivery of Higher Education courses in Language and Linguistics.

Lecturer – Languages & Linguistics (VET & Higher Ed)

Position No: 9089

1 year fixed term appointment commencing Jan 2011 – Alice Springs
Remuneration Academic Level B - \$69,686 - \$82,753

This position assists in the management of the operations of the Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics (CALL) and to participate in the preparation and delivery of VET certificate and Higher Education courses in Language and Linguistics.

Lecturer – Indigenous Media Unit

Position No: 13953

Fixed term appointment commencing Jan 2011 to Jan 2013 – Batchelor
Remuneration Academic Level A - \$49,350 - \$66,200

As a member of a dynamic team you will be required to undertake the preparation, delivery and assessment of the CUF30107 Certificate III in Media (Film/TV) – and other certificates with the Screen and Media Training Package – as directed by your supervisor; carry out relevant administrative tasks associated with a lecturing position within the Vocational, Education and Training (VET) sector in Australia and maintain professional industry activities wherever possible.

Applications close Friday 10th December 2010

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas.

Research Officer (SCREAM)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Perinatal and Reproductive Epidemiology Research Unit
Base: \$64K – \$69K pa pro rata | Ref. 7673 KM

The Perinatal & Reproductive Epidemiology Research Unit (PRERU) and Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit invite suitable applicants for the position of Research Officer for a four-year NH&MRC Project Grant "Social and Cultural Resilience of Aboriginal Mothers in Prison (SCREAM)". The project focuses on the impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's increasing rates of imprisonment on children, families and communities.

This is a part-time (21 hours per week) fixed term position available for 3 years. Please note interviews will be scheduled to take place on Friday 17 December 2010.

Applications close: 10 December 2010

For full details, application procedures and other vacancies check our website at www.hr.unsw.edu.au/jobs.html

Aboriginal Caseworkers Lakidjeka ACSASS - Various locations in VIC

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The Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency is seeking **Aboriginal Caseworkers** to join their teams across Victoria in Dandenong, Footscray, Ballarat and Swan Hill. You'll provide specialist consultation and advice to Child Protection on all notifications and significant decisions on Aboriginal children and young people. Enjoy an **attractive remuneration package circa \$45,000-\$50,000 plus generous salary packaging with flexible working arrangements!**

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au/Job20548
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Human Services
Housing NSW

Manager Regulation Community Housing Burwood

Permanent Full-Time
Salary package from \$113,689 - \$131,481

The Manager Regulation works with the Registrar of Community Housing to administer the new independent regulatory system for community housing providers under the Housing Act 2001 (NSW). This is a key senior management role accountable for the development and delivery of regulatory practices and business systems. The Manager Regulation leads a team of analysts responsible for a high volume of registration and compliance assessments.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated experience in senior management with a strong strategic focus.
- Demonstrated experience in a regulatory environment.
- Proven experience in managing a team undertaking a high volume, complex caseload.
- Demonstrated ability to make sound judgements including financial and risk based assessments.

Join us now.

To apply online visit:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or
1800 203 966

Refer to job: 10/HNSW_1851

Enquiries: Roxane Shaw (02) 8741 2501

Applications close: Friday 10 December 2010



Human Services
NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Senior Policy and Program Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10

Sector Reform Team

Policy Branch

Parramatta

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 10/AHO_1989

Total remuneration package valued up to \$108,318 per annum (Salary: \$89,076 pa - \$98,159 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Undertake policy and program development and manages specific projects supporting a major reform agenda for the Aboriginal community housing sector, the Build and Grow Aboriginal Community Housing Strategy, and the Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership Agreement to achieve better housing outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The position holder develops strategies and initiatives relating to the delivery of housing and related services to Aboriginal people with particular emphasis on strengthening the capacity and improving the performance of the Aboriginal community housing sector. The Sector Reform team works with multiple government, NGO and community stakeholders in a complex and sensitive political environment.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated high-level analytical, problem solving and research skills.
- Demonstrated experience in the development of policies and programs in the public sector.
- Sound understanding of issues and trends in social housing delivery services for Aboriginal people in NSW.
- Understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of its impact in relation to housing and housing related assistance.
- Demonstrated project management skills.
- Excellent written and well developed verbal communication and negotiation skills.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. This position is a targeted position. The Aboriginal Housing Office is seeking an Aboriginal person for this role or a non-Aboriginal person with a broad understanding of Aboriginal communities. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Should an eligibility list be created it is anticipated that this may be used to fill temporary vacancies for Senior Policy and Program officer positions in Policy Branch should any occur.

Enquiries: Catherine Walton, Manager Sector Reform contact number (02) 8836 9471 or mobile 0408 028 216

Information Packages: www.aho.nsw.gov.au/employment or 1800 203 966

Closing Date: Friday 17 December 2010

APPLY ON-LINE



**PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION,
MOREE**

Bringing Them Home Coordinator/ Counsellor

This position will assist survivors of the "stolen generations" as they prepare to be linked up with their families and to take their place within their communities. The role of the Project Coordinator /Counsellor will facilitate this process by bringing stolen generation survivors together and assisting them to access appropriate support services. Depending on the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant the role will take on a case management and/or counselling aspect. Attractive salary is available for the right applicant.

Early Childhood Teacher

Kiah Child Care Centre requires the services of an Early Childhood Teacher to commence at the start of the 2011 school year. Working in a 2 unit room, the role requires you to build a strong rapport with the children, the existing staff, parents and community members. The person will be experienced in providing educationally sound programs that assist children to develop cognitively, socially and culturally and facilitates transition to school and inspire children to love learning.

Applications close 21 December 2010

For information kits and full selection criteria please contact:
Human Resource Consultants
Phone: 49408700
Email: glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au

INTRAIN Scholarships 2011

INTRAIN (Indigenous Training and Recruitment Initiatives Program) scholarships are offered to Victorian Indigenous students to assist them to complete tertiary studies in the health and community sector. The scholarship provides a fortnightly living allowance of up to \$25,470 a year.

The following scholarships will be offered in 2011.

INTRAIN scholarships

- Eligible students studying full time or part time and completing the last one or two years of an undergraduate or postgraduate course, or
- undertaking a two year diploma course in the area of community services.

For more information regarding INTRAIN scholarships visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers or phone Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Employment **9096 7143**.

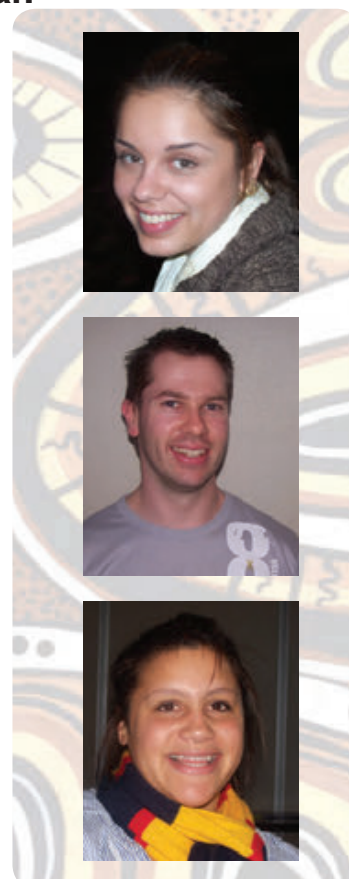
Applications close, 5 pm Friday, 28 January 2011.

INTRAIN Public health postgraduate scholarships

- Eligible postgraduate students studying a public health-related course.
- Undertaking a postgraduate course of any duration at any stage of their study.

Applications are open throughout the year.

For more information regarding INTRAIN Public health postgraduate scholarships visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers or phone Senior Project Officer, Public Health Branch on **9096 0482**.





**BUBUP WILAM FOR EARLY
LEARNING INCORPORATED**

Centre Director

The newly established Aboriginal organisation, Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Incorporated, is recruiting a **Centre Director** to lead the establishment, ongoing development and management of the new Centre according to its Vision:

to provide a thriving Aboriginal, family based early learning centre that creates strong foundations for lifelong learning, wellbeing and identity.

For a detailed PD setting out the key objectives and responsibilities of the position please contact Mike Webb, on 9217 2564 or 0437 170 537. If you require additional information about the role after you have read the PD please contact Lisa Thorpe, President Bubup Wilam for Early Learning on 0488 663 055.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated based on experience, skills and qualifications of the successful applicant.

Applications addressing key selection criteria should be sent to Mike Webb and marked confidential.

Closing date: 4.00pm, Thursday 9 December 2010

Email: mike.webb@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
or Mail: Bubup Wilam for Early Learning,
34 Nebel St, Lalor, Victoria 3075

Interviews are tentatively planned for
Wednesday 15th December 2010.

(Bubup Wilam for Early Learning Incorporated A0055191K)

NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

Sydney West Area Health Service seeks to appoint Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, in accordance with the Area's Aboriginal Employment Strategy titled 'Walking Together – Careers for Aboriginal People in SWAHS 2008–2013'.

TREATMENT COORDINATORS – WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

Ref No: 5886

PFT position for an Aboriginal male counsellor to work therapeutically with Aboriginal people, families and communities in relation to issues of child safety, violence and abuse.

Ref No: 6134

PFT position for an Aboriginal male counsellor to work therapeutically with families in relation to issues of child safety, violence and abuse.

Enquiries: Karen Parsons, (02) 8890 3300

Sydney West Area Health Service considers that being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

COUNSELLOR, ABORIGINAL – CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL

Ref No: 6093

Status: Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Brenton Law, (02) 9840 4088

FOR ALL POSITIONS:

Closing Date: 24 December 2010

Ensure you address the Selection Criteria.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

For further information, visit <https://wsahs.mhr.com.au>

To apply visit: <https://wsahs.mhr.com.au>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

ARTS LAW CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

INDIGENOUS INFORMATION/ LIAISON OFFICER

The Arts Law Centre of Australia is the national community legal centre for the arts. Our Artists in the Black service provides Arts Law services to Indigenous artists, organisations and communities.

We are seeking a full-time Indigenous information/liaison officer. Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Indigenous artists is required.

**For job description and selection criteria contact
(02) 9356 2566 or www.artslaw.com.au.**

This is an Aboriginal identified position.



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Our aim is to shape future leaders in business by offering undergraduate and postgraduate course in Commerce,

Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Accounting, Human Resource Management, Marketing, International Business, Strategic Foresight and Management. Research is a critical part of the Faculty's activities and so your

commitment to research will be an integral part of your application. We also value our engagement with businesses through short courses, consultancy and other project work on a fee-for-service basis.

As a successful candidate you will be research active and have excellent teaching skills in a higher education environment. You will also have experience of unit and/or program co-ordination, undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching and curriculum development. You will be expected to have the ability to teach courses across several areas within your discipline and your wealth of industry experience in any of the above related fields will be an advantage. The Faculty operates on the Hawthorn campus, however it offers a number of international Masters programs off shore in association with our partner institutions. Contact us now to learn more about how the Faculty of Business and Enterprise can transform your career.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Lecturer, Accounting and Finance

(2 positions)

Position number: 28574 & 26318

Academic Level A \$50,923 - \$68,907 or

Academic Level B \$72,514 - \$86,024

plus 17% superannuation

Full-Time, Ongoing

Senior Lecturer, Accounting and Finance

Position number: 28572

Academic Level C \$88,725 - \$102,238

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Associate Professor, Finance

Position number: 24688

Academic Level D \$106,742 - \$117,548

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

LAW

Lecturer, Law

Position number: 26426

Academic Level A \$50,923 - \$68,907

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Professor/ Associate Professor,

Commercial Law

Position number: 25138

Academic Level D \$106,742 - \$117,548 or

Academic Level E \$137,367

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

MARKETING

Lecturer, Marketing

Position number: 27572

Academic Level B \$72,514 - \$86,024

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Senior Lecturer, Marketing

Position number: 22241

Academic Level C \$88,725 - \$102,238

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Professor, Marketing

Position number: 25220

Academic Level E \$137,367

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Lecturer, International Business

Position number: 28571

Academic Level A \$50,923 - \$68,907

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Fixed-term until August 2013

Lecturer, International Business

Position number: 24518

Academic Level A \$50,923 - \$68,907

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Senior Lecturer, International Business

Position number: 28573

Academic Level C \$88,725 - \$102,238

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

SOCIAL INVESTMENT AND PHILANTHROPY

Lectuer, Social Investment and

Philanthropy

Position number: 25565

Academic Level B \$72,514 - \$86,024

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Ongoing

Research Fellow

Position number: 27483

Academic Level A \$50,923 - \$68,907 or

Academic Level B \$72,514 - \$86,024

plus 17% superannuation

Full-time, Fixed-term until June 2012

All positions are located at Swinburne's Hawthorn Campus

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5PM ON
SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010**

Swinburne encourages applications from Indigenous people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, women and men.



APPLY ONLINE
swinburne.edu.au/jobs



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Charles Darwin University

The Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor-Indigenous Leadership (OPVC-IL) provides leadership to the University to achieve its strategic goal of becoming a leader in Indigenous education".

Coordinator, Business Operations

Vacancy reference number: 210267

Continuing full-time appointment – Located in Darwin

Remuneration Package – HEW Level 8

Base salary of \$69,955 - \$79,280 per annum plus superannuation employer contribution of 17%

District Allowance may apply. Conditions include 6 weeks annual leave

A highly organised, professional individual with excellent leadership and communication skills is required to fill the role of Coordinator, Business Operations. Reporting to the PVC – IL, the successful candidate will be expected to manage high level administrative functions for the PVC – IL which will include developing and maintaining strategic relationships and contributing to the preparation of administrative, financial and operational arrangements. An understanding of Indigenous cultures coupled with knowledge in Human Resource management, will be highly regarded as is, the ability to work with various computer-based software packages. Education, Training and/or extensive experience in Business, will be looked upon favourably.

Applications Close: 9 December 2010

For further information and to apply | www.cdu.edu.au/pmd/vacancies.html

Applicants should address the Selection Competencies.

We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

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cdu.edu.au/vacancies

Manager Indigenous Engagement (Specified)

Disability and Community Care Services

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$97 702 - \$103 334 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/DOC25705/10c

Key Duties: The role purpose is to provide expert advice and leadership on a complex range of stakeholder engagement and communication activities of relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Skills/Abilities: To effectively develop, advise and recommend options to the department on stakeholder engagement opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Enquiries: Todd Carroll (07) 3405 3030

Closing Date: Friday, 10 December 2010

Senior Environmental Officer

(Indigenous Specified)

Environmental Services, North Region

(Temporary for 12 months with possible extension. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Environment and Resource Management

Salary: \$67 321 - \$73 520 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/ERM11092/10

Key Duties: Advise/liaise/consult and negotiate with clients. Plan and undertake compliance activities. Assess and condition applications for environmental approvals. Prepare ministerial & other correspondence.

Skills/Abilities: Sound understanding of ATSI Cultures. Project Management. Technical skills. Analytical, research and problem solving skills. Written/verbal communication skills.

Enquiries: Chris Buckingham (07) 4722 5362

Closing Date: Friday, 10 December 2010

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Regional Service Delivery Operations

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$59 270 - \$65 174 p.a.

Location: Caboolture

REF: QLD/DOC25732/10

Key Duties: Provide prevention, early intervention, and family support strategies to children and families; Implement/ maintain casework and individualised service plans; Liaise and develop links with stakeholders.

Enquiries: Sandy Wilson (07) 5490 1000

Closing Date: Friday, 10 December 2010

Graduate Communications Officer

Strategic Relations and Communications, Corporate Communications

(Temporary for 12 months)

Employment, Economic Development and Innovation

Salary: \$50 125 - \$55 896 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/EED135878/10

Key Duties: Undertake project and research tasks across a range of communications projects involving all DEEDI's core functions; Undertake special projects involving on-line, electronic and print communications

Skills/Abilities: High level communication and interpersonal skills; Communicates effectively; Writes clearly and succinctly; Establishes priorities; Works cooperatively as team player.

Enquiries: Carolyn Varley (07) 3405 5249

Closing Date: Wednesday, 15 December 2010



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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

SUPPORT SERVICES

Aboriginal Liason Officer (Aboriginal HEO)

Ref: 63474. Salary: \$43,610–\$74,380 pa. F/T at Social Work, Liverpool Hospital. Enq: Alison Pryor, (02) 9828 6716.

Closing Date: 17 December 2010.

Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

or email application quoting Ref No. to:
jobs@sswahs.nsw.gov.au or send application to:
Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 7050, Liverpool NSW 1871.

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Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara

Enterprise Development Manager

Contribute to the economic future of the APY Lands
Opportunity to apply business skills for social impact

The APY Lands in the far north west of South Australia is home to around 3,000 Anangu and is currently poised to embark on a number of development proposals being put forward from oil and mineral exploration and private enterprise, to government and non-government agencies wishing to expand their services and programs.

The administration body for the lands, Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) is seeking a professional Business and Enterprise Development Manager to lead the delivery of economic and enterprise development across the APY Lands. In this role you will work with individuals, communities, organisations and existing Anangu enterprises to;

- Provide enterprise management support, mentoring and development
- Identify new and feasible business opportunities
- Seek relevant funding support and assistance, and
- Encourage entrepreneurial activities.

You will build partnerships and engage across industry and government to influence future investment and achieve better employment and economic outcomes for Anangu across the APY Lands

An attractive salary package is complemented with fully maintained motor vehicle and housing at nominal rental.

Applicants should request a full job description from the Administration Officer on amapy@anangu.com.au. Written applications, addressing the responsibilities, skills and experience, and including referees, close on Friday 17 December 2010 and should be forwarded to:

General Manager
Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
PMB 227 Umuwa via Alice Springs NT 0872
Email: gmapy@anangu.com.au



Support your local community to develop our great City and work within a dynamic and flexible workplace! Benefits include a Corporate Fitness program, merit-based career advancement and attractive schemes for superannuation and leave entitlements.

ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT LIAISON OFFICER

Position No: 10/182

*Passionate about aboriginal employment?
Want to make a difference in your town?*

Permanent Part-Time (14hrs/wk)

Your interpersonal skills are second to none. Your understanding and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and employment issues enable you to be an advisor in your field. You are able to develop and evaluate a range of strategies as well as implementing and promoting the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES). You'll use your HR and EEO experience to provide strategic advice and identify areas for development and improvement in the areas of AES. Benefits include corporate fitness, generous leave entitlements and a great work/life balance!

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 14 of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Please refer to the Position Description for the entire scope of essential and desirable criteria which all applicants must address.

Salary: Circa \$28,055 pa (including super) for a 14 hour week.

Closing Date: 4:00pm on Friday 10 December 2010

Enquiries: Contact Helen Buscombe, Change Manager, on (02) 4974 2147.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must address the selection criteria.
You must have the right to live and work in Australia to apply for this job.

A position information kit is available at
www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

NSW Federation of Housing Associations

Seeking Aboriginal person for

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIP

NSWFHA is a community based organisation in Surry Hills (Sydney). This one year traineeship includes both off-the-job and on-the-job training, for skills including: reception, filing, working with computers, office equipment, events coordination – towards a permanent position. 36.75 hrs/wk - \$32,290 per annum. For an info pack visit our website: www.communityhousing.org.au or phone Seema Manoj (02) 9281 7144, or email: SeemaM@communityhousing.org.au

Applications close:

Wednesday 5th January 2011



Careers with Queensland Health

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Generalist Health Worker or Trainee Health Worker (Men's Business) – Central Highlands Community and Primary Health Service, Emerald, Central Queensland Health Service District. Salary between \$44 902 – \$47 125 p.a. (003) or salary between \$40 825 – \$44 683 p.a. (002) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10CH11244.

Duties/Abilities: Work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community providing a holistic culturally appropriate primary health care service that seeks to build capacity for self determination in health and well-being. Applicants without Certificate III qualification will be employed (temporary full-time) at 002 classification and required to complete a Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care. 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: Janette Dillon (07) 4983 9700.

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000

or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 6 December 2010.

Mental Health

Advanced Health Worker – Mental Health Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Child and Youth Mental Health Service, Brisbane, Children's Health Services. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 – \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10RCH11299. **Duties/Abilities:** Co-work with mental health clinicians to ensure optimal and culturally appropriate interventions for young people with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Help the team/s understand the cultural factors which may be present in Indigenous young people's presentation with mental health and/or, substance abuse problems. Help the team/s liaise with Indigenous agencies and to help non-Indigenous agencies understand the cultural factors which may feature in these young people's difficulties. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Paul Letters (07) 3310 9444.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4255

or (07) 3170 4256 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 13 December 2010.

Corporate Support Services

Senior Workforce Planning Officers – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Unit, Clinical Workforce Planning and Development Branch, Brisbane, Policy, Strategy and Resourcing Division. Salary between \$80 376 – \$85 998 p.a. (A06) (Two positions. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H10HL10398. **Duties/Abilities:** Undertake State-wide strategic workforce planning and policy development activities across the health workforce and in relation to endorsed health priority areas, population groups and reform agendas for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Unit.

Enquiries: Lisa Barry (07) 3405 5251.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4545

or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 20 December 2010.

Chronic Disease Care Coordinator (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health) – Adult and Disability Program, Central Highlands Community and Primary Health, Emerald, Central Queensland Health Service District.

Remuneration value up to \$88 357 p.a., comprising salary between \$71 151 – \$77 441 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A05) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H10CH11237. **Duties/Abilities:** Facilitate primary health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Central Highlands and Moranbah Hubs to meet current and future health needs, promote wellbeing of individual community members and the communities as a whole and provide leadership and mentoring to Health Workers, with an emphasis on the area of chronic disease. 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: Janette Dillon (07) 4983 9700.
Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000
or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 6 December 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.

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BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Bankstown Campus

Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$93,187 to \$109,962 p.a. (comprising Salary \$78,744 to \$92,984 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is seeking to appoint two Lecturers, Academic Level B, to ongoing, identified Indigenous positions based at the Bankstown campus. Both appointees will contribute to teaching of and support for Indigenous students in the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and other courses as may be appropriate to their qualifications and experience.

LECTURER, BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

(PRIMARY – AREP)

(Identified Indigenous Position)

Ref No. 526/10

The Bachelor of Education (Primary) is an Aboriginal Rural Education Program (AREP) and is delivered to Australian Indigenous students in an away-from-base block mode. The appointee will be expected to work closely with academic and administrative staff in Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, across the University and with external professionals and organisations.

LECTURER, ACCESS & LEARNING SUPPORT

(Identified Indigenous Position)

Ref No. 1062/10

The appointee to the Access and Learning Support position will be expected to work closely with academic and administrative staff in Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, across the university and with external professionals and organisations.

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Berice Anning, (02) 4736 0695 or email b.anning@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 12 December 2010

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/> for full details on these positions and how to apply.

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UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Ngunnawal Centre

Academic Level B/C Salary Range: \$80,217 to \$110,684 pa, plus Super

This is a contingent continuing full-time position

Vacancy Reference No: 10/2175

The Ngunnawal Centre is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre for the University. It is a student support, teaching and research Centre.

We are seeking a dynamic, innovative person to conduct research, teach Indigenous studies and course convene our Foundation Studies program.

The successful applicant will have relevant teaching experience at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. You will also be expected to make a significant contribution to scholarship, research and professional activities relevant to the Ngunnawal Centre.

This is a contingent continuing appointment, which may be available for up to seven years. Suitably qualified Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**salary subject to an enterprise bargain agreement increase in salary of between 4-6% from January 2011.*

For further information about this position please contact Wendy Brady, Director Ngunnawal Centre, on (02) 6201 5894.

CLOSING DATE: 6 DECEMBER 2010

ATTENTION CURRENT OR INTENDING PHD STUDENTS

2011 Teaching Fellowships – an academic career opportunity

Academic Level A (Associate Lecturer)

Salary Range: \$54,399 - \$77,347* pa, pro rata.

Vacancy Reference No: 10/2173

The University of Canberra is offering a number of exciting opportunities for Teaching Fellowships to current or intending PhD students for a period of up to 5 years. Appointments will be for 0.2 to 0.5 of the total work hours including a teaching load.

The Fellowships are available in The Ngunnawal Centre.

The Ngunnawal Centre is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre for the University. It is a student support, teaching and research centre.

**salary subject to an enterprise bargain agreement increase in salary of between 4-6% from January 2011.*

For further information about this position please contact Wendy Brady, Director Ngunnawal Centre, on (02) 6201 5894.

CLOSING DATE: 6 DECEMBER 2010



The University is an EO employer offering excellent conditions and benefits including generous superannuation.

For more information on this position and how to apply, go to our website at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/jobs>

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Human Services Juvenile Justice

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno-religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

Aboriginal Team Advisor

Clerk Grade 7/8
ISP Werrington Cottage
Metro Region, Werrington
Permanent Full Time
Position No. 10/JJ_1995

Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,450 per annum (Salary \$78,142 pa - \$86,498 pa), including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide high level, specialist consultation, support and intervention advice on Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) delivery issues to Indigenous juvenile offenders and their families/care giver. To encourage acceptance of the ISP program and teams, and positively engage Aboriginal communities and families in intensive supervision programs.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated ability to explain and report on complex cultural issues as they impact on program delivery and development with individuals, their families within social/community networks.
- Ability to maintain clear and concise documentation of interactions and recommendations made to ISP staff related to cultural sensitivity, with good problem solving and analytical skills and also be responsive to supervision and constructive feedback.
- Ability to engage, effectively challenge and work with families of Indigenous juvenile offenders.
- Demonstrated strong oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills including the ability to establish and maintain relationships with stakeholders and promote and present the principles and process of ISP.
- Demonstrated ability to provide training to other ISP team members regarding culturally appropriate interventions with Indigenous clients.
- Ability to be an effective team member and provide and accept peer guidance and support and also possess sound computer and keyboard skills.
- Current minimum Class C NSW Driver's licence.

Job notes: In this position, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Although no formal qualifications are required for this position, possession of, or progression towards a relevant tertiary qualification, such as behavioural science or human services field would be advantageous.

It is an offence under the *NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings.

All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Enquiries: Michael Szyjan on 0408 644 227 or email michael.szyjan@dji.nsw.gov.au

Information Package and to apply on-line: www.dji.nsw.gov.au/careers.htm or 1800 203 966

Closing Date: Friday 17 December 2010

APPLY ON-LINE

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Australian Government

Classification Review Board

The Classification Review Board, located in Sydney, is a part-time board that convenes as needed in response to applications for review of decisions made by the Classification Board. No formal qualifications are required to become a member of the Review Board. Review Board members are representative of the community. Broad life experience will be highly regarded and people from diverse backgrounds and regional Australia are encouraged to apply. Note that unsuccessful candidates may be considered for positions as ordinary members of the Review Board.

DEPUTY CONVENOR

(Part-time - \$747 per day)

Duties: In addition to the duties of a Review Board member, the Deputy Convenor is required to:

- Provide high-level support to the Convenor in the management of classification review processes
- Act as the Convenor in the Convenor's absence
- Participate in planning and management activities, and
- Represent the Review Board including in relation to the classification decision-making process

Duties of Review Board Members are to:

- Review classification decisions made by the Classification Board on the classification and consumer advice for films, publications and computer games
- Apply formal guidelines and other legislative requirements in making classification decisions, and
- Write reports on the reasons for classification decisions.

CONDITIONS FOR THE POSITION: The successful candidate will be appointed for an initial fixed term of up to five years and may be eligible for reappointment to a statutory maximum of seven years. The remuneration and allowances for the Deputy Convenor are determined by the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal.

NOTES FOR THE POSITION: All applicants must first obtain an information pack (which contains position requirements, selection criteria, contact details for further enquiries and address for applications). Information packs are available at www.ag.gov.au/classificationappointments or by phone on (02) 6141 2828.

Applications close 5:00pm on Friday 17 December 2010.

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MARRICKVILLE council

Library Assistant

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Identified Position**
- **Salary: \$46K-\$50K plus Super, Bonus & RDO**

Working at Council's various libraries, you will provide services to library patrons. Duties include circulation desk and promotions work, cash handling and shelving of returned material. Your excellent communication and customer service skills and willingness to work with a diverse team across a range of services are essential.

Enquiries: Kathryn Cass on (02) 9335 2132.

Closing Date: Monday, 6 December 2010.

For a Job Info Pack, visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au or call Angela Hondros on (02) 9335 2162. Apply by the closing date and follow the instructions in your pack.

www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au



DIPLOMACY
TRAINING
PROGRAM

TRAINING PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

(HUMAN RIGHTS & ADVOCACY)

Hours: Full Time - 37.5 hours per week - 18 month appointment - renewable subject to funding.

Location: Diplomacy Training Program, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Kensington (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)

Position Commencement: December 2010/January 2011.

Background and Purpose of role:

This is a senior role in the organisation and will involve leading a small team consisting of a Program Officer, volunteers and interns, as well as working in coordination with the other programs coordinator. The focus of this position is on developing and successfully implementing human rights advocacy training programs in Australia with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community advocates.

Background of Organisation:

The DTP is a small independent non-governmental organization affiliated with the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales. It was established in 1989 by Nobel Laureate H.E. José Ramos Horta and provides human rights training programs to community advocates in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. The DTP is a dynamic organisation operating in a fast changing and challenging human rights environment. DTP's training programs are held in different locations in Australia and the region. The DTP relies on project grants, training fees and donations to fund its work. The Diplomacy Training Program is committed to ensuring a family friendly workplace, including through flexible work arrangements. Information about the DTP and its work may be found on its website at www.dtp.unsw.edu.au

For Position Description and Further Information, see:
<http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au/ProgramCoordinator.htm>

Further Information and Contact Details: Enquiries and applications should be submitted by e-mail to: dtp@unsw.edu.au
Phone: (02) 9385 3549.

Applications will close on 9 December 2010
and applicants short-listed for interview will be contacted soon afterwards.



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

KOORI COURT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2215

12 mths fixed term, full-time

\$53,502 to \$64,962

Koori Court division of the
Mildura Children's Court

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The person will be based in Mildura.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application No A289/2008).

The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Position descriptions are available from **Careers @ Vic Gov**, or by telephoning **Mr Mason Atkinson**, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 96039415.

Applications are to be forwarded to:
Human Resources

Melbourne Magistrates' Court
GPO 882G
Melbourne, 3001

Or email to:

mason.atkinson@justice.vic.gov.au

Applications close on 12 December 2010

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Indigenous Affairs – Account Coordinator

Cox Inall Ridgeway is a specialist Indigenous affairs consultancy run in partnership with respected Gumbayngirr man and former Democrats Senator Aden Ridgeway.

We currently have an entry level position, as an Account Coordinator, available in our growing team.

This role will give you the opportunity to work on projects that develop communication strategies and programs for Indigenous Australians.

Your strong understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture and community, coupled with an interest in the news, research and writing, will be well regarded.

To apply,

please email your CV to HR@coxinallridgeway.com.au or to hear more about our other opportunities, please call Erin Hansell on 02 8204 3799. .



FIRST NATIONS
FOUNDATION

Project Officer

Salary level \$50,000 to 60,000 based on experience and or qualifications

Melbourne Based The Project Officer will work with the Chief Executive Officer of First Nations Foundation and with the My Moola National Expansion Manager to assist with the opening of financial pathways program in three new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia and with administration duties within the Melbourne office.

Selection Criteria

- To have gained personal experience an understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, their culture, diversity of circumstances with an ability to communicate effectively and sensitively.
- Interest in advocacy of financial inclusion for all Indigenous people
- Experience with planning and facilitating groups and workshops
- Commitment to working from a community development and strengths based approach
- Well developed administration and organisational skills
- Well-developed oral and written communications skills and an ability to write reports and submissions
- Ability to travel interstate to support the program implication

First Nations Foundation (FNF) and My Moola First Nations Foundation was established in 2006 to address the issues of financial inclusion for all Indigenous Australians. It is an Independent organisation whose mission is to promote culturally appropriate financial inclusion and economic empowerment for Indigenous Australians. My Moola was developed by FNF, the ANZ Bank and with the Indigenous people of the Goulburn Valley of Victoria. It was successfully piloted in Shepparton. FNF will be working in partnership with Rio Tinto, FaHCSIA and DEEWR to trial and evaluate the My Moola project in three new locations in WA and Queensland.

The successful applicant will be working as part of a small team of 3 in the Melbourne Office.

Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries and Position Description: Keith Clarke (03) 96714780 or 0418418811

Closing date 17 December 2010. Applications marked confidential to Keith Clarke, Level 3, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Vic 3000

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Obstetrics, Muswellbrook

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 68700
Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions.

Enquiries: Wendy Hordern, (02) 6542 2050.
Closing Date: 19 December 2010.

Aboriginal Public Health Trainee

Population Health Performance and Planning, Newcastle/ Taree or Tamworth

Temp Full Time Position No: 70051
Enquiries: Karen Gillham, (02) 4924 6247.
Closing Date: 10 December 2010.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



KOORI COURT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2080

Ongoing, full time

\$53,502 to \$64,962

Koori Court division of the Bairnsdale Magistrates' Court

The Koori Court is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement and was initially established as a division of the Magistrates Courts in Victoria.

The Koori Court currently sits at Shepparton, Broadmeadows, Warrnambool, Mildura, La Trobe Valley, Bairnsdale and Swan Hill Magistrates' Courts. The Children's Koori Court is based at the Children's Court in Melbourne and Mildura.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system. The person will be based in Bairnsdale.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application No A289/2008). The Koori Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

For position descriptions or to apply, visit www.careers.vic.gov.au, or telephone Mr **Mason Atkinson**, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 96039415.

Applications close on 10 December 2010

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COUNTY COURT OF VICTORIA

County Koori Court Officer

Reference Number CC0806

The Koori Court Officer plays a major role in the ongoing successful operation of the County Koori Court pilot in the Latrobe Valley, with responsibility for relationship building and liaison with the Koori Community on behalf of the court in the region.

The role focuses around the responsibility and the opportunity to promote, advocate for, and achieve positive changes in the lives of Koori accused persons, their families and their communities. You will contribute to the policy, procedures and direction of the pilot program through their intimate knowledge of the local community and the impacts of the justice system on that community.

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. A131/2008). Applications should be submitted on-line at www.careers.vic.gov.au.

Applications close on Sunday 19 December 2010.

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Health Professionals Educator

Brisbane location - Salary \$64,448 - \$82,167

The Menzies School of Health Research is a not-for-profit organisation that conducts and applies research to improve health outcomes, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and disadvantaged populations in Australia and other relevant regions.

Menzies' One21seventy program delivers a Continuous Quality Improvement system developed specifically to support high quality comprehensive primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The current vacancy is for a Health Professionals Educator who will develop and deliver high quality curriculum based training packages for participating primary health care stakeholders in locations across Australia. The successful applicant will work to achieve program deliverables in a small team of dedicated educators.

This position is full time until 31 December 2012.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

The position provides generous salary packaging and superannuation benefits, plus 6 weeks annual recreation leave.

The Position Description may be downloaded from our website www.menzies.edu.au or by emailing humanresources@menzies.edu.au or phoning 08 8943 5052.

The application (including addressing the Selection Criteria) should be sent to: Human Resources Officer, Menzies School of Health Research, PO Box 41096, Casuarina NT 0811 or the above email address by 6th December 2010.

For more information on this position please contact Jennifer Hains on (07) 3010 3903 or jennifer.hains@menzies.edu.au.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



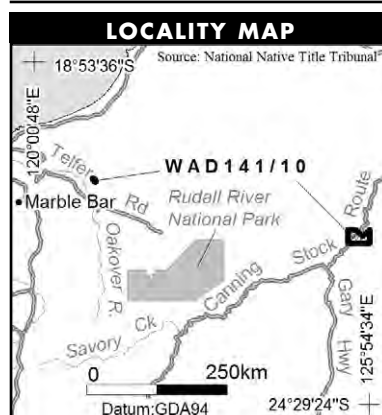
National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 15 December 2010

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837 on or before 14 March 2011. After 14 March 2011, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Colin Peterson & Ors v State of Western Australia (Martu #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD141 of 2010

Date filed in the Federal Court: 1 June 2010

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or determination in relation to it.

Location and Description: The area subject to this application covers about 836 square kilometres, part located approximately 140km east of Marble Bar and part approximately 600km east of Marble Bar, as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of East Pilbara.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information contact Paul Willaway on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the Northern Territory



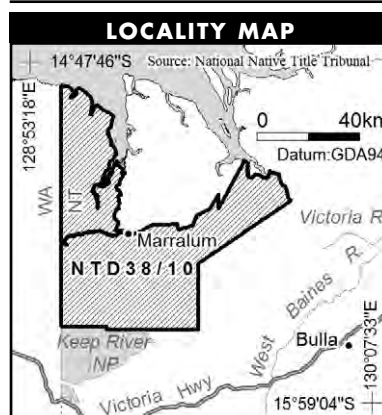
National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 1 December 2010

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box 1806 DARWIN, NT, 0801, on or before 28 February 2011. After 28 February 2011 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Spirit Hills Pastoral Lease No. 2

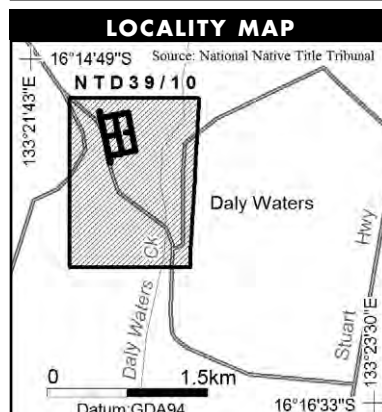
Federal Court File No: NTD38/10

Date filed: 2 November 2010

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Location and Description: The area subject to this application is Spirit Hills Pastoral Lease (PPL 1200) being NT Portions 1584, 1586, 3221, 5774, 5775 & 5776 covering about 3,760 square kilometres, located northwest of Bulla and east of the Western Australian/Northern Territory border, in the vicinity of Marrallum and Keep River National Park as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Local Government Authority of Victoria-Daly Shire.



Application name: Town of Daly Waters No. 3

Federal Court File No: NTD39/10

Date filed: 2 November 2010

The Native Title Registrar has *not accepted* this application for registration.

Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Location and Description: The area subject to this application includes Lots 1-8, Lots 13-16, Lots 31-35, Lots 38-40, Lots 42-48, Lots 65-68, Lot 72-75, Lots 77-80, Lots 82-95, Lots 98-102, Lot 105, Lot 108 and Lot 109 within the township of Daly Waters, covering about 180 hectares located west of the Stuart Highway as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Local Government Authority of Roper Gulf Shire.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact Hamish MacLeod on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 15 December 2010



National
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Applicant's name: Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLC, Minister for Lands for the State of NSW as State Minister under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)

Federal Court File No: NSD1414/2010

Non-native title interest*: Minister responsible for administering the *Crown Lands Act 1989* (NSW)

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application is Lots 3 and 4 on DP1139721 covering about 0.2 hectares, located at Broken Head as shown on the locality map.

This application falls within the Local Government Authority of Byron Shire Council.

[*The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.]

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal.

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Applicant's name: AJ & A Nunn Pty Ltd Bulahdelah

Federal Court File No: NSD1312/2010

Non-native title interest*: Licence 402206 for encroachments.

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 139 square metres over Lot 219 on DP1030485 in the township of Bulahdelah as shown on the locality diagram.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Great Lakes Council.

[*The applicant has indicated that if the non-claimant application is unopposed by a native title claimant application they intend to seek the protection of section 24FA of the Act to validly undertake the proposed act and then withdraw the non-claimant application.]

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the *Land and Property Management Authority, Land and Property Information Division* (NSW).

For assistance or further information contact Kimberley Wilson on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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**Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services
Office of Multicultural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Affairs
Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trainees

Administrative Services Officer Class 1

Salary Range: \$22,389-\$41,241 (PN: ATSITP2011)

An opportunity exists for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be part of the ACT Indigenous Traineeship Program. This program involves 12 months of training (at the Certificate III level) and workplace experience in an ACT Government agency. Participants who successfully complete the Program and meet their workplace commitments during the 12 months may be advanced to a higher position in the ACT Public Service.

Contact Officer: Katrina Dart (02) 6205 3166 oatsia@act.gov.au

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Australian Government Classification Board

The Classification Board, located in Sydney, is responsible for classifying films, publications and computer games on behalf of the Australian, State and Territory governments. No formal qualifications are required to become a member of the Board. Board members are representative of the community. Broad life experience will be highly regarded and people from diverse backgrounds and regional Australia are encouraged to apply.

DIRECTOR

(\$223,020 pa including base salary of \$162,810 pa)

Duties: In addition to the duties of a member, the Director is required to:

- Manage the operation of the Board and a diverse team of Board members
- Lead the planning and management activities of the Board
- Represent the Board and discuss classification decision-making processes with a range of stakeholders, and
- Maintain effective relationships and liaise with classification stakeholders including government and industry

Duties of Board Members are to:

- View and determine classifications and consumer advice for films, publications and computer games
- Apply formal guidelines and other legislative requirements in making classification decisions, and
- Write reports on the reasons for classification decisions.

CONDITIONS FOR THE POSITION: The successful candidate will be appointed for an initial fixed term of up to five years and may be eligible for reappointment to a statutory maximum of seven years. The remuneration and allowances for the Director of the Classification Board are determined by the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal.

NOTES FOR THE POSITION: All applicants must first obtain an information pack (which contains position requirements, selection criteria, contact details for further enquiries and address for applications). Information packs are available at www.ag.gov.au/classificationappointments or may be requested by phone on (02) 6141 2828.

Applications close 5:00pm on Friday 17 December 2010.

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DIOCESE OF BATHURST CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Expressions of Interest are sought for an

AEW (Aboriginal Education Worker)

position at: **St. Raphael's Central School, Cowra (K-Yr 10)**

Full-Time Permanent Position** 1.0 FTE (76 hrs/fortnight)

Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate a sound and exemplary employment history.
- Demonstrate an exemplary level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Indigenous students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Indigenous students.

Applications will close: Monday 17th January, 2011, COB.

Please ring 0268 827355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an information package which will be mailed to you. This package will contain an application form, job description and relevant information about the position and school. The application form from this package and relevant documentation must be returned by the due closing date.

Please note that the application form will ask for the names and phone contact details of a local Catholic Parish Priest, a previous employer and one other professional person as referees. Supporting documentation of experience and/or qualifications will also be requested.

****All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by the Commonwealth's IESIP program. These positions are permanent depending on the continuation of the IESIP funding into the future.**

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.



Department of
Sustainability
and Environment

Indigenous Partnerships Facilitator (Ballarat) VPS 4

\$66,235 - \$75,151 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 7418

This position is responsible for facilitating and supporting the delivery of the department's Indigenous Partnership Framework, which is aimed at identifying meaningful ways for Victoria's Indigenous people to participate equitably in, and benefit from, natural resource management and related training, employment and business enterprises.

Please note: An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the *Equal Opportunities Act 1995* (No. A122/2008). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday, 12 December 2010

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Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd



The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) is the recognised state-wide Peak Advisory body on Aboriginal Community issues. VACSAL is a community based, community controlled organisation, comprising representatives from Koorie organisations across the State. As well as having an advisory role VACSAL also delivers and manages a range of critical community services across Victoria.

The following vacancy currently exists within the Organisation:

Youth Justice Worker

To provide culturally appropriate support and advocacy service to Aboriginal Youth in the Youth Justice system or youth who are "at risk" of entering the Youth Justice system.

The position seeks to reduce the numbers of Koorie youth who reside and/ or visit the North and West Metropolitan Region and who come into contact and / or are at risk of coming into contact with the Criminal Justice System.

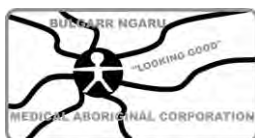
Salary Package available

Please contact Bradley Stephens on:

(03) 9484 5310 for further information and/or a Position Description.

Koorie people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close – on the 9th December 2010



Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation

GRAFTON, NSW

Looking for a new career in the New Year, Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation, Grafton has two nursing jobs and three Aboriginal Health worker jobs to choose from.

Registered Nurse

General Practice - Grafton

Registered Nurse

Healthy for Life Program, Maternal health

Aboriginal Family Health Worker

(domestic violence) (new f/t position) (Aboriginal Identified)

Drug & Alcohol Worker

(Aboriginal Identified) – readvertised

Male Mental Health Worker

(Aboriginal Identified) – readvertised

Information kits, including the Position Description and Selection Criteria are available by calling (02) 49408700 or emailing Glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTANTS

CLOSING DATE: 21/12/10



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
04/452 28/372	Pluton Resources Ltd Vernan John Potter Bullabulling Pty Ltd	3041.02ha 119.91ha	136km N'ly of Derby 79km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 16°04' Long 123°32' Lat 31°01' Long 122°28'	Derby-West Kimberley Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
47/988-91 & 47/993	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates Pannawonica Iron Associates North Mining Ltd	4172.65ha	99km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°07' Long 118°38'	East Pilbara
51/869 52/1052	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd Barnwood Enterprises Pty Ltd	6088.82ha 29.38ha	61km N'ly of Cue 17km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 26°52' Long 117°47' Lat 23°26' Long 119°52'	Cue East Pilbara

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: 1 December 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 **1 March 2011**. 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. 1 April 2011**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of applications for determination of native title in the State of Western Australia



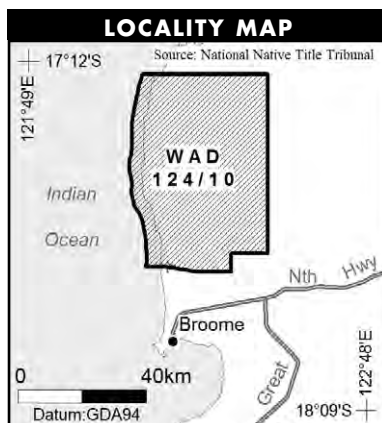
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Notification day: 15 December 2010

These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court**, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, **on or before 14 March 2011**. After **14 March 2011**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Rita Augustine and ors v State of Western Australia (Jabirr Jabirr)

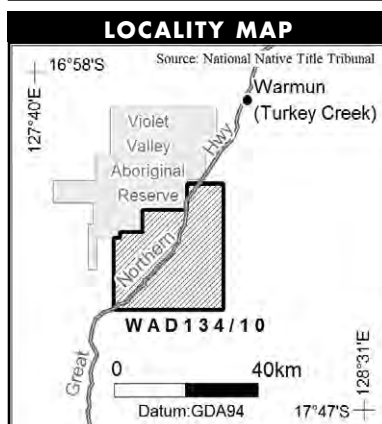
Federal Court File No: WAD124 of 2010

Date filed in the Federal Court: 20 May 2010

The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 2331 square kilometres and is located approximately 20 kilometres north of Broome, extending northerly to Cape Bertholet as shown on the locality map.

The application covers the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Broome.



Application name: John Malay and ors v State of Western Australia (Jurnall Gidja #1)

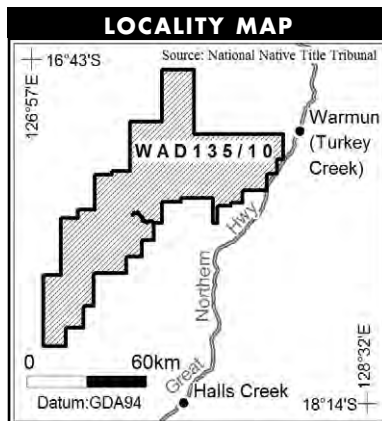
Federal Court File No: WAD134 of 2010

Date filed in the Federal Court: 24 May 2010

The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 825 square kilometres and is located approximately 80 kilometres north east of Halls Creek in the vicinity of Violet Valley Aboriginal Reserve, as shown on the locality map.

The application covers the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Halls Creek.



Application name: John Malay and ors v State of Western Australia (Jurnall Gidja #2)

Federal Court File No: WAD135 of 2010

Date filed in the Federal Court: 24 May 2010

The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application to the Tribunal or another body or person for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 5324 square kilometres and is located approximately 60 kilometres north west of Halls Creek as shown on the locality map.

The application covers the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal or sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information contact Trish Sinclair-Jones on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

ATHENA MINES PTY LTD (ACN 119 016 830) of Suite 304, 22 St Kilda Road, St Kilda, Victoria 3182, mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land (**land**):

DESCRIPTION OF AREA

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30 km northeast of Woomera, in the INTERCEPT HILL AREA and is the land bounded as follows: commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°00'S and longitude 137°00'E, thence east to longitude 137°11'E, south to latitude 31°02'S, east to longitude 137°17'E, south to latitude 31°06'S, west to longitude 137°06'E, south to latitude 31°15'S, west to longitude 137°00'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: 423 square kilometres approx.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation, which (without limiting that general description) may include the following: reconnaissance activities such as mapping and gridding; aerial and other photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; trenching; drilling including rotary mud and diamond core; and downhole probing.

The proposed operations are authorized by the following exploration authority under the Mining Act 1971: Exploration Licence 4164, of which ATHENA MINES PTY LTD is the current registered holder.

ATHENA MINES PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

Note: IF, two (2) months after this notice is

given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, ATHENA MINES PTY LTD may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorizing 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 who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent ATHENA MINES PTY LTD as follows:

1. Contact telephone number: 0412367937
2. Contact facsimile number: (07) 4635 6867
3. If a company:
 - a) A.C.N: 119 016 830 (ATHENA MINES PTY LTD)
 - b) Contact person: Dr. Hugh Herbert

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant																
EPM18431	Approx. 3 km ESE from Eidsvold Centred at approximate Lat.25°23'S Long.151°09'E Local Government Area: North Burnett Regional Council	<div>Area: 272 km²</div> <div>Block Identification Maps: Brisbane</div> <div>Number of Sub-blocks: 88 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</div> <table><thead><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1093</td><td>k, o, p, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1094</td><td>f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v</td></tr><tr><td>1165</td><td>d, e, j, k, p, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>1166</td><td>a, f, g, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y</td></tr><tr><td>1237</td><td>e</td></tr><tr><td>1238</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1239</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr></tbody></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1093	k, o, p, t, u, y, z	1094	f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v	1165	d, e, j, k, p, u, z	1166	a, f, g, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	1237	e	1238	a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	1239	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Roar Resources Pty Ltd 134 544 111
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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 4, 26 May, 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October, 2010.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

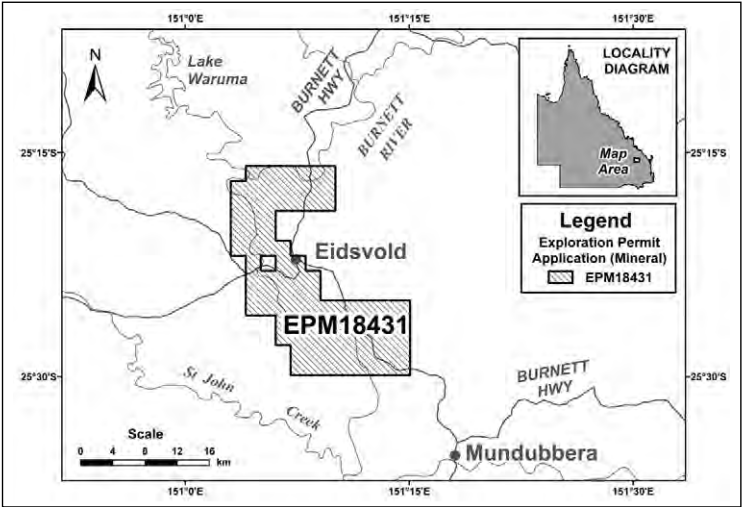
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 22 December 2010



Queensland Government

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DIRECTOR

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Enquiries: Helen O'Leary, 02 9366 8711
Closing Date: 12 December 2010
Ref No: 9024

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Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY WEST

Sydney West Area Health Service seeks to appoint Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, in accordance with the Area's Aboriginal Employment Strategy titled 'Walking Together - Careers for Aboriginal People in SWAHS 2008-2013'.

TREATMENT COORDINATORS – WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

Ref No: 5886

PFT position for an Aboriginal male counsellor to work therapeutically with Aboriginal people, families and communities in relation to issues of child safety, violence and abuse.

Ref No: 6134

PFT position for an Aboriginal male counsellor to work therapeutically with families in relation to issues of child safety, violence and abuse.

Enquiries: Karen Parsons, (02) 8890 3300

Sydney West Area Health Service considers that being Male is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

COUNSELLOR, ABORIGINAL – CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL

Ref No: 6093

Status: Permanent Full-Time

Enquiries: Brenton Law, (02) 9840 4088

FOR ALL POSITIONS:

Closing Date: 24 December 2010

Ensure you address the Selection Criteria.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

For further information, visit <https://wsahs.mhr.com.au>

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Administration Officer - Narooma

Duties involve administrative and reception tasks and direct client service activities. Applicants must demonstrate well developed communication and computers skills.

2 x Client Services Managers Narooma and Canberra

Applicants must demonstrate excellent communication, liaison and presentation skills. Sound understanding of Aboriginal barriers to obtaining employment and training. Demonstrated experience in providing documentary evidence, report writing and experience working with, Aboriginal communities and individuals. Desirable-Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

All applications must include an application letter addressing above requirements and detailed resume with current references.

Contact Person: Cindy Holmes

Phone: (02) 4422 4222

Email: nowraemploy@personnel.org.au

Closing date: Friday 10th December 2010.

Shoalhaven Community Development Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE
INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT
(AREA AGREEMENT) PROCESS UNDER THE
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth)

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited and its related entities (**APLNG**) propose to develop a world scale, long-term CSG to LNG project in Queensland (**APLNG Project**). The APLNG Project comprises 3 principal components: the further development of APLNG's Queensland-based coal seam gas (**CSG**) fields in South Central Queensland; the construction and operation of a high pressure underground gas transmission pipeline system from the gas fields to a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone where the CSG will be liquefied; and the construction and operation of the LNG facility and of ancillary onshore and marine facilities including a marine offloading facility and an export terminal containing specialised LNG loading facilities and berths so that the LNG can be exported to international markets.

To facilitate delivery of the CSG to the LNG facility, a network of in-field high pressure pipelines will be developed that will collect gas from a number of gas processing facilities (**GPFs**) in the gas fields and deliver it to the mainline pipeline system. It is proposed that the development of this high pressure gas pipeline network will include the construction of a high pressure pipeline of approximately 40 km in length from the Fairview GPF to the Spring Gully GPF (**Fairview Pipeline**). As well as to enable delivery of CSG to the LNG facility, it is proposed that gas will also be transmitted through the Fairview Pipeline for domestic use.

In addition, APLNG is the holder of Authority to Prospect Number 606 (**ATP 606**). APLNG is seeking the amendment of ATP 606, by the Minister under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004, to add land previously excluded from ATP 606 because such land may be subject to Native Title (**Excluded Land**).

APLNG has already issued public notice of its intention to commence negotiations for the making of one or more Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) (**ILUAs**), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), in relation to the APLNG Project.

The purpose of this notice is to advertise APLNG's intention also to commence negotiations for the making of ILUAs in relation to:

- the land and waters affected by the construction and operation of the Fairview Pipeline (**Fairview Pipeline Project**); and
- the Excluded Land, which comprises Sub-blocks d and e on Block 1939 and the whole of Block 1871 as shown on the Charleville Block Identification Map created by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

The land and waters affected by the Fairview Pipeline Project and the land and waters that make up the Excluded Land (together, **Affected Area**) are depicted on the map in this notice.

The land and waters affected by the construction and operation of the Fairview Pipeline are wholly covered by the Iman People #2 registered native title claim (NNTT No. QC97/55; Federal Court No. QUD162/98) (**Iman Claim**). The Iman People #2 native title claim group is described in the Iman Claim as the descendants of each of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Nellie Dun, Maggie Dun, Sarah Langford, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields and Maggie Palmtree, and Cissy Henry.

Also, as shown on the map in this notice:

- part of the Excluded Land is contained within the area covered by the Iman Claim; and
- the remainder of the Excluded Land is contained within the area covered by the Mandandanji People registered native title claim (NNTT No. QC08/10, Federal Court No. QUD366/08) (**Mandandanji Claim**). The Mandandanji People native title claim group is described in the Mandandanji Claim as the biological descendants of Nellie Edwards, Weribone Jack Senior, Combarngo Bill and Mary Weribone.

The ILUAs will provide for the consent of the native title parties to:

- certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUAs (including the amendment of ATP 606 to add the Excluded Land, the grant of any petroleum leases to be granted from ATP 606 or any part of it (including over the Excluded Land) and the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the Fairview Pipeline Project); and
- the undertaking of the Fairview Pipeline Project.

APLNG will be seeking that the non-extinguishment principle apply to the proposed Agreed Acts and the undertaking of the Fairview Pipeline Project. Negotiations for the ILUAs are about to commence.

Persons who claim to hold native title in relation to land or waters within the Affected Area, including members of the Iman People #2 native title claim group and the Mandandanji People native title claim group, are invited to register their interest in being part of the negotiations for the ILUAs with APLNG by contacting:

Charlotte Bigge
Native Title and Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator
Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited
GPO Box 148, BRISBANE QLD 4001
Telephone: (07) 3867 0907 Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840.

Registrations of interest must be received not later than **17 December 2010**, and should clearly set out:

- your name and details of how you can be contacted;
- the part of the Affected Area within which you claim to hold native title; and
- the basis upon which you claim to hold native title in that part of the Affected Area.



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
15/810	Avoca Resources Ltd	342666	8.29ha	44km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°43' Long 121°56'	Coolgardie
15/810	Avoca Resources Ltd	342667	12.88ha	47km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°43' Long 122°00'	Coolgardie
63/521	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	353181	23.4ha	33km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°06' Long 121°57'	Esperance
63/521	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Ltd					
63/521	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	353182	20.1ha	36km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°08' Long 121°58'	Esperance
63/521	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Ltd					
63/521	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	353183	22.04ha	36km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°09' Long 121°57'	Esperance
63/521	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Ltd					
63/521	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	353184	128.75ha	36km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°15' Long 121°51'	Esperance
63/521	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Ltd					
63/521	Scaddan Energy Pty Ltd	353185	20.04ha	44km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°17' Long 121°55	Esperance
63/521	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Ltd					
80/4257	Anglo Australian Resources NL	357190	74.09ha	48km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°30' Long 127°21	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 1 December 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 **1 March 2011**. 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. 1 April 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

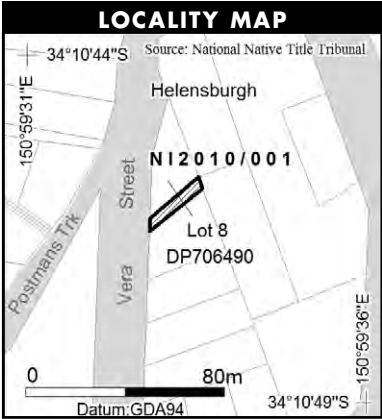
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Notice of an application to register
an area agreement on the Register of
Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of New South Wales
Notification day: 15 December 2010



National
Native Title
Tribunal



NI2010/001 Cubbitch Barta Clan of the Dharawal People Indigenous
Land Use Agreement

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement is part of Lot 8 on DP706490 covering about 110 square metres, located in Helensburgh adjacent to Vera Street as shown on the locality map.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Wollongong City Council.

Parties to agreement and their contact address:

NSW Minister for Lands (the Minister)
c/- NSW Crown Solicitor
Reference number CLM03100563
60 – 70 Elizabeth St
Sydney NSW 2000

Jeremy James and Louise Charman-James
2/79 Belgrave St
Bronte NSW 2024

Kim May Denyer and Nigel Anthony Docker
3 Vera St
Helensburgh NSW 2508

Glenda Chalker and Rebecca Chalker
55 Nightingale Rd
Pheasants Nest NSW 2574

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 6.1 For the purposes of s. 24EB(1)(b) of the *Native Title Act [the Act]* the claimant group consent to the Minister creating a Right of Access and Easement for Services burdening the Claim Area [the area covered by native title determination application NG6111/98] and benefiting the area of Lot 1 Deposited Plan [DP] 825821 and Lot 1 [DP] 816623 [the Easement].

Clause 6.2 For the purpose of s. 24EB(1)(c) of [the Act] the Parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2 of Division 3 of Subdivision P of the Act are not intended to apply to the grant of [the Easement].

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **15 March 2011**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal**, GPO Box 9973, Sydney, NSW by **15 March 2011**.

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.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Nicole Maher on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1969	Gryzly Resources Pty Ltd	58.66km²	85km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°52' Long 124°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1970	Rey Kimberley Pty Ltd	443.08km²	83km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°55' Long 124°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1921	Brockman Iron Pty Ltd	3.17km²	74km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°09' Long 115°52'	Ashburton
08/2065	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	31.61km²	101km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°33' Long 116°17'	Ashburton
08/2157	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	50.65km²	99km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°24' Long 115°50'	Ashburton
08/2178	Iron Ore Holdings Ltd	41.22km²	81km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°10' Long 115°47'	Ashburton
08/2209	Dragon Energy Ltd	131.82km²	46km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°33' Long 117°26'	Ashburton
08/2210	Dragon Energy Ltd	144.64km²	31km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°18' Long 117°23'	Ashburton
08/2211	Dragon Energy Ltd	166.5km²	28km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°27' Long 117°38'	Ashburton/Meekatharra
09/1816	Onslow Resources Ltd	80.92km²	4km NW'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 24°52' Long 113°37'	Carnarvon
15/1227	Crosspick Resources Pty Ltd	23.44km²	30km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 121°58'	Coolgardie
15/1228	Crosspick Resources Pty Ltd	26.38km²	42km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°16' Long 122°06'	Coolgardie
15/1233	Renaissance WA Pty Ltd	90.94km²	48km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 122°10'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/1234	Hannans Reward Ltd	35.33km²	38km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 120°46'	Coolgardie
15/1247	Bullseye Mining Limited	184.7km²	93km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°23' Long 120°17'	Coolgardie
20/753	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd	73.34km²	66km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°53' Long 117°37'	Cue
21/153	Aragon Resources Limited	3.04km²	8km SW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°27' Long 117°48'	Cue
24/171	Pioneer Resources Limited	68.03km²	37km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/174	Raymond John Francis Wieslaw Wozniak	2.96km²	63km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°14' Long 120°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/176	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd Western Resources Pty Ltd	121.49km²	62km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°15' Long 121°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/458	Alan Paul Rudd	47.08km²	52km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°53' Long 122°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/448	Peter Romeo Gianni	14.77km²	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2090	Guide Resources Pty Ltd	11.8km²	84km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°34' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2111	AC Minerals Pty Ltd	183.43km²	130km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 122°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2113	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	8.8km²	83km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 122°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2116	Aruma Exploration Pty Ltd	29.5km²	75km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°37' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/781	South Georgia Holdings Pty Ltd	5.93km²	69km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°06' Long 121°34'	Menzies
31/943	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	2.98km²	87km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°29' Long 121°54'	Menzies
31/947	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.98km²	79km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°33' Long 121°50'	Menzies
36/759	Ausrich Resources Pty Ltd	181.17km²	73km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°25' Long 120°12'	Leonora/Menzies
36/761	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	6.08km²	53km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°33' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/762	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	9.12km²	56km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°32' Long 121°04'	Leonora
38/2421	Michael Jeremy Elliss	30.51km²	54km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°50' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2447	Eleckra Mines Ltd	110.14km²	96km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°01' Long 123°52'	Laverton
38/2492	South Boulder Mines Ltd	27.26km²	41km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°52' Long 122°30'	Laverton
39/1584	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	62.92km²	62km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°00'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1597	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	14.98km²	46km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 122°13'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1601	Desert Fox Resources Pty Ltd	23.82km²	150km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 123°20'	Menzies
40/290	Epis Earthworks Pty Ltd	11.97km²	32km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 121°16'	Menzies
40/291	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	14.98km²	24km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°06' Long 121°23'	Leonora/Menzies
40/292	Nex Metals Explorations Ltd	161.32km²	47km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°25' Long 121°25'	Menzies
45/2346	Altura Exploration Pty Ltd	25.53km²	84km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°43' Long 119°11'	East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town Meekatharra
51/1448	Drill Gold Pty Ltd	3.07km²	70km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°25' Long 119°10'	
51/1452	William Robert Richmond Drill Gold Pty Ltd	3.07km²	94km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°22' Long 119°24'	Meekatharra
51/1456	Talisman Mining Ltd	141.39km²	114km E'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°23' Long 119°37'	Meekatharra
51/1458	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	141.14km²	60km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°25' Long 117°55'	Meekatharra
51/1459-62	Jill Mining Pty Ltd	2462.29km²	71km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°02' Long 118°07'	Meekatharra
53/1426	State Resources Pty Ltd	213.61km²	87km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°15' Long 120°13'	Leonora/Wiluna
53/1572	Milford Resources Pty Ltd	138.68km²	77km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°29' Long 121°36'	Wiluna
53/1580	Proto Resources and Investments Ltd	135.34km²	66km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°23' Long 120°13'	Wiluna
53/1581	Proto Resources and Investments Ltd	18.43km²	90km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°29' Long 119°57'	Wiluna
59/1723	West Peak Iron Ltd	39.22km²	42km NW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 117°17'	Yalgoo
59/1725	West Peak Iron Ltd	5.98km²	59km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 117°06'	Yalgoo
63/1446	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	40.66km²	128km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°14' Long 120°25'	Dundas
69/2797	Zanthus Energy Pty Ltd	491.8km²	28km W'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°28' Long 123°34'	Dundas/Esperance
69/2798	Zanthus Energy Pty Ltd	326.69km²	99km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 33°14' Long 123°21'	Esperance
69/2800					
69/2799	Zanthus Energy Pty Ltd	492.26km²	68km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°58' Long 123°28'	Dundas/Esperance
69/2825	United Orogen Limited	145.17km²	119km NE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°22' Long 126°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
69/2830	Ian Kerr	217.18km²	161km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°16' Long 120°09'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
70/3487	Darling Range Pty Ltd	202.09km²	32km S'ly of Brookton	Lat 32°39' Long 116°57'	Cuballing/Pingelly/Wandering/Williams Katanning
70/3585	Accent Resources NL Garreg Pty Ltd	57.12km²	14km E'ly of Katanning	Lat 33°39' Long 117°42'	
70/3626	WP & EA Darcey Pty Ltd				
70/3630	Darling Range South Pty Ltd	42.82km²	34km NW'ly of Bridgetown	Lat 33°41' Long 115°57'	Donnybrook-Balingup
70/3632	Darling Range North Pty Ltd	67.65km²	38km S'ly of Moora	Lat 30°55' Long 116°05'	Moora/Victoria Plains
70/3632	Darling Range South Pty Ltd	211.45km²	37km SE'ly of Bunbury	Lat 33°37' Long 115°52'	Dardanup/Donnybrook-Balingup
70/3635	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	149.71km²	24km N'ly of Gingin	Lat 31°07' Long 115°55'	Gingin/Victoria Plains
70/3636	Torbinup Resources Pty Ltd	328.15km²	5km NE'ly of Gingin	Lat 31°19' Long 115°57'	Chittering/Gingin
70/3726	Winzil Energy Pty Ltd	40.36km²	12km E'ly of Margaret River	Lat 33°55' Long 115°12'	Augusta-Margaret River
70/3927	Shane Hoehock Wee	370km²	25km E'ly of Mount Baker	Lat 34°36' Long 117°56'	Albany/Plantagenet
70/3977	Iluka Resources Ltd	5.75km²	12km S'ly of Waroona	Lat 32°57' Long 115°54'	Harvey/Waroona
77/1820	Central West Resources Pty Ltd	11.88km²	91km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°02' Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
77/1822	Golden Mining Australia Pty Ltd	11.88km²	102km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°59' Long 119°04'	Yilgarn
80/4374	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	116.4km²	240km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°14' Long 126°29'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4375	Clara Resources Pty Ltd	115.97km²	143km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°24' Long 127°42'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4468	Speewah Mining Pty Ltd	101.88km²	64km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 16°07' Long 127°58'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4469	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	227.74km²	63km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°08' Long 127°05'	Halls Creek
80/4470	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	229.72km²	104km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 16°25' Long 127°46'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4471	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	229.09km²	142km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°57' Long 128°13'	Halls Creek/Wyndham & East Kimberley

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: 1 December 2010

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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TRAVIS DODD

Still good for
a few years

By PETER ARGENT



ADELAIDE United's Travis Dodd, although injured early in the year and forced to miss the start of the A-League soccer season, is

captaining his club for the third consecutive year.

"I had osteitis pubis over the pre-season and actually I carried it the final three to four months of the previous campaign," Dodd, the first Indigenous player to score a goal for his country, said.

"My first focus was to get back on the track and I was late in starting this campaign.

"I had the groin operation before the season.

"Initially, it was about getting my body 100 per cent right and then going out to leading the team again.

"I'm certainly proud of being an Indigenous captain of the Adelaide United A-League team."

Premiership chance

United had a poor 2009-10 campaign, dealing with a lot of injuries and form issues, but Dodd believes they have a competitive squad, being able to score a lot more goals, and if early season results are any indication, could be fighting for the title at the business end of the season.

At the time of writing, United was sitting in second place behind the Brisbane Roar.

The 30-year-old winger and goal scorer is among a handful of Indigenous talents in the A-league, which includes high-profile Wellington Phoenix recruit and

returned national player Jade North, David Williams at North Queensland, Tahj Minniecon (Gold Coast United) and Sydney FC footballer Mark Bridge.

"I believe there will be a significant increase in Indigenous personnel in the A-League, but it will take some time," Dodd said.

"In time we could be looking at a percentage rivalling that of Aussie rules and rugby league.

"The FFA (Football Federation of Australia) has programs under way.

"Soccer has a lot to offer, like the ability to play overseas and in events like the World Cup."

With North's return to the Australian squad, the well-travelled and experienced Dodd still has aspirations of furthering his career in the national colours.

"I'm confident I have a lot to offer to the national squad," he said.

Having been in the Adelaide United red strip since its inception six years ago and despite being out of contract at the end of 2010-11, Dodd would like to complete his career at the South Australian club.

"Depending on my body, playing professionally is a realistic aim until at least 34 or 35," he said.

"I'm an Adelaide boy and we're settled as a family in this city.

"Naturally, in sport at this level, if the offer is good enough many players are still going to Asia and the Middle East at my age. You need to consider them, but I'd love to finish my career as this club."

Many people watching the world game in the city of churches would like to see Dodd complete his career with the Reds.



Bombers in nose-dive



ESSENDON'S costly axing of coach Matthew Knights has contributed to the Australian Football League (AFL) club recording an operating loss of more than \$1.5 million for 2010.

Knights was fired with two years remaining on his contract, with the Bombers agreeing to a severance payment believed to be about \$1 million.

The Bombers now have one of the league's most expensive coaching panels, with former skipper James Hird and ex-Geelong dual premiership mentor Mark Thompson on board for 2011.

Essendon Chief Executive Ian Robson said a number of factors, including a dramatic drop in game day attendances, contributed to the overall operating loss of \$1,528,682 in 2010.

The result was in stark contrast to fellow Victorian powerhouse Collingwood, which last week announced an operating profit of \$5.389 million.

Hawthorn also last week announced an operating profit for the year ended 31 October 2010 of \$2,326,545.

Fat Cats

Geelong almost doubled their operating profit in 2010.

The Cats last Friday announced their 11th successive profit, with the figure increasing to \$1,284,509, up from \$650,794 in 2009.

"The club has enjoyed another strong season on and off the field," Cats Chief Executive Brian Cook said.

"We attained a record membership of 40,655 which is a tribute to our loyal and passionate supporters.

"The improvement in facilities at Skilled Stadium and our team's strong performance were key contributors to this increase.

"The club continued to invest heavily in its long-term future, with feasibility studies into a third redevelopment of Skilled Stadium and an alternative training venue and a commitment to provide our football department with the resources they require for the club to enjoy further on-field success."

Geelong's revenues increased by 10 per cent to \$44.8 million.

Back at Essendon, Robson said Knights' axing contributed to the loss.

"During the course of this year a number of long-term business decisions have been taken which have adversely affected our financial performance," the Bombers CEO said in a statement.

"These underlying operating circumstances were further exacerbated with the financial impact of the decision to implement a new coaching model and accelerated depreciation charges related to IT systems development."

Taylor absent

RICHMOND forward Troy Taylor has returned home to Alice Springs, rather than join his Australian Football League (AFL) team-mates in pre-season training.

The 19-year-old played four matches in his debut season this year after being picked up at No 51 in last November's national draft.

But the Tigers said he was not training with the club for undisclosed personal reasons, although they were hoping he would soon return.

"The club is aware that Troy has some personal issues he is dealing with at the moment," Richmond football general manager Craig Cameron said.

"We have been in constant contact with Troy and his family while he works through those issues."

Taylor pleaded guilty to two counts of assault in Alice Springs in August, relating to an altercation last New Year's Eve. He was handed a suspended two-and-a-half month jail sentence and placed on a two-year good behaviour bond. – AAP

Poor on-field performance by the Bombers in the second half of the season led to a drastic drop in game-day attendances and all related match-day revenue streams.

It's believed the club feared that further poor performances under Knights would negatively impact on membership, marketing income and corporate support.

Despite recording a loss, Essendon's net asset position remained strong at \$20.7 million.

On the back of their AFL flag and playing in two grand finals in a week, Collingwood announced record performance levels in every revenue stream, growing overall income by \$12.7 million, to a total annual turnover of \$75.5 million.

This included a massive surge in membership numbers this year which resulted in an increase of 12,000 and a record membership tally of over 58,000.

The financial news was also good at

Hawthorn, where president Jeff Kennett said the club had achieved a net operating result exceeding \$2 million for the fourth straight year.

"The result is satisfying, but there is still significant room for improvement in our business model," said Kennett.

"This profit continues to build some security for the club to protect itself against the vagaries of life and the challenges of managing an AFL club in the current economic climate." – AAP

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1627 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 65 km SE from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°52'S Long.148°41'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 72 km SE from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°59'S Long.148°41'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 38 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3368 o, p, t, u, y, z 3369 d, j, l, m, n, o Area of Part 2: 38 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville and Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Charleville c, d 57 Clermont o, p, u 3440 l, q, r, s, w, x, y 3441	Stanmore Coal Limited 131 920 968
EPC1822	Approx. 57 km ESE from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°42'S Long.148°42'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 157 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3152 k, p, u, z 3153 l, q, v, w, x 3224 e, k, p, u, z 3225 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3296 d, e, j, k, o, p 3297 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, l, m, n	Sierra Coal Pty Ltd 138 126 404

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

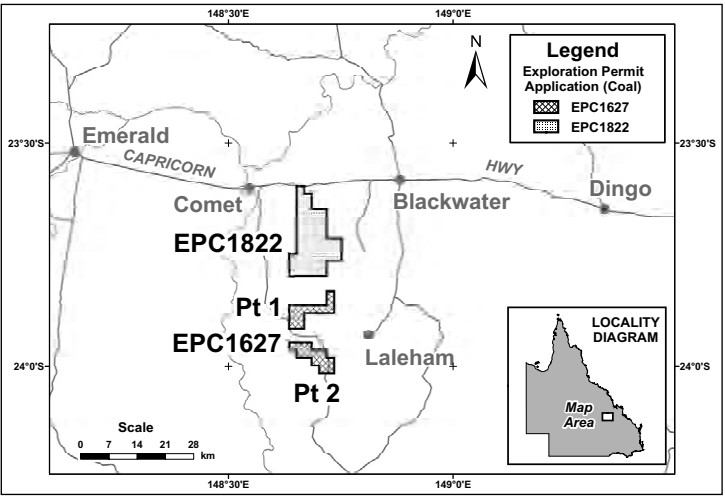
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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Queensland Government

Notification Day: 22 December 2010

Two football games for Darwin on the program



TWO Australian Football League (AFL) matches will be played At TIO Stadium, Darwin, next season. The ground will host the round ten game between Richmond and Port Adelaide on Saturday 28 May, and the round 17 game on Saturday 16 July between Melbourne and Port Adelaide. “After successful events in 2010, AFLNT is excited to be able host three of the AFL’s

emerging sides back to the Northern Territory in 2011,” said AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley. “Richmond is a side with a large historical supporter base in the NT; this stems back to the days of Maurice Rioli and now the link continues with up-and-coming NT youngster Troy Taylor. “The Tigers are one of those teams that really starting to reap the rewards of draft selections and a stable list and

will be an exciting club in 2011.” After taking a one-point thriller in 2010, Melbourne will return to take on Port Adelaide in round 17 at 8.10pm on Saturday 16 July. TIO Stadium will host further AFL action in 2011 with the Qantas AFL Indigenous All Stars Game in the first week of February. A week later Centralians will get their fix with the annual NAB Challenge Match in mid-February.

Keifer wows them in international tournament



NSW Indigenous footballer Keifer Dotti lived up to expectations at a recent international tournament in New Caledonia, playing for the NSW under 16 team. The tournament was a preparation for the Oceania knockout entry to the under 17 World Cup. Teams were invited from NSW, Victoria and New Zealand, and the national New Caledonia team and a strong Northern Province team. NSW coach Alan Paine paid tribute to the youngster after his performances. Keifer was selected for the tournament as a centre back. He was invited by International Football Group’s coaching staff after impressing at the State titles. He played centre-half in the tournament and it quickly became obvious that he was one of the major players in the tournament. “Keifer dominated the defensive line and most probably would have been one of the favourites if a player of the tournament had been awarded,” Paine said. “He has the ideal physical build for a centre-half, he is a natural leader with strong technical ability and a good understanding of the tactical requirements of the game. “Our team won the tournament with victory over the New Caledonia National team 1-0 in the semi-final and Northern Province team 3-2 in the final. “Keifer’s talent is undeniable. There is no doubt he has the ability to become a very high-level footballer in years to come.”

First-class attitude

Paine said that from a football perspective, Keifer’s attitude towards the game was first-class. “His preparation, ability to follow tactics, ability to work in a team environment and all other areas of the game were of a very high level,” he said. “For the players, it was a very difficult tournament. It was also in these circumstances that once again Keifer stood out. “His leadership and personality qualities were not only evident within our team, but were a major factor throughout the tournament. “His impact on people was quite amazing. He was always surrounded by hordes of people with smiles on their faces.” Paine said he had no doubt that Keifer would play at a high level.



KEIFER DOTTI

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16998 This Application consists of six separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 22 km SSW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°13’S Long.139°58’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 17 km SSW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°08’S Long.139°56’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 31 km S from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°18’S Long.140°02’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 4: Approx. 22 km S from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°14’S Long.140°04’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 5: Approx. 25 km SSE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°15’S Long.140°05’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 6: Approx. 29 km SSE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°17’S Long.140°06’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 13 km2 Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 168 r, s, t, u Area of Part 2: 10 km2 Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 96 l, q, v Area of Part 3: 10 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 241 m, r, w Area of Part 4: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 169 t, y Area of Part 5: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 241 e 242 a Area of Part 6: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 242 l	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235
EPM17908 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 31 km NNW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°45’S Long.139°59’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 31 km NNW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°46’S Long.139°57’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 29 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°46’S Long.140°02’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 10 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3192 y 3264 d, j Area of Part 2: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3264 b, g Area of Part 3: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3265 b, g	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235
EPM17910 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 36 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°52’S Long.139°48’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 43 km ESE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°55’S Long.139°51’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 26 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 742 c, d, h, j, n, o, s, t Area of Part 2: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 742 z 743 v, w 814 e 815 a	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235
EPM17912 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 22 km WSW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°05’S Long.139°51’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 16 km W from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°02’S Long.139°54’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 39 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 12 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 23 q, r, v, w 94 e, k 95 a, b, f, g, l, m Area of Part 2: 6 km2 Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 23 j, o	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235
EPM17916	Approx. 54 km NNW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°34’S Long.139°55’E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Burke Shire Council	Area: 94 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 29 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3047 c, d, e, h, j, n, o, s, t, u, x, y 3048 a, b, c, g, h, m, q, r 3119 c, d, h, j, k, n, o, p, u	Matrix Metals Limited 082 593 235

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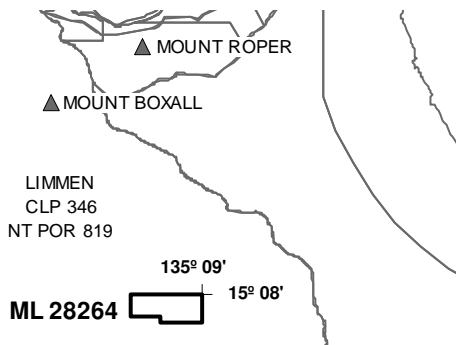
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts, namely to grant the following mineral lease applications.

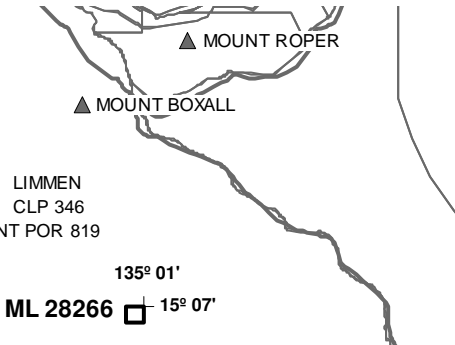
The Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 28264 sought by WDR IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 132 204 025 over an area of 3404 Ha depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the TOWNS locality.



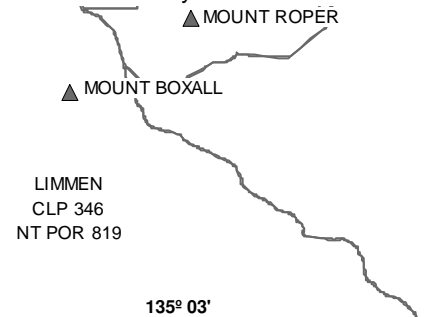
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Mineral Lease 28266 sought by WDR IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 132 204 025 over an area of 360 Ha depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the TOWNS locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5967

Mineral Lease 28267 sought by WDR IRON ORE PTY LTD, ACN 132 204 025 over an area of 180 Ha depicted below for a term of 30 years, within the TOWNS locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5967

Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral leases commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights

provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide, SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Notification Day: 01 December 2010

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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Notification Day: 22 December 2010



Queensland Government

Sport

AFL games for Ballarat?



NORTH Melbourne could be hosting Australian Football League (AFL) matches in Ballarat as early as 2012 after the Victorian Government last week announced plans for a \$30 million stadium redevelopment in the regional city.

The proposal would see the Kangaroos – who have an official affiliation with VFL powerhouse North Ballarat – playing up to four games a year at a revamped 15,000-capacity Eureka Stadium.

The State Labor Government, which was favoured to win last Saturday's election, has pledged \$30 million to be spent on the stadium and its surrounds to bring it up to AFL standard.

The funding offer has been welcomed by the AFL.

"North Melbourne has a strong relationship with the Ballarat region that has grown significantly in recent years and this would be a great opportunity to play games in one of

Australia's fastest growing regions," AFL Chief Executive Andrew Demetriou said on the AFL website.

"As well as a facility for AFL games, it also provides a quality ground for local community football.

"... The Ballarat and surrounding region is 400,000 people strong and growing – that's almost the size of Tasmania itself.

"I have no doubt Ballarat can be home to AFL home and away games in the next two years."

North Melbourne currently play their home games at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne.

A recent proposal to host seven games a year in Tasmania was quashed when the State Government chose to extend its decade-long deal with Hawthorn.

North Melbourne Chairman James Brayshaw said the club would welcome the opportunity to play games in Ballarat, which is 110kms west of Melbourne. – AAP

New AFL team to be known as the Giants



THE Australian Football League's (AFL's) 18th club will be known as the Greater Western Sydney Giants, it was announced at a function in Sydney last month.

Inaugural Giants coach Kevin Sheedy, chief executive Dale Holmes and marquee player Israel Folau were all on hand for the unveiling for the new club, which will officially join the AFL competition in 2012.

The team colours will be orange, charcoal and white, with the club unveiling two prospective jumpers for next year which fans can vote on via their website.

One is orange with a large, stylised 'G' in the centre, with the other featuring orange at the top, a centre panel of white and a strip of charcoal at the bottom.

Charcoal shorts

The team will wear charcoal shorts, while the away jumper will feature some NSW sky blue.

"Being a Giant is about thinking big, living big and playing big," Holmes said.

"The Greater Western Sydney Giants will become synonymous with the region, its spirit, determination and aspirations, seizing every opportunity to be a great club in the future.

"Over the past two years we have steadily built the foundations of a strong and vibrant club for the next 20 years.

"We realised that if we wanted to capture the hearts and minds of the people of Greater Western Sydney we needed to have a bold and ambitious name."

Showground home venue

The Giants will play in the new North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) in 2011 alongside reserve sides from AFL clubs Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Once they join the AFL in 2012, their home games will be at the redeveloped Showground stadium adjacent to ANZ Stadium, while they will also contest four matches at Manuka Oval in Canberra.

The club said the colours represent the Western sunset, the Blue Mountains and the granite of the Great Dividing Range. – AAP

Sydney to host camp



THE two-yearly Australian Football League (AFL) Players' Association Indigenous Camp will be held in Sydney early next year as a lead into the Indigenous All-Stars game.

AFL Chief Executive Andrew Demetriou announced last week that more than 80 Indigenous AFL footballers from all AFL clubs would arrive in Sydney on 29 January for the three-day AFLPA Indigenous Camp at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern.

The Indigenous All-Stars will play Richmond in Darwin on Saturday 5 February.

The camp, now in its tenth year, is run by the AFL Players' Association and brings together Indigenous AFL players from around the country to discuss common experiences, learn new skills, and allow older players to establish mentor relationships with newly drafted players.

The camp will also provide an opportunity for all players to train together and push for selection in the Indigenous All-Stars game.

The team will feature a star-studded line-up of the AFL's top Indigenous players, including Indigenous All-Stars captain and Sydney Swans co-captain Adam Goodes, Hawthorn's Lance Franklin and Cyril Rioli, Melbourne's Liam Jurrah and new draftees, including Curtly

Hampton, from the GWS Giants, and recently named Gold Coast Suns recruit Harley Bennell.

"The training facilities at the NCIE and large Indigenous population in Sydney make the perfect base camp for the All-Stars team before they fly north for the Darwin clash," Demetriou said.

"These players have come from all over Australia, but one thing they have in common is that they have all worked extremely hard to make it on to AFL lists."

"Some of the biggest names in our game will be at the camp to share their knowledge and experiences with the new Indigenous players who have been drafted and we are thrilled they will be training under guidance of Sydney locals Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes."

Leading the way

AFL Players' Association CEO Matt Finnis said the AFL industry was leading the way in supporting and promoting Indigenous leadership in the community.

"For ten years now the camp has been a major force in making sure the AFL experience is a positive one for our Indigenous members," Finnis said.

The camp will utilise the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence in Redfern. The centre, which was opened last January, has been the centrepiece for all of the AFL's national Indigenous programs.

"The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence is honoured to host the Indigenous All-Stars training camp at our facilities in Redfern next year. This partnership with the AFL marks an important occasion for the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in developing the talents of the next generation of Indigenous athletes," said National Centre of Indigenous Excellence CEO Jason Glanville.

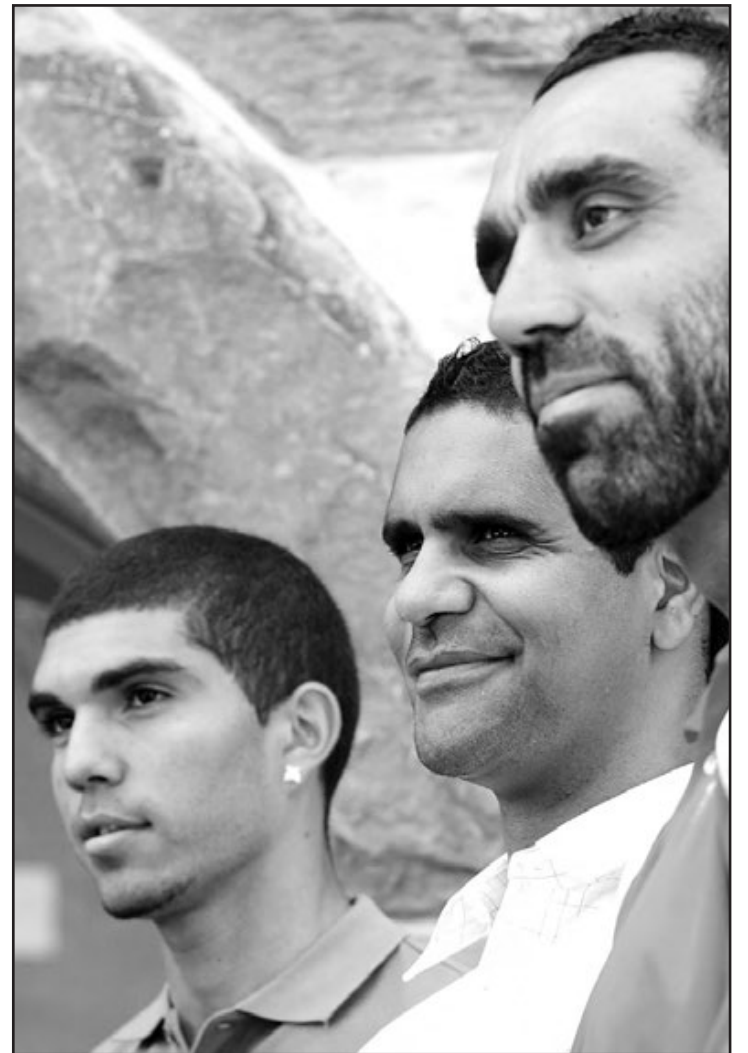
"The Indigenous All-Stars training camp paves the way for similar training camps to take place using the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence's state-of-the-art facilities and we look forward to working with the AFL to continue nurturing young talent on and off the field."

The All-Stars have lost only once in the four most recent clashes since 2003, with Matt Campbell, Andrew McLeod, Daniel Wells and Adam Goodes collecting Polly Farmer Medals for best-on-ground performances.

"Being able to take a lead role in coaching these players is a great honour," AFL-AIS Coach Michael O'Loughlin said.

"We have a terrific mix of senior and junior elite players coming together to showcase their skills. They know what is expected of them as a team and I am really glad to be part of it."

"I have been fortunate enough to be an assistant coach at the last game under the guidance of Chris Johnson, and now I look forward to taking on the lead role."



GWS Giants recruit Curtly Hampton, left, with *Koori Mail* columnist and former Sydney Swans star Michael O'Loughlin and leading Sydney Swans player Adam Goodes.

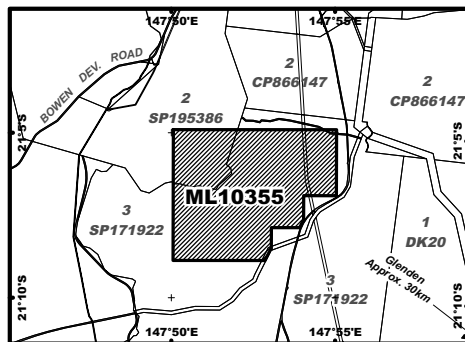
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINING LEASES

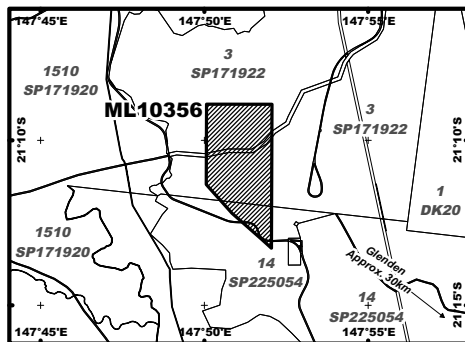
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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)*.

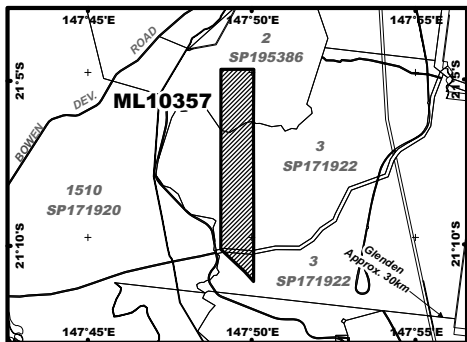
Mining Lease 10355 sought by Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 133 357 632 over an area of 5356.62 ha centred approximately 30km W of Glenden, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



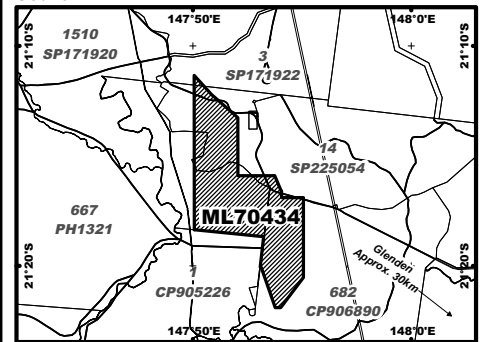
Mining Lease 10356 sought by Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 133 357 632 over an area of 2202.59 ha centred approximately 30km W of Glenden, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



Mining Lease 10357 sought by Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 133 357 632 over an area of 1892.91 ha centred approximately 30km W of Glenden, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



Mining Lease 70434 sought by Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 133 357 632 over an area of 7731.03 ha centred approximately 30km W of Glenden, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council.



Nature of Act(s): The 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 fifty (50) years, with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding fifty (50) years.

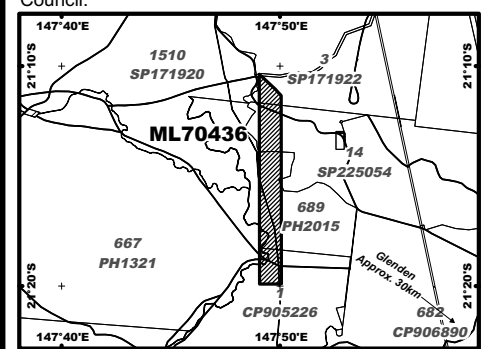
Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

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, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers Qld 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763, Fax: (07) 4761 5760; Mining Registrar, Emerald, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 9373, Fax: (07) 4987 9333.

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: 1 December 2010

Mining Lease 70436 sought by Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 133 357 632 over an area of 2893.87 ha centred approximately 30km W of Glenden, in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council.



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Organisers of the 2011 Imparja Cup cricket carnival say it will be the...
‘Biggest, best yet’



A RECRUITMENT campaign for teams in the lower divisions at next year’s Imparja Cup national Indigenous cricket carnival in Alice Springs has started.

Organisers said the carnival, from 6-12 February, would be ‘bigger and better than ever’, but were reluctant to name some of the ‘big announcements’.

In the meantime, they were keen to promote the lower divisions involving major centres and community teams.

There will be an opening ceremony at Traeger Park on Sunday 6 February, and the State and Territory Imparja Cup competition will begin the following day.

The minor competitions will begin a day or two after the start of the Imparja Cup.

Northern Territory Cricket communications and events manager Kate Hudspith said officials were keen to beat the record of 30 teams from the 2009 competition.

“We are well on track to do that with our Game Development Department beginning their recruitment drive much earlier this year,” she said.

She said registrations for the minor competitions were now open.

“We started the drive earlier this year to give teams time to fundraise and seek sponsorship to get them to Alice Springs,” she said.

Ms Hudspith hinted that another State may join NSW and the Northern Territory in the women’s division, but she declined to name the State.

The Imparja Cup for State and Territory men’s teams will be 40-over matches, with the final also being a 40-over game.

The major centres division will play a Twenty/20 format, and the community and regional competition and the women’s divisions will be super 8s games.

Teams have until Friday 10 December to register and lodge their \$650 entry fee.

Imparja Cup games will be played at Traeger Park and Albrecht and Larapinta ovals.

Head Street Oval will be the venue of the community division, while the women will play at Flynn Drive Oval.

The major centres competition will be at Centralian College.

The Imparja Cup dinner will be on Friday 11 February at a venue to be announced.

Teams wanting to enter can contact Rob Elliott at NT Cricket at rob.elliott@ntcricket.com.au or post details to NT Cricket, PO Box 40895, Casuarina, NT, 0811.

Flying Boomerangs are bound for Tonga

THE Flying Boomerangs, consisting of Australian football’s best under-15 players, will take to the skies soon to compete at a tournament in Tonga.

Joining Australian Football League (AFL) legends Michael O’Loughlin and Chris Johnson on the Flying Boomerangs’ coaching staff will be just retired Adelaide Crows star Andrew McLeod.

The Flying Boomerangs Leadership Program recognises 50 of the best young Aboriginal players from around Australia in the under-15 age group. Following a camp in Sydney during September, a final squad of 25 was selected to tour Tonga for the South Pacific titles from 9-20 December.

McLeod will work for the AFL on national projects such as the Indigenous and multi-cultural combines in his role as community engagement and talent co-ordinator. He will also co-ordinate the No School No Play program.

The Flying Boomerangs is an Indigenous Australian squad that has previously toured South Africa and Papua New Guinea.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

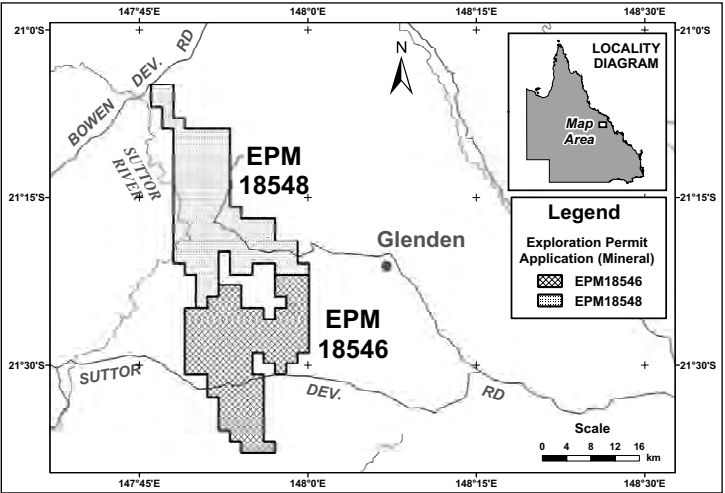
Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM18546	Approx. 27 km SW from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°30'S Long.147°55'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 320 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1199 s, t, w, x, y 1200 n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 1270 e, k, p, u, z 1271 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1272 a, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y 1342 e 1343 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1344 c, f, l, q, v 1415 c, d, e, j, k, p 1416 a, f, l, m	Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd 133 357 632
EPM18548	Approx. 30 km WNW from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°15'S Long.147°53'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 320 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 982 b, c, g, h, n, s, t, y, z 983 v, w, x 1054 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1055 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1126 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1127 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1128 l, m, q, r, v, w, x, y 1198 d, e, k 1199 a, b, d, e, f, g, j, k, l, m, q, r, v 1200 a, b, c, d, h, j, k	Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd 133 357 632

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code ‘a’ to ‘z’ omitting ‘i’. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.



Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 4, 26 May, 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October, 2010.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a ‘native title party’ is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.


Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 22 December 2010



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NOTICE TO GRANT RETENTION 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 retention licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
53/1	Wiluna Exploration Pty Ltd	670.92ha	69km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 120°08'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of retention licences which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.


Notification day: 1 December 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 **1 March 2011**. 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. 1 April 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/22 Tailings Dump	St Ives Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	88.58ha	16km SE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°17' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie


Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 1 December 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 **1 March 2011**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 1 April 2011**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5560	Thomas James Giri	17.63ha	20km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 120°59'	Coolgardie
16/2689	Argent (Bullant) Pty Ltd	26.46ha	51km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
16/2691-2	Hannans Reward Ltd	327.49ha	71km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°28' Long 120°39'	Coolgardie
20/2160 & 20/2162	Western Mining Pty Ltd	383.06ha	7km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 117°55'	Cue
24/4549	Brett Anthony Scott Lance Blincoe Fraser Ernesto Villaescusa	199.77ha	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4550	Brett Anthony Scott Lance Blincoe Fraser Ernesto Villaescusa	200ha	32km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2181	Southern Gold Ltd	15.08ha	34km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2182	Southern Gold Ltd	20.97ha	32km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2183	Southern Gold Ltd	37.69ha	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2184	Wayne Richard Jones	96.75ha	48km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 122°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2189	Mathew Gordon Vanmaris	9.69ha	34km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3780	Barrick (Australia Pacific) Limited Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd	85.51ha	12km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2061	Robert Mark Henning	58.78ha	54km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1238	Mathew Gordon Vanmaris	153.03ha	112km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 122°26'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2174	Wieslaw Wozniak	134.26ha	1km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°02'	Menzies
36/1752	Matthew Charles Cavallaro Justin Charles Cavallaro	27.34ha	53km W'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°49' Long 120°10'	Leonora
37/7956-7	Roxbury Trading Pty Ltd	359.78ha	54km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°04'	Leonora
37/7958	PMCC Property Pty Ltd	79.3ha	4km SW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°17'	Leonora
37/7961-4	Ross Frederick Crew Bruce Robert Legendre	733.14ha	43km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°42'	Leonora
37/7968	Nils Gornall	136.81ha	2km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°21'	Leonora
37/7969-79 & 37/7981-8	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	3544.52ha	28km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/7980	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	75.14ha	27km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°32'	Leonora
46/1685	Auricup Resources Pty Ltd	197.43ha	38km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
46/1686	Auricup Resources Pty Ltd	170.8ha	39km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°52' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
46/1687	Stephen Charles Henderson Billie Henderson	19.76ha	88km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°30' Long 120°37'	East Pilbara
46/1688	Stephen Charles Henderson Billie Henderson	32.15ha	89km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°31' Long 120°38'	East Pilbara
51/2566	Shell Villages And Resorts Limited	152.73ha	49km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°00' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra
51/2666	Raymond John Francis Alex Norman King	8.45ha	38km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°54' Long 118°21'	Meekatharra
51/2701	Raymond John Hammond	138.99ha	4km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°37' Long 118°31'	Meekatharra
51/2702-4	Raymond John Hammond	433.8ha	7km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°39' Long 118°31'	Meekatharra
77/4017	Golden Mining Australia Pty Ltd	72.44ha	86km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°12' Long 119°43'	Kondinin/Yilgarn
77/4033	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	9.66ha	2km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
80/1757	Ngoonjuwah Council Aboriginal Corporation	61.69ha	2km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°12' Long 127°40'	Halls Creek

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: 1 December 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 **1 March 2011**. 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. 1 April 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

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Another fight for ‘Choc’

ANTHONY Mundine will step into the ring on 8 December, this time to take on another Australian, Garth Wood.

Wood earned the fight with Mundine when he won the reality TV show *The Contender Australia*.

The fight will be at the Acer Arena, with Wood facing what many pundits believe to be the biggest test of his career.

After triumphing in *The Contender Australia*, the former South Sydney Rabbitohs man has overcome the likes of Ryan Coppick and Elvin Marbun inside

the ring, but admitted the chance to take on Mundine had given him a ‘great thrill’.

Mundine, who has 40 wins and three losses to his name, reserved some words of respect for his opponent, who he described as a ‘strong fighter’.

“I’ve got a possible WBA world title fight early next year, but one step at a time and right now my focus is beating Garth Wood,” he said.

Tickets cost between \$50 and \$500, while doors are set to open at 6.30pm local time.

Bodybuilder chasing a world crown



THE Natural Mr Olympia world titles in 2013 is within the sights of Indigenous Bairnsdale body

builder Paul Rowe.

The 40-year-old father of three reckons he’s a chance for a top-three placing at the world titles in a country yet to be announced. This year’s titles were in the US city of Reno.

Rowe has been a bodybuilder for eight years, having won five of the ten competitions he has entered. His best performance was a sixth at the world titles in 2006.

Rowe believes a top-three placing in 2013 is realistic ‘and I will chase the number-one placing from there’.

Rowe lives on Gunaikurnai country in the Victorian Gippsland and works at the local Aboriginal co-operative in Bairnsdale under the Clean Air in Gippsland Initiative, an anti-smoking campaign funded by the Federal Health and Ageing Department as part of the Close The Gap Initiative.

Last March he won the IFBB Australian pro bodybuilding championships in the classic division at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

He also won the International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) open class at the Melbourne titles at Caulfield and also won the best posing routine and then went on to win the overall Mr Melbourne title.

Rowe posed to the music of Yothu Yindi’s *Treaty*, which he said was well received by the audience of 700-plus.

Rowe’s Indigenous connections are traced to the mob from Sydney to Nowra and Wreck Bay and Wallaga Lake.

He said his grandmother was Nessie Skuta, who was an activist during the 1960s and 1970s.

Rowe told *The Koori Mail* he was greatly motivated to succeed ‘to show our young ones what you can achieve if you never give up on your dreams’.

When he’s relaxing, he likes to spend time with his children, watching movies, swimming, camping and eating.

“I like to also read about nutrition and other athletes’ life journeys,” he said.

“I get great inspiration from other Indigenous athletes as well as Indigenous achievers, regardless of their field of choice.

“My greatest influence are my children Kiana, Jade and Adam, who keep me grounded and focused on what is important in life.”

Like many athletes in areas outside mainstream, Rowe battles to pursue his dream and would like to hear from anyone who can support him. He can be contacted at email address prowe@gegac.org.au

Paul Rowe strikes a pose.
Picture: Mi Studio Photography, Bairnsdale





Jets and Giringun Pirates (in black jumpers) players together after the 34-all draw.
Pictures by Torres News

34-all showdown

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



HOST side Giringun Pirates and the visiting Palm Island Jets fought out an exciting 34-all draw in their

annual rugby league showdown at Cardwell on 20 November.

It was the second such game played between the sides in honour of the late Jack Henry and Desmond (Joe) Romero, who drowned in February 2009.

The Pirates side won last year's encounter and went into the game as slight favorites considering many of their players had competed in the strong Cairns and District A grade rugby league (CDRL) competition.

Some had lined up in the Tully Tigers side, which won the CDRL premiership grand final over Kangaroos.

Talent to burn

But the not-to-be-denied Jets produced a star-studded line-up that included former National Rugby League (NRL) and NSW Waratahs rugby union star Milton Thaiday, Fred Bulsey, Tabua Oui, Raoul Miller, Georgie Dabea, Darryl Pearson and others.

A large crowd attended despite rain throughout the afternoon, and the Giringun Aboriginal Corporation earned praise for organising the event.

One of the guests was Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, who enjoyed the football.

Jets looked like running away with the game early. In the opening minutes, Sam Coutts scored in the corner and the try was converted by

the radar-like boot of Tabua Oui.

Esrom Geia scored and Oui converted and Jets had bolted to a 12-0 lead before Pirates hit back to reduce that to 12-6.

Then Gresham Ross, backing up from the under-18 game, scored and the conversion saw Jets race to an 18-6 lead.

However, Pirates dug deep to claw their way back into the match, which was of a high quality considering the ball was slippery after constant rain.

The Pirates scored a try in the last minute to equalise, but missed the conversion and the draw was a fitting result.

For Palm Island Jets, back Daryl Pearson scored two tries, with singles to Gresham Ross, Sam Coutts, Esrom Geia and Tabua Oui, who also booted five goals, some from difficult angles.

Giringun Pirates try-scorers were Chris Muriata, Curtis Nehow, Ben Muriata, Daryl Grant, Jamie Cashmere, Troy Carlaw and Robert Ketchell, with goals to Shaun Nona, Robert Ketchell and Peter Briggs.

Player of the tournament went to Jets' Tabua Oui, who also took out the best and fairest trophy; best forward was Curtis Nehow, of Pirates; best back Daryl Pearson, of Jets; and most improved was Dynzie Smallwood, of Pirates.

Future champions were on display in the under-18 game won 28-14 by Palm Island Barracudas over the Giringun Pirates. The young Palm side also took out the game last year.

There was some top-class action and Palm had many winners in the side which played in the colours of local club side Hornets.



Under 18 players from Palm and Pirates after their curtain-raiser.



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, middle, with Palm under-18 players and their shield with officials Rio Walsh, left, and Billy Landers, right.



Victor Daisy, of Palm Island, was at the game.

Kaurna was too strong

By PETER ARGENT



THE Kaurna side emphatically won the annual South Australian Lord's Taverners Indigenous State-wide cricket carnival.

The six-team competition was held at Adelaide's Park 25 facility on Monday and Tuesday 22-23 November.

"There is no doubt Pete Thomas's Kaurna side were the potent force at this carnival," South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) cricket development officer Michael Case said.

"Jamie McCafferty was a member of the Imparja Cup side last year and was one of the best performed players with the bat.

"Young Ethan Ericson is just 14 years old and plays with Flinders Park in the Adelaide turf competition.

"Another special young talent playing in this Lord's Taverners competition was Ayden McGregor-Baptista, who was one of the first selected for the South Australian SAPSASA side."

Over the four-game series, the Kaurna side lost just six wickets, chasing down opponents' scores in a number of forceful displays with the willow, led by Jamie McCafferty, who dispatched the bowling to all points.

200-plus average

McCafferty, who easily won the Vince Copley award as the competition's best player, was dismissed only once, peeling off 211 runs and had a Bradmanesque average of more than 200.

His highest score in the Twenty/20 fixtures was 71 not out in round two against Port Augusta. He also produced a half-century against Gerald. He was not out on 41 in the first match and made an unbeaten 48 in the final game.

He also was a solid contributor with the ball, finishing with four wickets and a best of 2/14.

Teenager Ethan Ericson also impressed with the bat, making 161 runs at an average of 80.5, with a top score of 79 in his first innings against Gerald.

The quartet of Russell Coulthard, Redbacks under-17s squad member and Australian under-22 player to tour Papua New Guinea Marcus McGregor-Cassady, Port Augusta's Josh Berry and Geoff Abdulla also excelled with the bat, all making

more than 100 runs at the tournament. Abdulla, playing for the Riverland, averaged an outstanding 132.

Ken Karpny, an experienced cricketer from the Riverland, was the leading wicket-taker, collecting nine, including a championship best in the third versus fourth play-off of 4/10 from three overs.

The winners had three players who each took five wickets – Peter Thomas, Greg Hodgkinson and Adam Alderhoven.

Gerard's Travis Wilson collected the fielding trophy from Russell Coulthard and former Western Bulldogs footballer Cameron Faulkner third.

Jeremy Johncock, the Sturt forward in the SANFL football



MARCUS MCGREGOR-CASSADY

competition and Kaurna stumper, collected the wicketkeeping trophy in an impressive display of glove work.

South Australia's Southern Boomerangs 2011 Imparja Cup side will be selected from performances at this event.

Round 1 scores:

Port Augusta 3/198 d Riverland 8/140, Gerard 7/83 Lost to SACA U20s 3/182, Kaurna 1/75 d Point Pearce 5/73.

Round 2: SACA U20s 7/105 d Point Pearce 6/103, Kaurna 2/146 d Port Augusta 6/143, Riverland 2/49 d Gerard 7/47.

Round 3: Kaurna 2/112 d Gerard 9/104, Point Pearce 4/79 lost to Riverland 5/83, SACA U20s 7/126 lost to Port Augusta 4/128.

Finals: First v Second, Kaurna 1/87 d Port Augusta 10/86; Third v Fourth, Riverland 4/143 d SACA U20s 8/119.



The winning side Alau Eagles and their \$20,000 cheque.

Alau Eagles fly high

By ALF WILSON



THE Northern Peninsula Area team Alau Eagles from Umagico defeated New Mapoon side 8HB Brothers 36-28 in the grand final of the rich Dan Ropeyarn Cup rugby league All Blacks carnival at Bamaga from 4-6 November.



Eleven men's sides and six women's teams competed at the tenth anniversary carnival at Bamaga's Yusia Ginai Memorial Oval. Players and spectators travelled from most Torres Strait islands, Cape York, Cairns and

Townsville to participate with the local NPA communities of Bamaga, Umagico, Seisia, Injinoo and New Mapoon.

The winning team won \$20,000 in one of Queensland's richest All Blacks carnivals.

Alau Eagles came from behind to win a top-class final under lights on a ground which was slippery from rain that fell throughout the carnival.

Halfback Marco Wilson was a dominant player for the Eagles, along captain Peter Lui, second-rower Colin Mooka and utility Robinson Wilson.

8HB Brothers also had many stars, including forward Noel Underwood, who shone for the Northern Pride in their recent Intrust Queensland Cup grand final victory.

Other good players included halves Brian Murga and veteran Jason Nixon, Hezron Murga and David Reid.

In the semi-finals, Alau Eagles beat Injinoo Crocs 24-10, while 8HB Brothers won their clash with Top Western team Dheoyim Brothers 24-18.

Dheoyim Brothers team included Torres-Cape Foley Shield star Solomon Daniel, back Aaron Binawel and forwards Edward Ingui, James Binawel and Wrench Mau.

It was the second major win by Alau Eagles in recent months following their impressive 26-14 victory over Bamaga Roos United in the 17 September NPA grand final.

The powerful Red Dust Renegades, made up of players from Cape York, Torres Strait and Cairns, took out the women's grand final, defeating Bau Au Stingers 16-4.

Red Dust Renegades defeated Sundown Sirens from Thursday Island in one knockout semi-final, while Bau Au Stingers rolled Badu Island team Dhikun Gammas in the other.

Bau Au Stingers were attempting to win their second major All Blacks carnival of 2010 after having taken out the grand final at the 25th jubilee Island of Origin series at Badu Island during June. However, Renegades proved too strong on this occasion.

Senior Cairns referee Rod McRae said there had been more than 4000 people at the carnival over the three days.

"It was huge and a fireworks display at the opening ceremony also proved a major attraction," he said.

McCrae said rain fell throughout the carnival, but this did not dampen the high quality of rugby league.

Women's round-robin: Pool 1, Red Dust Renegades 58 d Sunset Cruisers 10, Bau Au Stingers v Bindal Sharks (both teams forfeited), Sundown Sirens 42 d Bindal Sharks 16 on forfeit, Dhikun Gammas 26 d Sunset Cruisers 10, Bau Au Stingers 20 d Sundown Sirens 4, Red Dust Renegades 36 d Dhikun Gammas 8.

Women's semi-final: Red Dust Renegades 42 d Sundown Sirens 16, Bau Au Stingers 24 d Dhikun Gammas 4.

Women's final (Winners \$6000; Runners-up \$2000) Red Dust Renegades 16 d Bau Au Stingers 4.

Men's results: Eels United 36 d Warrakes 0, 8HB Brothers 54 d Chivary Warriors 10, Injinoo Crocs 48 d Palm Island Barracudas 8, Dheoyim Brother 24 d Bamaga Roos 6, Alau Eagles 16 d Eels 12, 8HB Brothers d Waleku Raiders 14, JJ Brothers 26 d Injinoo Crocs 14, Bamaga Roos 54 d Chivary Warriors 4, Eels United 28 d Palm Island Barracudas 6, Waleku Raiders 52 d Warrakes 0, Eels United 24 d Bamaga Roos 19, Waleku Raiders 32 d JJ Brothers 18, Alau Eagles 18 d Dheoyim Brothers 14, Dheoyim Brothers 22 d JJ Brothers 20, Injinoo Crocs 14 d Waleku Raiders 10, Dheoyim Brothers 30 d Eels United 18, Alau Eagles 24 d Injinoo Crocs 10, 8HB Brothers 24 d Dheoyim Brothers 18.

Men's grand final: Alau Eagles 36 d 8HB Brothers 16.



The winning women's team, Red Dust Renegades.

Only three drafted

By PETER ARGENT at the AFL draft on the Gold Coast



IN a major surprise, only three new Indigenous footballers were drafted at the

25th annual AFL draft held on the Gold Coast on Thursday 18 November.

As expected, West Australian Harley Bennell was collected among the Gold Coast Suns top three selections, having already been training at 17th AFL franchise for a month.

The other two choices were out of left field. Collingwood collected Kirk Ugle at selection number 60 (Collingwood's third-round pick) and the little-talked-about Zephaniah Skinner was secured by the Western Bulldogs.

Bennell confirmed he had been told the day before the draft that the Suns would collect him.

"I've already been up here training for the past four weeks," he said.

"It has been hard to leave my family back in Western Australia, and the first week especially was very lonely.

"But you just have to get on with it.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and would like to be a part of the first team in round two, when the Suns play their initial AFL game."

Family there

At the draft night extravaganza on the Gold Coast, Bennell was flanked by his brother John and his mother Kayleen.

As predicted, Bennell followed David Swallow and was before South Australian Sam Day as the Suns' first three selections.

He joins fellow Aboriginal talents Jared Harbrow, Steven May, Nathan Krakouer, Roland Ah Chee, Brandon Matera, Rex Liddy and Liam Patrick on the Suns' inaugural list to play in its breakout first AFL season.

Over the 25-year history, only recently retired Fremantle



Harley Bennell, flanked by his brother John and mother Kayleen at the AFL draft on the Gold Coast.

footballer and Brisbane Lions premiership player Des Headland (Brisbane Lions 1997) has been taken higher in the draft than Bennell.

Kirk Ugle is a 173cm, 69kg small forward from Swan Districts, who is moving east to the 2010 premiers, the Collingwood Magpies. His foundation club was Carey Park.

He didn't go to the national combine, but with pace to burn, he was impressive at the 10 October State-based camp at the University of Western Australia.

His first cousin, Melbourne listed footballer Jamie Bennell, has been a major influence.

"Kirk played a half a dozen games for Swan Districts, commuting from Bunbury," Collingwood national recruiting manager Derek Hine said.

"With Leon Davis being 30 years old, we felt there was a need to bring in a player with similar traits.

"We see Kirk's role inside the forward 50, with his defensive attributes, exceptional ability to move the ball on and having real penetration with his kick.

"He reads the ball well and is strong at ground level, along with being aggressive when attacking the football and is a real competitor."

From Noonkanbah

Zephaniah Skinner, the Bulldogs' number-88 selection, is from the Noonkanbah community, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, 500km inland between Broome and Fitzroy Crossing.

He played for Nightcliff in the Northern Territory Football

League (NTFL) and then was recruited to the Northern Territory Thunder in the Queensland AFL competition

A 21 year old, Skinner went on to easily win the QAFL Rising Star award this year by 20 votes from the next contender. His foundation club is the Noonkanbah Blues, and he had previously played with the Claremont Colts in 2007-08 before returning to his home community.

After 11 games with Nightcliff Tigers in the 2009-10 NTFL competition, he committed to the NT Thunder this year.

"I think our supporters should really look forward to watching him play," Bulldogs recruiting manager Simon Dalrymple said.

"He is 190cm tall, is a great tackler and applies great defensive pressure.

"That was a priority for us and Zephi was number one on our list. He has great flair, but that's also coupled with the defensive pressure.

"It's a big city, Melbourne, which will be a big change from Fitzroy Crossing, but he's been in Darwin for a year now and we've got some plans in place."

Livewire forward Jeff Garlett was one of the three promoted rookies at the Blues as well, taken at selection number 85, although he's played 30 AFL games for Carlton, kicking 51 goals.

A number of other young footballers, including Milera brothers Tim and Terry, Matthew Rankine, Nathan Ahmat-Watkins, David Kruse, Shannon Motlop and Isiah Stevens are now sweating on the rookie and pre-season draft on 7 December.

Top ten list reads like a Who's Who of Indigenous footballers

By PETER ARGENT

IN the 25 years since the AFL draft had its humble beginnings in 1986, Harley Bennell is just the 18th Indigenous top ten draft pick.

The West Australian was selected at number two in the 2010 event, held on the Gold Coast, on Thursday 18 November. Collected by the Suns, he is the second Aboriginal footballer to go as the second person selected, following North Melbourne star Daniel Wells in 2002. The first ever Indigenous top ten draft pick was West Coast Eagles superstar and AFL Hall of Fame inductee Peter Matera. That was 21 years ago.

Matera, a two-times premiership player with the first West Australian-based AFL club, achieved everything in the game except winning a Brownlow Medal.

His 28 votes in the 1994 count, where he was runner-up to Greg Williams, would have won him the award in eight of the other nine years during that decade and he was also runner-up in 1997, the year of his Eagles best-and-fairest award. He secured the Norm Smith Medal in the Eagles' inaugural premiership in 1992, and also was a key member of the 1994 success.

Along with five All-Australian selections and as expected, being a member of the Indigenous Team of the Century, Matera played 253 games with the club and a further 60 games with South Fremantle.

Top ten Indigenous selections:

- 1989 – Peter Matera (West Coast) No 4
- 1989 – Dale Kickett (Fitzroy) No 9
- 1993 – Trent Cummings (Fitzroy) No 6

- 1993 – Chris Johnson (Fitzroy) No 7
- 1998 – Des Headland (Brisbane) No 1
- 2000 – Daniel Motlop (North Melbourne) No 8
- 2001 – Xavier Clarke (St Kilda) No 5
- 2001 – Ashley Sampi (West Coast) No 6
- 2002 – Daniel Wells (North Melbourne) No 2
- 2003 – Raphael Clarke (St. Kilda) No 8
- 2004 – Richard Tambling (Richmond) No 4
- 2004 – Lance Franklin (Hawthorn) No 5
- 2004 – Chris Egan (Collingwood) No 10
- 2005 – Paddy Rider (Essendon) No 7
- 2005 – Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls (Richmond) No 8
- 2008 – Stephen Hill (Fremantle) No 3
- 2008 – Chris Yarran (Carlton) No 6
- 2010 – Harley Bennell (Gold Coast Suns) No 2

They're local legends

THE announcement of the Learn. Earn. Legend! Indigenous All Stars team last week coincided with a local celebration on the Gold Coast, where we marked the success of more than 150 students who graduated from Year 12.

It may seem strange to link these two events, but there is a story that makes me proud to be associated with rugby league.

If you have not heard of the name Ryan James before you started reading this article, I am certain you will hear a lot more about him over the coming years.

I travelled up from the Gold Coast with Ryan to Brisbane for the naming of the All Stars side and we caught up on what he had been doing during his break.

Both of us thought he was going to be announced as a member of an Emerging squad after a great season in the Toyota Cup, where he also made his NRL debut.

Everybody knows that I am not the biggest person in the world, but I feel an absolute midget when I stand beside Ryan, who towers over every other player at the club.

Imposing sight

With his wild mane of long hair and his sprouting beard, he is an imposing sight.

If I did not know him and I saw him walking towards me on the street, I am pretty certain I would cross the road in a hurry.

But looks can be deceiving! Ryan could easily be the original gentle giant – off the field anyway!

Ryan is a local junior who attended Tweed River High School and has just successfully completed the second year of a Sports Management Degree at Griffith University.

While I am still struggling to complete my Youth Worker qualification, he is already planning to do a second degree in Engineering.

In footballing terms, he is equally successful, having graduated from the NSW Indigenous under 16 squad through the Toyota Cup to the NRL.

And now the Indigenous All Stars!

RUGBY LEAGUE



With **PRESTON CAMPBELL**

And he had no idea!

Coming home in the car, he was absolutely buzzing and I can already see how the experience will benefit him.

Playing alongside the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Jamie Soward and Nathan Merritt and Australian Test stars Sam Thaiday, Tom Learoyd-Lahrs and Willie Tonga will fast-track his development.

Last year we saw Travis Waddell, Jharal Yow Yeh, Joel Thompson and Blake Ferguson all show their clubs and representative selectors that they could all step up a class.

Ryan and another great selection in Ben Barba will have the opportunity to show the rugby league world what they are capable of on the big stage that is All Stars.

But it is back in his home community of the Tweed River that Ryan will potentially



At the naming of the Indigenous All Stars rugby league team in Brisbane are, from left, team captain Preston Campbell, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, Aunty Carol Currie, Scott Prince and Sam Thaiday.



Preston Campbell, front, with graduating Year 12 students.

have the biggest impact.

I made sure that I placed equal emphasis on what Ryan has achieved off the field for a special reason.

Ryan is part of a new generation of footballers who are taking advantage of what the game has to offer them off the field.

As the players commit themselves to spreading the Learn. Earn. Legend message, it is important that we practise what we preach.

As proud as I was to be announced as captain of a great team, I was equally proud to be part of the Titans Beyond Tomorrow program on the Friday and Saturday nights when we celebrated this message with all those kids who became local legends when they graduated from Year 12.

Like Ryan James, they are not yet super stars like Scott Prince, Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis, but they are champions in their own communities.

I met young Indigenous kids who aspired to be tradesmen, doctors, artists, lawyers, business people and dancers.

Some were still uncertain about where their next journey would take them, but I was proud to tell them that the Titans would be by their side.

The club – with the support of the Federal and State governments – will be

providing twenty traineeship opportunities some of these kids while providing mentoring support and advice for all of them.

Some of them are already stars.

I was proud to see so many Elders, parents and teachers present when we presented each individual with a commemorative medallion and certificate.

But what made me really proud was to see the unselfish response to the announcement of a number of special awards.

The support given to the recipients proved to me that we need to recognise and support our local heroes more often.

It also reinforced that heroes come in ages and backgrounds.

My personal congratulations to the Northern region winners Keara Forde, role model of the year, Shanice Westhead-Saunders, Student of the Year, and Zac Turnbull, Community Engagement Award.

Equal recognition goes to the Southern region winners Stacie-lee Campbell, Community Engagement Award, Myles Dagley, Role Model of the Year, and April Atthews, Student of the Year.

Like Ryan James, you – along with all the other graduates – are already local legends.

Your next dream awaits you!

Inglis on track to play with Souths

GREG Inglis' proposed contract with South Sydney was officially lodged with the NRL on Friday.

"It was sent by email to the NRL and we will wait to hear back from them," a Souths spokesman said.

The 23-year-old has agreed to a three-year \$1.8-million deal heavily back-ended and involving third-party agreements which Souths expect will allow him to fit under the salary cap.

However, NRL salary cap auditor Ian Schubert needs to ratify the contract before Inglis can officially be unveiled as a

Rabbitohs player. Inglis, who opted against signing for Brisbane last month – despite shaking hands on a three-year deal with the Broncos – has already linked up with the Souths playing group, despite having not yet been released by Melbourne.

The Queensland Origin centre and the Storm have yet to settle a \$113,000 legal bill incurred in 2009, but Inglis' manager Allan Gainey is confident there will be no problems between the two parties.

"Once everything is sorted, we will sit down with Melbourne and from the conversations we

have had so far, I do not see there being any problems working out what we need to do to secure the release," Gainey said.

"We are just waiting now for the NRL and Souths to do their part, and once the contract has been approved, then we will get to work.

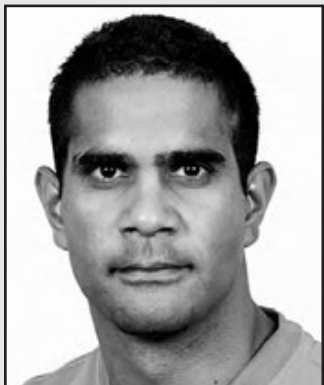
"But at the moment we are just interested observers."

Gainey said the uncertainty over the move to the Rabbitohs was not concerning Inglis.

"Greg's fine, he is a big boy. It is only November and there is plenty of time," he said.

Adam has the goods

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE past few weeks have provided me with a number of opportunities that I will cherish as much as any afforded to me during my playing career.

To be named coach of the Indigenous All-Stars side rates right up there.

I have been involved in various capacities before, but this will be a special opportunity.

To bring all the boys together in what has become my home town of Sydney will add to the event.

As I said last week, the set-up at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence at Redfern will set the tone for the week before the final squad heads up to Darwin to play Richmond.

The week is a special one for the players given that it is the only time all Indigenous players across the game come together to discuss common issues and to set up a support and mentoring network to assist

young players coming into the game.

As important as it is to take these events to places such as Darwin, the camp will also provide a unique opportunity for two of the largest Aboriginal populations in inner-city and western city to meet the best of Indigenous AFL talent.

It is also why I am excited about the prospect that the All-Stars game could be played at Blacktown Olympic Park in 2013 as part of the AFL's push into greater western Sydney.

The event which pits the League's best Indigenous players against an existing AFL club would be a great promotional tool in Western Sydney.

AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou said holding the showcase game at Blacktown in 2013 would be an ideal way to bring Australian football to prospective fans in the game's newest frontier.

"Our desire is to get an All-Stars game at Blacktown. I think it would be a great venue for it and that's something we're going to be looking at very, very closely next time we play the Indigenous game," Demetriou said.

"Firstly, we've got a new team coming there and secondly there's a very large Indigenous population in greater western Sydney. Last time I was told, it was about 180,000 plus.

"We've also got the maestro out there, Kevin Sheedy, who's been one of the great pioneers of Indigenous players. There's a lot going for it and Blacktown City Council have been wonderful to us, and we'd like to repay them."

Eighty current Indigenous stars will join me and Adam Goodes, who will captain the side, at the Camp.

Adam knows first-hand how the camp is a valuable opportunity for the League's Indigenous players to share their experiences of forging an



CURTLY HAMPTON
Picture: Craig Golding

AFL career. "I remember going to my first camp... in Broome and spending time with Andrew McLeod, David Wirrpanda, Jeff Farmer, Darryl White; these older guys who had been playing the game for so long and just hearing their story and hearing how their journey has made them into these top, elite AFL footballers," Goodes said.

"I'll be making sure I build relationships with those younger kids at the camp so they feel comfortable any time during the year to call me up, flick me an email, write me a message on Facebook to say, 'What's going on? I'm struggling a little bit with homesickness or how to handle my money.'

"I've had fantastic role models and hopefully they are the things I can instil in these younger kids so they can come to me asking any questions they possibly can."

GWS Giants recruit Curtly Hampton, who will attend his first Indigenous camp in February, said he would relish the chance to get to know Goodes, who was his childhood idol.

"Everyone knows how good he is and being at the camp with



ADAM GOODES

him will be a great learning experience for me," Hampton said.

"I've looked up to these players since I was very young. Just being here with them, learning from them and just talking to them – I'm still pinching myself. It's a dream and I'm just learning every day."

I am sure that while Goodes will do everything to help Curtly without giving away too many Swans secrets to the GWS Giants recruit.

Head to head

They will go head-to-head in the Giants' first NAB Cup game against the Swans and Gold Coast Suns on 19 February at Blacktown.

In two years, the name of Curtly Hampton might be up there with the likes of Goodes and Buddy Franklin.

But Adam took the focus away from the hype and brought all back to some of the realities that will be addressed at the camp.

So impressive has he become as a spokesman for the players that some are even touting him as a future chief executive of the AFL!

He is a polished performer and when he stood beside Andrew Demetriou and spoke about the importance of Indigenous footballers thinking about their post-playing careers, he looked every inch the statesman.

Here are a number of similarities between Adam and Andrew:

Demetriou played on the wing for North Melbourne and, significantly, was chief executive of the players' association.

Goodes – the association's delegate at the Swans since 2000 and a member of its board of directors since 2004 – earned Demetriou's praise.

"As a great leader of his players, he'll be a great leader certainly post his playing career," the Chief Executive said.

Goodes made his AFL debut in 1999, and is contracted with the Swans for two more seasons.

Most players don't enjoy such long careers.

"The percentage of players who play ten years-plus is only 0.2," Goodes said, explaining why players needed to work hard on preparing a life after football.

Goodes plans to spend the next two years doing corporate work experience.

"I was part of the National Indigenous Council for three years," he said.

"That really gave me an insight into how government works, and now I really want to find out: How does the corporate world work?"

"If I set myself up well – as I have – financially, life after football can mean that I can do something that means something to me."

It is important that all players – and especially the young ones – get these key messages.

And there is no better person than Adam to deliver them.

Until Next time.... Keep Dreaming!!!

Inglis hopeful of playing All-Stars



MAJOR drawcard Greg Inglis is hopeful – but no certainty – of making his debut in February's rugby league All-Stars game on the Gold Coast.

Named in coach Laurie Daley's Indigenous All Stars 20-man squad for the second annual clash with an NRL All-Star selection on Tuesday 16 November, shoulder and hip injuries may yet keep him out for a second time.

Happy to talk up his involvement in the All-Stars game, Inglis however sidestepped questions about his controversial move to South Sydney.

Recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, a bulky Inglis paraded in an Indigenous All-Stars jumper at the squad announcement in Brisbane a day after donning a Rabbitohs singlet for the first time at Sydney's Redfern Oval.

"Hopefully I'll be over the injuries and able to play," said Inglis.

"It was very disappointing missing out last

year. I've never been more excited sitting on a bench in my life."

Asked if South Sydney would let him play in the All Star game, Inglis put up the shutters.

"No, no, no... I can't talk about Souths," he said.

The fact he attended Tuesday's launch suggests Souths are supportive, unlike Brisbane who pulled Justin Hodges out of the game last week because of concerns he may not be ready after missing the 2010 season with an Achilles injury.

Inglis' employment remains somewhat clouded since he walked away from a deal to join Brisbane ten days earlier.

He has agreed to terms with Souths until 2013, as he had done earlier with Brisbane.

The problem is he still has no clearance from the Melbourne Storm because of an ongoing dispute over a six figure legal bill.

Without it, Souths can't register his contract with the NRL, which means Inglis is not officially a Rabbitoh just yet.

Surprisingly, Inglis did not pull the most

votes from the 15,000 fans who selected the Indigenous team.

That honour went to Brisbane's representative forward Sam Thaiday.

Daley was delighted with the talent he'd been given in the Indigenous side, including his own selection of little-known Gold Coast Titans player Ryan James, a giant youngster who towered over big team-mates Jamal Idris and Tom Learoyd-Lahrs.

Daley has 14 players, including veteran skipper Preston Campbell, returning from the 16-12 win over the NRL All Stars in February.

"I was absolutely blown away by the response and atmosphere to the first game earlier this year," said Daley.

The new faces are Willie Tonga, Inglis, Idris, Ben Barba, James and Matt Bowen.

Inglis and Idris were selected for the inaugural clash but forced to withdraw with injuries.

The 20-man squad announced for the 12 February match at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast: Preston Campbell (Gold Coast,

captain), Nathan Merritt (South Sydney), Willie Tonga (North Queensland), Greg Inglis (South Sydney), Jharal Yow Yeh (Brisbane), Scott Prince (Gold Coast), Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland), Tom Learoyd-Lahrs (Canberra), Travis Waddell (Canberra), George Rose (Manly), Sam Thaiday (Brisbane), Jamal Idris (Bulldogs), Greg Bird (Gold Coast), Ben Barba (Bulldogs), Jamie Soward (St George-Illawarra), Carl Webb (Parramatta), Cory Paterson (Newcastle), Joel Thompson (Canberra), Ryan James (Gold Coast), Matt Bowen (North Queensland).

Already, 22,000 tickets have been sold for the game, with the NRL All Star team still to be announced.

NRL Chief Executive David Gallop, ARL Indigenous Council Chairman William 'Smiley' Johnstone and Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley joined Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh, at the State Library of Queensland's Kuril Dhagun centre for the Indigenous All Stars team announcement.

– With AAP

Sports expo just keeps on growing



A MAJOR sports expo held at Warwick rounded out what has been a big year for an Indigenous success story in southern Queensland.

More than 400 kids turned out at the Warwick expo, the latest event organised by the South-West Indigenous Network (SWIN).

Formed ten years ago, SWIN is made up of Indigenous Sport and Recreation officers from Toowoomba west to the South Australian and Northern Territory borders.

The goal is fitter and healthier Indigenous – and other – youth. And that, says SWIN co-ordinator Dusty Wilson, is what the organisation has delivered over the past decade.

"Ten years ago it became apparent to the local Indigenous sport officers that an organised approach was needed to help the many kids across the region," the Toowoomba-based PCYC worker said.

"So SWIN was formed. In the past few years the organisation has taken off.

"Now we've got 12 officers across the region, SWIN is incorporated and we've got a business plan.

"We've held sport expos in Roma, Dalby, Toowoomba and now Warwick, and we've got plans for special tours next year featuring sports champions and other role models.

"SWIN has helped thousands of kids over the years. It's becoming everything we'd always hoped it would."

The network is backed by the Queensland and Federal governments and is supported by the PCYC.

"And we've attracted good support from other locals organisations," Wilson said.

"It's reached the stage where we



DUSTY WILSON

are becoming a model for other sports groups.

"Another big plan we have for next year is a festival at St George.

"There are lots of kids in centres like St George who really benefit from the work we do.

"It's no exaggeration to say that thousands of young people – a great many of them Indigenous – have benefited from SWIN over the past ten years."

● More details on SWIN can be found at www.swin.org.au

Bianca sets new course in netball

Koori Mail columnist Peter Argent asks Adelaide Thunderbirds recruit Bianca Franklin (pictured) a series of questions as she fills the shoes of Kate Beveridge in the 2011 ANZ netball championship series, which starts on 13 February at Sydney's Olympic Park Sports Centre.

The 26-year-old goal attack has come to the city of churches from Western Australia, where she played the previous two seasons with the West Coast Fever. A former Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) scholarship

holder, she also played in the 21 and under Australian squad in 2003 and was a member the same Australian team for the following two years:



Where did netball start for Bianca Franklin and what talent pathway did you go through?

Netball started in my small WA country town of Dowerin at the age of nine and I went through the advised netball pathway that's in Western Australia.

What have been the highlights in your career so far?

My career highlight would be playing for the 21 and under Australian netball team at the World Youth Cup in Fort Lauderdale (Florida) in 2005.

How hard was it to adjust to city living after coming from a small country town in Western Australia?

It was quite difficult initially to move to the city for my netball because I was a boarder at a girls' school and I am from a very close-knit family. But after settling in and making new friends and getting into a routine, I really started to enjoy the city life.

What was your motivation to move to Adelaide and is there any extra pressure joining the defending premiers?

My motivation to play for the Thunderbirds was the opportunity to play with a successful club and players and also to be coached by Jane (Woodlands-Thompson) and her support coaches. I have heard great things about Jane and the Thunderbirds and I am really excited to be a part of this team next year. No extra pressure at all... at the moment. I am sure it will be an awesome year.

Being a role model for the David Wirrpanda Foundation (DWF), how did you get involved with this and what are your responsibilities?

I got involved with the DWF because I love what the foundation provides and

stands for. It's such a nice feeling working there for David and all the other mentors. My role was to provide positive lifestyle choices to young primary kiddies, tell my story – where I have come from and interact with them and of course play some sport.

What are you looking to achieve at the Adelaide Thunderbirds?

I am looking to achieve an ANZ championship trophy. I really want to be able to further my style of play and be consistent.

What previous dealings have you had with Thunderbirds head coach Jane Woodlands-Thompson and how do you think her coaching style will impact on your game?

I have had no previous coaching encounters with Jane and I think she will be able to help improve my tactical game through her outstanding coaching techniques.

When do you expect to arrive for pre-season training considering your heavy schedule, including a pending marriage?

I officially arrive in Adelaide in early January and I have been doing my pre-season training already. It's quite tough training by yourself, but I have been lucky enough to obtain access to the AIS and have been training with the remaining AIS netball girls.

Have you seen any differences between the West Coast Fever and the Adelaide franchise yet? If so what are they?

I have not yet seen any major differences between the two franchises.

Have you set any specific goals for the 2011 season?

Yes, I have set some goals for 2011 and one of them is to have my shooting percentage above 80 for all games

Having played junior netball for your country, is honours with the senior Australian side on your agenda?

At the moment my focus is just on the Thunderbirds and the domestic competition.

Are you happy with the Indigenous participation in elite netball and are there any changes you'd make?

As far as I am aware, I don't know of too many Indigenous girls playing in the ANZ championship. If so, I would love to meet them.

Having Wallabies and Brumbies player Matt Giteau as your fiancé and with Hawthorn star Lance (Buddy) Franklin being your brother, have you learned much from their preparation?

With both of my two boys I have noticed their hard work and dedication day-in day-out doing what they love. They are true professionals. When you work extremely hard, you will start to see benefits. Matt and Buddy have made many sacrifices in their lives to achieve what they have today. I love watching them play, it's what they were meant to do – they are living the dream.

Sport, race in the Northern Territory under microscope

RESEARCH into the hardships faced by Indigenous athletes in the Northern Territory is the basis for a book launched last week.

Dr Matthew Stephen wrote *Contact Zones*, a look at the dynamics that saw Indigenous athletes in the Northern Territory subjected to more extreme and prolonged adversity than their southern counterparts.

"Sport and sporting fields the world over are hotly contested social and political terrain and are an important barometer of changing values," Dr Stephen said.

Dr Stephen, who received a doctorate of philosophy (PhD) from Charles Darwin University last May, said the obstacles of poverty, oppression, bigotry and discrimination that confronted non-white participation in sport throughout Australia were not different in the Northern Territory,

but that the social, political and physical environment meant they were more exaggerated and prolonged.

"At the heart of this history from sporting exclusion and segregation to integration and liberation for the Territory's non-white sportsmen and women is the struggle for human rights and recognition," he said.

Dr Stephen's book also addresses common stereotypes around Aboriginal athletes.

"To praise Aboriginal sportsmen for having a 'natural instinct that can't be taught' completely discredits the amount of hard work they put in."

Contact Zones was launched by Darwin sporting personality Charlie King on Thursday 25 November at the Angus and Robertson Book Shop, The Mall, Darwin.



Sinsa Mansell shoots toward goal for the under 30s netball team.



Fun and games: Nathan Brown aka luwana mana (my girl) donned a netball skirt and joined the ladies on the court.



The winning football side, the under 30s, were only too happy to pose for *The Koori Mail*.



● LEFT: Jesse Martin, 13, lines up the winning goal in the Aussie rules match – on the siren.

● RIGHT: Tricia Burgess serves Kerry Mansell a feed of mutton birds.



Sonia Riley and Suzie Smith on the netball court.



Damien Birch and Tiarna Brewer neck and neck in the egg-and-spoon race ... well, in this instance, the golf ball and spoon race.



It would have been declared a ball, but Liz Brown decided to go for a strike for the over 30s in the softball game.



Kids' netball team, Red.

All ages at statewide gathering

Pictures and Story by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aboriginal Elder the late Amy Beeton was honoured with a perpetual netball trophy named after her at this year's Generation Cup in Launceston.

The annual Aboriginal community event is a competition between youth and experience, where over 30s teams compete against the under 30s in netball, softball and Aussie rules football.

Amy Beeton had been a regular fixture in the over 30s netball and softball teams, this being the first year she hadn't played in the competition's 15-year history. She passed away last month, aged 59.

Her husband Vivian and son Lesley were at the gathering to see the Amy Beeton Netball Cup presented to the under 30s team, who won 25-6.

Closer finishes

In other sports, the competition was much tighter.

In softball the over 30s scraped in, defeating their youthful counterparts by just one run, 6-5.

The football match was a nail-biter until after the final siren, when 13-year-old Jesse Martin kicked the winning goal to secure a four-point win for the under 30s with a score of 62-58.

While judging by the cheering, and the exhaustion of the players in all sports – obviously more noticeable in the over 30s teams – there was a competitive element, but the Generation Cup, which is growing every year, is more about participation, fun and a good old get-together.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre,

which organised the event, also had novelty events for the younger children and provided a healthy feed.

Boxer Aaron Everett's induction into the Tasmanian Aboriginal Sporting Hall of Fame was announced.

Although 35-year-old Aaron is better known these days in the fight to save 42,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage at the Brighton bypass site, in his younger days he was a three-time Australian champion boxer.

Aaron launched his sporting career as a trampolinist when he was eight years old, before jumping into the boxing ring.

By his early 20s, the then 48kg light-flyweight was a three-time Australian champion.

Aaron earned himself a silver medal in the 60kg division at the Australian titles in 1999 and represented Australia overseas several times, including the 1994 Commonwealth games in Canada.

He is a two-time Oceania Games gold medalist champion and a silver medalist in the pre-Olympic Games in Canada.

He was regarded as one of Australia's brightest prospects when he was only 19, with a reputation of a strong defence and his trademark was a lethal left hook.

Aaron has many other medals and awards and he maintains his sporting interest in Tasmania as a boxing judge at amateur tournaments.

His brother Lani received the award in Aaron's absence at the Generation Cup.

On the framed photos he received in recognition of his induction are the words: "As his family history portrays, Aaron is a great warrior, a great fighter for his people, not only in the sporting arena but in the community for his people."

● More pictures – next two pages

Sport – Generation Cup, Tasmania

Sally Radford takes a well deserved rest at half time – she was the only woman on the ground in the first half of the footy.



Beryl Green with grandson Tyrone Kiriona.

Nick Hammersley, 11, enjoyed his first game of netball at this year's Generation Cup.



Michael Goss has some advice for his over 30s team-mates in the Aussie rules game.



The victorious under 30s netball team.



Happy in defeat: The over 30s netball team.

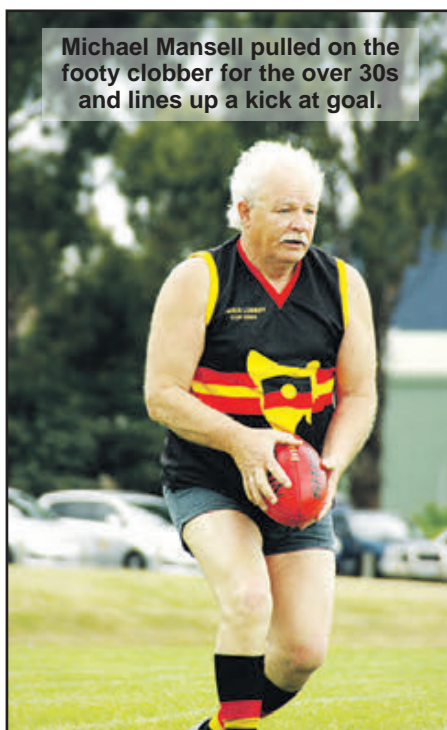


The Kids' netball team, Black.



Terry Maynard gives the footy the boot for the over 30s.

Michael Mansell pulled on the footy clobber for the over 30s and lines up a kick at goal.



Tyenna Hogan ready to bat in the softball, while Leroy Hart Jnr and Brayden Gower are lined up behind her.



Aboriginal Elder the late Amy Beeton (pictured) was honoured with a perpetual netball trophy named after her at this year's Generation Cup. Amy Beeton had been a regular fixture in the over 30s netball and softball teams and her death last month broke a 15-year unbroken run at the Generation Cup. Her husband Vivian and son Lesley were at the gathering to see the Amy Beeton Netball Cup presented to the under 30s team, which won 25-6. The picture is reproduced with permission of her family.

Sport – Generation Cup, Tasmania



Tyenna Hogan was rapt with her first Generation Cup softball participation medal.



Anita Mabb, second from left, with the siblings Tjumbu, Djuker, Leroy Jnr and Mona Hart.



Auntie Marie Mansell enjoys a cuppa while watching the action.



Jenny Mac enjoyed spending her '21st' birthday at the Generation Cup, she is pictured here with her mother Beverly McDonald.



Goal umpire Kelly Feeney waiting for another opportunity to wave the flags.



Michael Goss and Rex Burgess with their Generation Cup participation medals.



The final score spelled victory for the under 30s football side – and one of the scorers shows his approval.



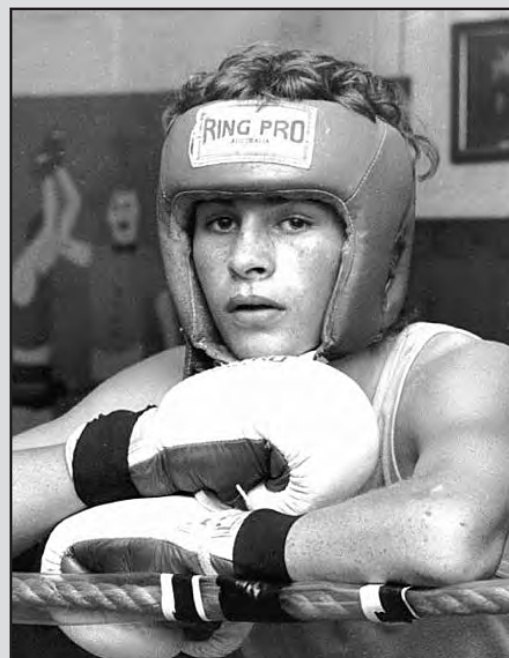
● ABOVE: The over 30s football side.

● RIGHT: The over 30s winning softball team. On the front right is Sally Radford, winner of the best and fairest award.



Lesley and Vivian Beeton proudly hold the cup that was named in honour of their mother and wife, Amy Beeton, who passed away last month.

Hall of Famer



THE induction into the Tasmanian Aboriginal Sporting Hall of Fame of former boxer Aaron Everett was announced at the Generation Cup sports day. The 35-year-old Everett is better known these days in the fight to save 42,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage at the Brighton bypass site, but in his younger days he was a three-times Australian amateur champion boxer and represented his country in several overseas tournaments, including the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Canada. Before he took up boxing, he was a topline trampolinist. He maintains his interest in boxing as a judge at Tasmanian amateur tournaments. His brother Lani received the award in Aaron's absence at the Generation Cup. The pictures show Aaron with his Hall of Fame plaque and an 18-year-old Aaron Everett during a break from training in the lead-up to the Australian boxing titles.

Vic team wins national crown



VICTORIAN team Black Eagles won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national basketball championships in

Melbourne, beating Cairns team Jamie Jackway Balaz in the final.

In the women's division, the Northern Territory's Hoops 4 Health (H4H) team defeated Perth team Blue Jays 30-21 in the grand final to complete an unbeaten run throughout the tournament.

The tournament was played before a big crowd at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park, just south of the city. It attracted a near-record 50 teams from around Australia, with 15 teams in the men's division, 11 in the women's section, six in the under 18 girls, five in the under 16 girls, and two in the under 14 girls.

The under 18 and under 16 boys divisions were combined, with a total of six teams.

Slow start

The women's H4H team came out of the blocks slowly to trail 7-0 after the first three minutes of the grand final against Blue Jays.

Tikesa Docherty Cole provided a spark off the bench and scored from the outside. But H4H struggled for the first half and baskets were hard to come by.

After half time, Jamie Lee Peris converted on a three-point play and H4H skipped out to a five-point lead.

The guard rotation of Justine Schmidt, Jaylene Bonson, Letticha Clarke, Mishy Friel and Sammi Rioli also sparked a mini run and the NT team maintained the buffer for the rest of the game.

The H4H team was: Sammi Rioli (captain), Letticha Clarke, Delsey Ahwang, Staci Trindle Price, Mishy Friel, Justine Schmidt, Jaylene Bonson, Jamie Lee Peris, Tikesa Docherty Cole. Coach, Timmy Duggan; managers, Pacita Bonson, Tamara Appo and Nikki Thomas.

In their opening game, H4H beat Blue Jays (WA) 41-29, then beat Deadly Sista Girlz (Qld) 68-7, and Melbourne Blacks (Vic) 42-14.

They beat Vic Eagles 35-18 in their semi-final to set up the grand

final showdown with Blue Jays.

The H4H men's team also performed well in Melbourne, reaching the semi-finals.

In their qualifying games, they drew 34-all first up against Fremantle Warriors (WA), then beat Brothers in Christ (NSW) 57-20, Rockets (Vic) 30-17, Melbourne Blacks (Vic) 53-27 and scraped home 28-27 against Warma to qualify for the semi-finals.

That was where the tournament ended for them when beaten 50-44 by tournament winners Black Eagles (Victoria).

Torres Strait Islanders Deba George, his younger brother Kailou George, Michael Paiwan and Gabriel Gela played major roles for the Jamie Jackway Balaz team that reached the men's grand final.

The Balaz side was named after Jamie Jackway, a former basketball player who was seriously injured during a rescue in the Torres Strait while working as a paramedic.

Deba George is one of the premier basketball players in far north Queensland and took out the men's slam dunk contest at the championships.

"I was born on Thursday Island, but grew up on Darnley," he said.

"We won seven of our eight games and then lost the final by seven points. It was a good carnival.

"There were four of us from the Torres Strait in the team."

Deba George plays for Mulgrave Magic in the Cairns Vibe FNQ Men's Superleague.

Joel Khalu, the Commissioner for Vibe FNQ Super League, was glowing in his praise for Deba George.

"Deba can shoot the three, finish on the rim and his mid-range game is also very difficult to defend," Khalu said.

"I've played with and against him and I still haven't seen anybody at any level that has the ability to contain him. To his credit he has worked hard on the areas which needed improvement and what makes him an even better player is that his is an exceptional passer also. He certainly has the ability to fill the seats at any stadium. He's just so exciting to watch."



A Hoops 4 Health (H4H - NT) player gets away a pass in a women's A grade game against Deadly Sista Girlz (NSW).



A Western Sharks player (WA) shoots for goal against Queensland team Jamie Jackway Balaz in a men's A grade game.



A Jamie Jackway Balaz player (Qld) has a free throw in the men's A grade game against Western Sharks (WA).



Rams (SA) players bring the ball forward in their under 18 girls' game against North-West Western Australia.



Action in the under 14 boys' division. A Boomerangs (SA) player assesses his options in the game against Drifters (Vic).



A H4H player sends her team into attack against Deadly Sisa Girlz (NSW) in a women's A grade game.



Halo Magic players from Fremantle, WA, attempt to block a Grovedale Raiders (Vic) attacker in men's A grade.



A North-West WA player rises above the pack to shoot for goal in an under 18 girls' game against Rams (SA).



Brothers get together... Steven Ridgeway Snr, left, of Sydney, and father of tournament co-ordinator Nikita Ridgeway, with his brother and official tournament bus driver Lester Maher, of Brisbane, outside the stadium.



● LEFT: Members of the Ngurrangaeta Men's Group served up sausage sandwiches in Albert Park, across the road from the basketball stadium, from left, Allan Jack, Lenard Wickey, Alan Brown, Kevin Allis, Lindsay Allis and 'Snake' Allis. The men's group promotes healthy living and well-being in Victoria.



Little down time for referee Selwyn

SELWYN Johnson (above) loves basketball, even though he hasn't played the game that much.

As an 18-year-old, he went along to watch his sister play in the local Bundaberg (Qld) competition and ended up refereeing a game.

That was about 1996 and a couple of years later he became a qualified referee.

The 25-year-old security guard these days travels the length of Queensland refereeing State League games.

At weekends he can control two games, sometimes a long distance apart – from Cairns to Brisbane.

He does it because he loves basketball.

At the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national basketball championships in Melbourne, Johnson was the tournament referees' co-ordinator.

He took on this job the previous year when the tournament was held in Cairns.

In Melbourne Johnson was a busy man. He was called on to referee in just about every time slot, which meant that he was officiating in eight or nine games each day.



Hoops 4 Health women's coach Timmy Duggan with partner Tamara Appo and three-month-old daughter Jodicee Duggan. Tamara was a co-manager of the H4H women's team, which won the final.



A family gathering... Pauline Cassady, of Melbourne, but who grew up in the Torres Strait, holding Kairan Morgan, 1, with Crhsitine Lovett and Brando Morgan, of Melbourne.



● LEFT: Melbourne family Patrick Farrant, daughters Jayarra, 17, and Carinda, 16, and wife Joanne. The girls played with the Melbourne Stars under 18 team.

● RIGHT: There's no disputing this Jamie Jackway Balaz goal in the men's game against West Angles (WA).

● RIGHT: Jamie Jackway Balaz player Deba George, from Darnley Island, in the Torres Strait, gets some treatment from Swinburne University Croydon campus sports massage student Wayde Lawler.





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Knockout meeting venue announced



TEAMS intending to compete in the 2011 NSW Rugby League Aboriginal Knockout carnival have been invited to a meeting in Sydney on Saturday 11 December.

This year's Knockout winners Aboriginal Connections Walgett have called the meeting to hear what others have to say on how the Knockout should be run.

Next year's Knockout will be held at Carrington Oval, Bathurst, during the October long weekend. It will be held the weekend before the big Bathurst V8 Supercar race.

The meeting on 11 December will be at 10am at the NSW Leagues Club, 165 Phillip

Street, in the city. Spokesman Matt Rose said he expected the meeting to last a couple of hours.

"It's an opportunity for delegates to present their ideas – ideas that AC Walgett can consider when planning next year's Knockout," Rose said.

People's carnival

"We want the carnival to be a people's event; we want ideas on how to present it.

"We'll listen to what delegates have to say.

"There are a few issues we know that need to be addressed."

Rose said AC Walgett wanted at least one delegate from club's intending to enter

the 2011 Knockout. He said there were about 30 teams that nominated every year, and another 20 or 30 teams that are 'in one year, out the next'.

"This meeting on 11 December is everyone's opportunity to have a say," he said.

Traditionally, ownership of the Knockout belongs to the club that wins the previous tournament.

Rose said he had an open mind on whether there should be an over-arching organisation to have control of the event.

"But I think that if the Knockout winners involve the Aboriginal community at large in planning the next Knockout, there is no need for an over-arching body," he said.



MATT ROSE

A touch too good



ACTION from the Indigenous Australian (in green) versus NZ Maori mixed under-21 international clash at the 17th annual First Contact Sport and Cultural Festival in Brisbane last weekend. The New Zealand players came out on top, winning 11-4. A good crowd turned out for the festival, which featured touch competitions, cultural entertainment, live bands and more. See our next edition for more coverage from the event. Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

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