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Blown away

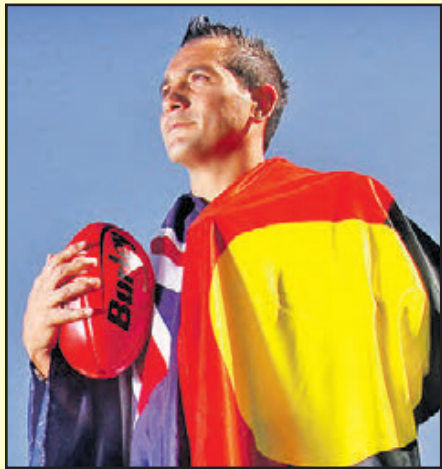


FIRST it was devastating record floods. And then came Yasi, a super cyclone the likes of which had not been seen for decades in north Queensland. Communities from Mackay to north of Cooktown battered down last week as Yasi came smashing in from the Coral Sea. While there was widespread damage, it could have been far worse, with only a small casualty toll. But Yasi's fury was still great. In our main picture, Cairns woman Wasada Tamwoy stands in a storm surge flood at high tide in Townsville. And the inset shows Akee Charles, Steven Chauka, Akee Chauka and Dalton Mathieson surveying the damage in a Townville street. *Photos: ALF WILSON*

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My FAMILY

Natalie Ebsworth - Dubbo, NSW



Front, from left, Dee Bugmy, 38, Shakaya Bugmy, 7, Natalie Ebsworth, and Ann Bugmy, 43, holding Mark Bugmy, 2. At the back are Josh Bugmy, 12, and Baby Dee Bugmy, 5.

THIS photo is of me, my husband Dee, Dee's sister Ann and some of our kids – Josh, Baby Dee, Shakaya and Mark. Our 14-year-old Steven isn't in the photo because he was off at Wilcannia, visiting his granny.

The photo was taken at a camping spot not far from Dubbo, just after Christmas. We'd all gone there with our good friends Lee and Naomi and their kids Gillinga and Dustilee, before they moved to the Northern Territory in January.

I am originally from Bourke and Dee is originally from Wilcannia, where we met. I call Dee my babe. We have had five children together but I also have four others. The kids are aged two to 22 years and all but one – my 21-year-old son Walter, who lives in Canberra – are with us in Dubbo. Walter was in the Wilcannia Mob, a hip-hop group who had some success on Triple J with their song *Down River*.

Dee and I also have two grand-daughters, and we both have big families back home. I am the third youngest amongst seven brothers and sisters.

We've lived in Dubbo for the past seven years, since Shakaya was a baby. A lot of

our extended family are here too. My mum, Barbara Ebsworth, lives across the road from us. It's good that the kids can see their nan and they also like going back to Wilcannia to see their granny, Kathleen Bugmy.

Camping is one of our favourite things. We like taking off and spending time out bush. Normally, we go swimming at waterholes or at the pool every couple of weeks. And we like playing bingo and cards.

Dee and I have been trying to get some funding to organise some activities for the kids who live here. There's not much for them to do over our side of town but we'd like to be able to take them places and do fun things.

One of our boys is going to high school this year, the rest of the younger kids are in primary school except for baby Mark, who stops home with me.

I'd like the kids to get a good education. I didn't like school much and left through Year Ten, but I hope my kids stick at it. If I could share one piece of advice with my kids, it'd be to say no to drugs because they're a big problem in our community. Hopefully they'll see their way through.

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OUR CHILDREN



AT the Invasion Day rally in Brisbane on 26 January were local kids, from left, Shaymus Malone and Serenity and Alyra Hopkins. More on the rally – Page 48

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Footy stars to shine



THE stage is set, or should that be 'stadium'? Whichever the case, thousands of die-hard rugby league fans, reconciliation advocates and agents of cultural pride will descend on

Queensland's Gold Coast this weekend for the second annual Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars match.

It's safe to bet that most readers of *The Koori Mail* will be hoping the Indigenous All Stars can score their second victory against the NRL All Stars.

But, even before the teams run out onto Skilled Park on Saturday, the eve of the third anniversary of the Federal Government's

Our best ready for showdown on Gold Coast

national apology to the Stolen Generations, plenty of goals will have been kicked and points scored for Indigenous advancement.

The inspirational match is expected to inject \$1.5 million into community programs developed



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by Rugby League's One Community and the 16 NRL clubs, with a particular focus on health, welfare, education and employment initiatives in Indigenous communities.

Amongst a host of events and activities associated with the game this week are an employment expo, youth summit, and a concert featuring some of Indigenous Australia's top Indigenous performers.

The 2011 All Stars Bumebla Festival will be held at Broadwater Parkland, in Southport on Friday and Saturday.

Throughout the two-day event, there'll also be activities, workshops, displays and rides for the kids. However, the festival's official opening ceremony will start at noon on Friday, followed by performances by pop duo Microwave Jenny, hip-hop performer Brothablack, Jaran Dancers, and Mununjali Banam Aboriginal Dancers. The Indigenous All Stars team will arrive at 5pm for a jersey presentation, followed by a concert from 6-8.30pm featuring Dan Sultan, Busby Marou and

Bangarra Dance Theatre.

On Saturday, there'll be a Parliamentary All Star Touch Football Game at 11am, followed by junior league clinics, and a second concert featuring the previous day's musical line-up.

For those not lucky enough to have scored tickets to the big game at Skilled Stadium, there's the opportunity to watch the match live on the big screen on the festival main stage.

As well as the sheer entertainment factor behind the All Stars match, the NRL has heavily promoted education and employment opportunities for young Indigenous people.

From tomorrow until Saturday, 120 Indigenous high school students from as far away as Elcho Island in the Northern Territory and Derby in Western Australia will attend the inaugural Learn. Earn. Legend! All Stars Youth Summit.

The Federal Government's Learn. Earn. Legend! campaign encourages young Indigenous Australians to stay in school and aspire to success in the workplace, as well as helping them make the transition from education to employment.

The Youth Summit attendees will take part in education, employment and personal development workshops overseen by the Smarter Stronger Institute, with executive director Dr Chris Sarra, before joining the sell-out crowd to watch the All Stars match at Skilled Park.

● Full coverage in sport

How sweet our Survival



Proudly wearing red, black and yellow at the ninth annual Yabun Festival in Sydney on Survival Day (26 January) were Jarmarni Tompkins, 18, and her sister Nikita, 22, both from Campbelltown, and Dalara Williams, 21, from Redfern. See pages 39-53 for our coverage of Survival Day and Invasion Day activities and events around the country. And get in touch if you want to tell us about yours. Photo by THERESA DALTON



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McLeod tells UN of victory over racism

FORMER Adelaide Crows star Andrew McLeod has told a United Nations forum the AFL's efforts to stamp out racism are the key to the huge rise in Indigenous participation in the league during his career.

McLeod told the Geneva forum on racism in sport that the proportion of Indigenous players in the league increased from five per cent to 11 per cent during the past 15 years.

He said the next step was for more Indigenous people to become members of AFL club boards and executive committees, and take up coaching positions.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 340-game dual Norm Smith Medallist retired last year after 16 years at the national level, and has joined the AFL as a community engagement and talent co-ordinator.

McLeod said the AFL hadn't always been a leader when it came to community, education and development programs.

"The racial vilification laws in all honesty were a bit slow to be developed, and even then were well overdue," he said.

"For Indigenous players of the past competing in the big competitions around Australia, it became easier to walk away and head back to the comforts of home than to put up with racial taunts by opponents and even their own team mates."

Incidents

It took a series of disturbing incidents – including the abuse of St Kilda's Nicky Winmar by opposition supporters in 1993, and the abuse of Essendon player Michael Long by an on-field opponent in 1995 – to make the AFL address the issue properly.

It developed policies for its players and a process to deal with on-field racial vilification, as well as player and staff education.

"(With these in place), the biggest difference we have seen is an increase of Indigenous players playing in

the AFL," said McLeod.

"...No longer do we get called racist names on the field by opposing players like our predeceasing brothers did, from the spectators over the fence it has become a thing of the past."

McLeod, whose great grandmother was forcibly removed from her mother, said that along with former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's national apology to the Stolen Generations, this would have to be one of the proudest moments in Australian history, 'the day we stood up and said no to racism'.

"The next step for Indigenous people in the AFL is to look for other ways to be involved," he said.

"We have no representations at a board level in any of the 17 Clubs, no representation on the executive committees and we don't hold any current coaching positions. This is another agenda we must address." – *By KIRSTIE PARKER, with AAP*



Former Adelaide Crows footballer, Andrew McLeod, draped in the Australian and Aboriginal flags at Adelaide's AAMI Stadium before travelling to Geneva last week. *NewsPix image*

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New visitor park is a good place



AN \$11 million accommodation park aimed at providing Aboriginal visitors to Alice Springs with a safe place to stay was opened last week.

Apmere Mwerre Visitor Park contains a mix of self-contained units, cabins and camping facilities, offering a range of short-term accommodation options for up to 150 people.

Apmere Mwerre means 'good place' in the local Arrernte language, and was the name suggested by local traditional owners.

The visitor park has been established under the \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan – a partnership between the Australian and Northern Territory governments to improve the lives of Aboriginal residents and visitors in Alice Springs.

Last Wednesday's official

opening drew a heavy-hitting political crowd, including Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Indigenous Health Minister and Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon, NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson, and NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton.

Ms Macklin said the park met 'a very real need' to provide families and vulnerable people with safe and secure accommodation where drugs and alcohol were not tolerated.

Safe, secure

"Importantly, it will also help to alleviate overcrowding in the Alice Springs town camps," she said.

Ms Macklin said she was pleased that, under the management of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd, the visitor park has created 18 new jobs for locals.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said Aboriginal people from remote communities

visited Alice Springs for a variety of reasons, such as accessing medical services, attending sporting events, visiting family and purchasing goods and services.

"The visitor park will provide a much-needed accommodation option for an affordable fee," he said. "The park will be supported by regular public transport services to make it easier for people to access medical treatment and get to appointments."

Minister Hampton said that the new facility, other accommodation projects, and 85 new houses being built under the transformation plan would add more than 500 additional beds to the town by the end of the year.

Minister Snowdon said the visitor park would mean that the many Aboriginal families and other people who made the trip into Alice Springs could access accommodation that was safe and secure and not crowded.

Picking up pieces after a huge blow

By Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER and ALF WILSON

A BLESSED mix of good luck and good management seems to have spared Queensland Indigenous people and communities from the worst of tropical cyclone Yasi's lethal potential last week but, in some cases, only just.

The category five monster storm crossed the coast at Mission Beach around midnight last Wednesday, devastating the idyllic spot and nearby centres of Cardwell, Tully, Innisfail and to a lesser degree Ingham, Townsville and Cairns.

At the time of printing, details were still emerging from some of the worst-hit areas. Ongoing cuts to power and telephone networks were hampering communication between those in need and authorities, worried families and friends, and what some had begun to consider an intrusive media.

But with the death toll still sitting at just one, most Queenslanders were thanking their lucky stars or a higher being that they weren't worse affected.

Authorities were putting it down to people heeding warnings and taking precautions.

'If you can't get out, hunker down and hang on' was the best advice to those in Yasi's largely

unwavering path.

Still, thousands of people were left homeless and many more suffered serious damage to their houses, cars and boats.

Now the hard work begins. Some people were struggling to decide where to begin to pick up the pieces of shattered houses, lives and psyches. For others, chainsaws were popular weapons against tangles of trees and shrubbery amidst the mud and debris.

Financial support similar to that extended to southern Qld flood victims just weeks ago is in the offing, and the Federal Government has pledged to pick up 75 per cent of what could be a tab of more than \$2 billion.

Army sent in

The army has been sent in but it remains to be seen whether the thousands of volunteer 'angels' who emerged post-flood last month will materialise up north.

Certainly, politicians have been out in force – to mixed receptions. Premier Anna Bligh seems to have fared better than Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Opposition leader Tony Abbott.

One commentator dubbed her 'No-bullshit Bligh' and said her conduct was a worthy case study of how political leaders should handle natural disasters.

But it is clear the recovery

effort will be long and arduous.

At the height of its fury, Yasi unleashed winds of close to 300kmh, driving rain and unprecedented sea surges in low-lying areas along a 500km stretch of coast from Cooktown to Mackay.

Around lunchtime on Sunday, power had reportedly been returned to all but 4000 homes and businesses in and around Cairns. As roads re-opened throughout the region, shops and petrol stations picked clean when panic buying set in were being replenished.

At around one o'clock in the afternoon, *The Koori Mail* received news via a phone call from Palm Island that local council officers were distributing \$50 food vouchers to residents.

"Most of the population of Palm Island is here at the retail store to pick up food from the vouchers, which are most welcome," the caller said. It is understood that food came from mainland Ingham and Townsville, both still severely affected by Yasi.

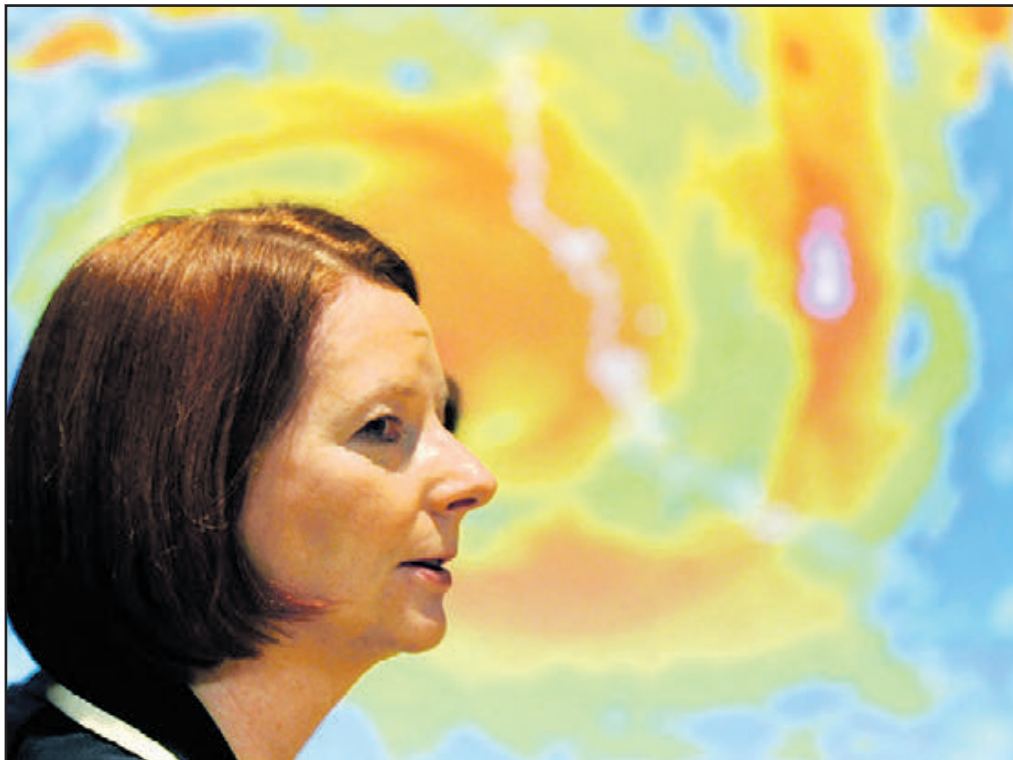
But, as a measure of the cyclone's might and longevity, Alice Springs was bracing on Sunday for potential flash flooding from its after-effects.

Alarming, long-range weather forecasters were also warning Queenslanders to brace for more cyclones in coming weeks.



Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan in the devastated town of Cardwell. AAP image

Stories of terror, strength



Prime Minister Julia Gillard at Canberra's Crisis Co-ordination Centre in front of a computer graphic of the huge, swirling category five Cyclone Yasi which carved a path of destruction across north Queensland last week. AAP Image

Words by ALF WILSON and KIRSTIE PARKER, with additional reporting by CHRISTINE HOWES and AAP. Townsville photos by ALF WILSON, Palm Island photos by HAL WALSH



"YOU'RE lucky you got me," Palm Island Mayor Alf Wilson said cheerily, down a surprisingly clear phone line on Friday evening.

"I've just come up the only hill in the place where we can get a bit of mobile reception. It's down everywhere else."

From where he was standing, Cr Lacey was in a pretty good position to survey his beloved island, 65kms north-west of Townsville, and judge how it and 2000-or-so residents had come through the worst cyclone in contemporary Australian history.

Across the water and to the north, the coastal towns of Mission Beach and Cardwell as well as Tully were devastated – taking close hits from Yasi around midnight on Wednesday.

But on Palm, Cr Lacey said, there was mostly an overwhelming sense of relief.

Despite being close to the eye of the monster storm as it approached the mainland, the island had escaped with no



ALF LACEY

loss of life or serious injury, no inundation, and less damage to homes and other buildings than feared.

"I was really worried when I got up early this morning," Cr Lacey said. "When I was putting my boots on, I was fearing the worst but it looked better than I had hoped. We're sort of all right."

Several council buildings, the post
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‘The main thing is everyone is safe...’



Some of the devastation on Palm Island caused by Cyclone Yasi.

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office, cultural centre and TAFE did, in fact, lose all or part of their roofs. The phones went down, the cement jetty copped huge waves, debris flew around the streets, and much of the island's tropical greenery was stripped bare.

“And we have some water problems and electricity is still out in some parts, maybe to 100 of 400 homes,” said Cr Lacey.

But one of the hardest things for the people of Palm to get over will be symbolic, as well as physical... the loss of an old tree in the middle of the community in the hours before Cyclone Yasi arrived. Estimated to be aged well over a century, the old dame had been a meeting place for generations of islanders.

“Unfortunately, part of Palm's history fell down in the cyclone – the Old Fig Tree, the story place of this community,” Cr Lacey said.

“It was there for a long time, for over 100 years, and was of great cultural significance to the people of Palm.

“The main thing out of all of this, though, is that everyone is safe.”

On the day before the cyclone struck, Cr Lacey rejected suggestions that more could have been done to prepare residents.

Former mayor Robert Blackley had told national media there'd been no evacuation warnings issued on the island, despite its proximity to Yasi, and 90 per cent of the island's houses and its three evacuation centres were below tidal surge levels. Mr Blackley said the state of Queensland had abandoned Palm Islanders.

However, Cr Lacey said most houses and the evacuation centres were safe from surges and, while residents could have taken the last ferry or plane off the island the day before, most chose to stay and comply with the local disaster management plan.

After the cyclone passed, Cr Lacey congratulated Palm Islanders for heeding the warnings issued by the council.



A welcome sign lies among the wreckage in Cardwell, which bore the brunt of the cyclone. AAP image

“I am proud of them and of the emergency management here on Palm; our planning worked to a tee,” he said.

“One of the things that always strikes me about Palm is that we've been knocked around by a lot of people over a very long time but – when push comes to shove – we can stick together. “Palm has never been high on governments' agenda for services generally. I don't want to buy into (Mr Blackley's comments) but we really don't need comments like that. We don't need intervention; just the same services and support as other Australians.”

Nevertheless, Cr Lacey said he wished Premier Anna Bligh and Prime Minister Julia Gillard would include affected Indigenous communities like Palm Island in their tours of the region.

He was hopeful that power

would be back on throughout the community on the weekend, the council building would re-open on Monday, and ferry and air services to the island would resume within the week.

Cr Lacey's sense of relief was echoed by some Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people elsewhere, along with inevitable despair.

Cardwell

Cardwell, Tully and Innisfail were severely damaged, with many buildings destroyed and crops such as bananas devastated.

Innisfail and Tully were also battered when Cyclone Larry struck in March 2006 and some homes had only recently been repaired.

In Cardwell, Girringun Aboriginal Corporation became a

safe haven for about 40 Aboriginal people and others at the height of the storm.

Located in a highly exposed spot at the beginning of the town's main street, the traditional owner organisation reportedly escaped with relatively minor damage – a relief for those who sheltered there.

Power and water supplies to the town were still cut at the weekend but one of Girringun's founders, Townsville Elder Russell Butler Snr, spoke to the group by phone on Friday and was relieved to hear they were okay.

Later that day, *The Koori Mail* rang the 63-year-old and learned that he was down past Mackay, having driven his grandchildren there on Wednesday afternoon, on a highway that was ‘bumper to bumper’.



RUSSELL BUTLER, SNR

However, Mr Butler said that many Indigenous people had stayed in places like Cardwell and Tully because they had nowhere else to go or no means to get out of the cyclone's path.

“Murri people are sometimes frightened to ask for help and they're frightened to leave. It would have meant a lot to be together,” he said.

In the case of Girringun, he said, ‘Everyone was hoping it would be safe there and, fortunately, it was’.

“The power is now off in Cardwell, the beach front is up on the roadway, and the place was virtually demolished but none of Girringun's buildings were really damaged,” he said.

“None of our people are missing or injured. It's really quite remarkable.

“(Girringun CEO Phil Rist) was telling me that there was iron from other buildings flying past as the cyclone got worse, and the water was coming in at the eaves because of the wind, so they hung in there around the bathroom and toilet.

“They expected the roof to go but it stayed. If the roof had gone, they'd have been in dire straits but that old building stood up and so did the newer Davey

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Cyclone Yasi – Despair and Relief



Soldiers helping with the massive clean-up in Townsville following Cyclone Yasi.

Yarrabah spared

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Lawrence Training Centre next door.

"The mob will go back to their houses to see what they can retrieve but most will sleep at Girringun again and get whatever food comes in via the Army or SES. At least they have a base camp."

Mr Butler said he had been through quite a few cyclones, including category four Cyclone Althea at Townsville in 1971 and quite a few before and since.

"But this has been horrific. We were 700kms from the eye and still feeling the strength of it down here at Sarina," he said.

Mr Butler said he would wait until the roads were all clear before heading back to Townsville because he'd be driving a four-wheel-drive home in a convoy with his daughter who only had a sedan.

"It's going to be a long road back," he predicted.

Mr Butler's own home, an old low-set Queenslander in the flood-prone suburb of Garbutt, reportedly escaped with just one cracked window.

However, he said he was still thinking of selling up and moving to higher ground.

"Cairns, Townsville and Cardwell will be inundated again, in time," he said.

"Nature is reclaiming them. It is taking country back again so we have to move back and build better, smarter structures to live in this place."

Yarrabah

The 3000-strong Aboriginal community of Yarrabah, about 40 minutes' drive south of Cairns, largely escaped serious damage because Yasi struck further down than the coast than first expected.

The day before, Mayor Percy Neal told *The Koori Mail* that about 50 houses close to the sea front had been evacuated in case of tidal surges.

The local disaster plan had



Among the devastation, a little bit of joy ... Local woman Robyn Jones holds her baby Kaniesha Glastonbury, born at Innisfail Hospital during the height of Cyclone Yasi. Not surprisingly, Robyn says she didn't notice the gale-force winds roaring past the hospital during the birth. Kaniesha is a sister for Raheem and Zabella. *Newspix image*

kicked in and people were calm, he said.

"We've done our disaster planning with all the relevant bodies and the police went around," Mr Neal said.

"The people here are a pretty good bunch and there was no reluctance for people to move.

"We don't want to cause a panic. A few people have left Yarrabah for Cairns – probably ten carloads at the most – but people are generally staying put.

"If it's a big storm, it'll cover us,

but we're doing the best we can with the resources we have to hand and telling people to batten down."

The Koori Mail tried to contact Mr Neal again late last week, without success. However, on Thursday AAP reported that he was trying to decide what help he could send to the harder-hit Mission Beach and Tully areas

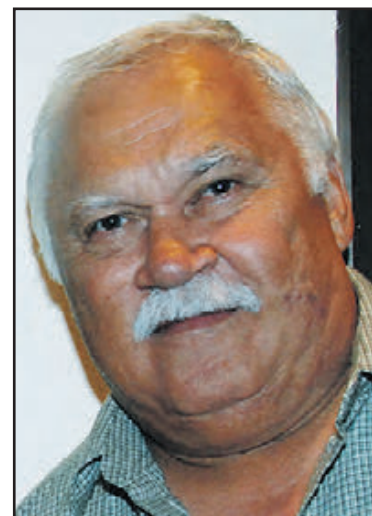
"We come through all right mate," Mr Neal told AAP. "There's more damage down in the Innisfail to Cardwell area.

"It's still pretty bad here, but we probably didn't get to 280-290kmh winds. It was going 'til about three o'clock, four o'clock this morning."

Mr Neal said there was some evidence of a storm surge on Thursday morning, with water lapping above the high water mark, but not anywhere near the first row of houses near the beach.

There appeared to be little structural damage, but there was a lot of debris.

"I feel sorry for them fellas



PERCY NEAL

down there," he said of communities to the south.

"We might go and organise to send some people from here, from the SES crew, when we finish cleaning up here."

Townsville

In Townsville, a total of 5000 homes in low-lying areas were evacuated the day before the cyclone hit.

The Koori Mail's Townsville Correspondent, Alf Wilson, drove around the city on the Wednesday morning.

One of those who evacuated was activist Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, who lives on the Strand, where Cyclone Althea destroyed many buildings in 1971.

Farouk Ackerdien and Jacob Goldsmith, from Brisbane, were on the Strand and hoping for the best.

"We drove up from Brisbane for work and just hope we escape the cyclone," Mr Goldsmith said.

Broome (WA) couple Wayne George and Cassie Nelson were on the Strand with their daughter Lotoya Nelson-George, 3, and had experienced smaller cyclones back home.

"But the latest one at Broome was a category two and this is supposed to be a category five with much more destructive winds.

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Cyclone damage in Townsville, with power lines down.

Townsville hammered

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"We only arrived in Townsville during December and never expected this," Mr George said.

Dozens of homeless Indigenous people were amongst thousands of people who gathered in the city's evacuation centres. A community patrol had helped park-dwellers to one centre in Sturt Street.

"We would get seriously injured out in the street without any shelter," one of those assisted told *The Koori Mail*.

"We are just hoping nobody gets injured," said another.

The Night Owl store at the Lakes in Townsville was closing an hour later and Cecilia Waia, from Aurukun, Annie Eseli, from Badu Island, and Xsavia Eseli and Norisha Eseli were stocking up on last-minute supplies.

"I brought my son down two days ago from Aurukun to go to boarding school in Townsville and was due to go back today but my plane was cancelled," Ms Waia said.

"There are other women from Mossman and Boigu also stuck here. Luckily I am staying with my sister Annie, who lives here."

Annie said she had lived in Townsville for 30 years and Yasi was by far the biggest cyclone she had heard of.

With weather forecasters predicting winds of 'catastrophic proportions' across the city, residents had their fingers crossed that the damage would be limited.

About 8pm on Wednesday, four hours before Yasi hit Mission Beach to the north, Alf Wilson and his wife Jenny lay on a mattress in the hallway of their Townsville home.

"The winds were around 180kmh in Townsville and I feared my roof would be blown off by winds that were still strong at 5am," the veteran journalist said later.

"At about nine o'clock the morning after Yasi struck, I



Palm Islanders Margaret Starlight and Elizabeth Dyson heading for an evacuation centre in Townsville last Wednesday morning. "We are hoping nobody gets injured," Margaret said.

drove around Townsville in a four-wheel-drive to file reports.

"A king tide peaked at 9.30am and the lower lying suburbs of Railway Estate and South Townsville were flooded by a storm surge."

Mr Wilson encountered Cairns woman Wasada Tamwoy, who'd been visiting Townsville and got stranded in the storm surge along Railway Avenue.

Stranded

"I am waiting be to be picked up by friends but there are trees down and the service station is flooded," she said.

Later, Ms Tamwoy was able to leave the area in a car.

Two other Indigenous people waved to Mr Wilson from the verandah of their flooded house along Townsville's Boundary Street, where many businesses were also in water.

And Darnley Islander Akee

Charles's home in Tippet Street, Townsville, was surrounded by uprooted trees and power lines.

"This looks like a war zone in Iraq or Afghanistan," he told our journalist. "You don't expect that here but other people are worse off than me."

It was painfully obvious that the clean up was going to take a lot of time to complete, but less than would have been the case if it weren't for scores of Australian Army personnel who swept through the city on Saturday in a fleet of trucks.

In the biggest domestic deployment of the defence forces since Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin in 1974, about 4000 troops from Townsville's Lavarack Barracks set about cleaning up streets scattered with fallen trees and power lines.

Tens of thousands of homes in Townsville were still without power as *The Koori Mail* went to

'We all got a big scare, but people here are strong...'

By ALF WILSON

AS sheets of iron from nearby building roofs smashed into his home during the height of the fury of Cyclone Yasi, veteran Palm Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis contemplated lying under his bed.

"I have never been so scared. I thought my place was ripping apart from the winds," he said on Saturday morning, as he reflected on the worst cyclone in Australia's history.

The 73-year-old has lived on Palm Island for 12 years. His home is a former youth centre and school campus building about 100m from the Palm Island jetty and esplanade, and a shorter distance in another direction from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council offices and the local PCYC.

'Uncle Ray', as he is known affectionately by virtually everybody on Palm, trains the only entirely Aboriginal boxing club in the country.

He couldn't be reached by phone for two days and nights after Yasi battered north Queensland.

But when his mobile phone came back into service about 11 o'clock on Friday night, it went crazy with messages from people around Australia enquiring about his safety and other locals.

Mr Dennis spoke to *The Koori Mail* early on Saturday morning while having breakfast at the family home of his assistant trainer Chris Gundy.

"The power is off on Palm like it is in many places that Cyclone Yasi hit but there are two generators here at Chris's," he said.

Mr Dennis said he knew his home was strong but it was still tested.

"The winds were unbelievably strong," he said. "I am no expert

on wind strength but we were not far away from the eye of Yasi. Cardwell and Tully are just up the coast. I estimate the winds were 200kmh," he said.

Mr Dennis said that early on, winds knocked down a big mango tree at the back of his home.

"It landed just near the ladies toilet which is inside at the back of the building," he said. "Sheets of iron from nearby buildings cut power lines and the winds were so strong I was ready to climb under my bed and lay on the floor."

"Iron was slamming into the outside of my home with incredible force. It was the worst

experience (I've had) by Mother Nature since I have been here"

Mr Dennis said the winds were strongest for eight hours before, during and after Cyclone Yasi, but went on for two days.

"When the winds went, I walked around here and the roof was blown off the Post Office so I hope mail wasn't damaged or destroyed," he said.

Mr Dennis praised local emergency service people and said overall there wasn't that much major

damage to buildings he could see, at least in his immediate vicinity.

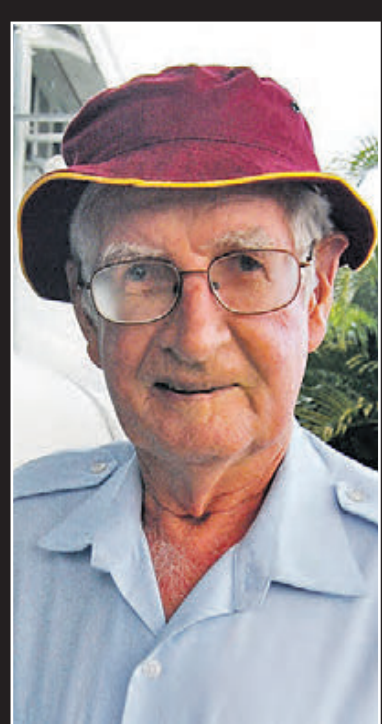
But Cyclone Yasi has hit the Palm Boxing Club, with four boxers due to leave the island the day after it struck to travel to Caloundra for the Australian Boxing Association State Titles.

It was to have been the first time they fought under the association banner, which enables them to be selected in Australian teams at the next Olympic Games.

"Like everybody else, we couldn't get off the island," Mr Dennis said.

He said he hoped life on Palm Island would return to normal soon.

"We all got a big scare but the people here are strong."



Ray Dennis on Palm Island ... "I have never been so scared. I thought my place was ripping apart from the winds."



Fire in their bellies



FOR many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and arguably more and more other

Australians, the celebration of our national day on 26 January is highly contentious. The anniversary of the First Fleet's arrival at Botany Bay is a touchy subject, given Australia's black history.

Increasingly, the date also generates discussion around national symbols such as the Australian flag and the Australian anthem.

And not for the first time, the spectre of such discussions has again been raised by the country's top Australian.

At a ceremony outside Parliament House in Canberra on 25 January, banker and philanthropist Simon McKeon was named 2011 Australian of the Year, ahead of a field that included two Aboriginal finalists – bookies' favourite lawyer Professor Larissa Behrendt, the NSW Australian of the Year; and Dr Noel Hayman, Queensland's Australian of the Year.

However, Mr McKeon – who works with work Indigenous charity Red Dust Role Models – said the next day he felt the most important debate was whether Australians supported a republic.

"All the other issues that flow from that such as the model of a

Indigenous champions front and centre on national day

republic, the flag, the anthem, even the date that we celebrate today, for me they are secondary issues," he said. "They are important issues, but they are secondary, there is only so much oxygen we can have at any one point in time to devote to this, but inevitably there will be a republic one day."

Mr McKeon said every Australian had a role to play in improving the lot of Aboriginal people.

"I don't think it's simply an issue of more money from the government or whatever," he said. "It's not something we sit in an armchair and say is too hard, there is something we can all do."

Mr McKeon paid tribute to his co-winners, as well as all the finalists, noting they had all given up time for worthy causes.

"I'm just one of a great army of Australians who are involved in the not-for-profit sector," he said.

"And it's given me much, much more than I've ever given it."

As well as Prof Behrendt and Dr Hayman, five other Aboriginal Australians featured amongst the

finalists: Alcohol and drug rehabilitation trailblazer Barry Abbott (NT) in the Senior Australian of the Year category; health researcher Kalinda Griffiths (NT) and cultural educator Vincent (Jack) Buckskin in the Young Australian of the Year category; and Yolngu Elder Djapirri Mununggirri (NT) and suicide prevention campaigner Mary Victor O'Reeri (WA) in the Local Hero category.

That morning, most of the Indigenous finalists had gathered at a Reconciliation Australia breakfast in their honour. After a welcome to country by Ngunnawal Elder Aunty Agnes Shea, Deputy Chairperson of the National Australian Day Council (NADC) and Aboriginal woman Shelley Reys said she'd been struck, when reading their biographies, how each of the Indigenous finalists had chosen to be part of 'the Indigenous space' and this was what drove and gave them their 'fire in the belly'.

"The rest of Australia will be thanking you tonight and I will be the first one there to get in and say

how proud you make me feel," Ms Reys said.

While none of the Aboriginal finalists topped their categories, they all received warm applause from the large audience at the formal awards ceremony in the afternoon.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said all of the finalists were 'remarkable', 'amazing' and 'great' Aussies.

"I've had the privilege of meeting the nominees earlier today, they come from a broad range of backgrounds, but the one thing that ties them together is that they constantly and selflessly give of themselves to the community that they seek to serve," Ms Gillard said. "This is a tremendous occasion to be celebrating these great Australians."

Queensland solo sailor Jessica Watson was named Young Australian of the Year 2011, while NSW disability advocate Professor Ron McCallum was announced as Senior Australian of the Year 2011 and NSW suicide prevention advocate Donald Ritchie is Australia's Local Hero 2011.

The awards ceremony was followed by the 'Australia Celebrates' concert on the lawns of Parliament House, featuring Jessica Mauboy and the Chooky Dancers amongst other top entertainers.

Hats and other merchandise offered around the lawns encouraged people to celebrate 'what was great' about Australia.

See separate story on Page 37 for some of those who soaked up the talent and atmosphere. – with AAP

● **Pictured: From one gathering ground to another...** On 25 January, Prime Minister Julia Gillard hosted a reception at the Lodge in Canberra for all of the state and territory finalists – including seven Aboriginal high achievers – in the national Australia Day awards. Early the next morning, the Darug, Gadigal and neighbouring Dharawal, Yuin, Gurik, Wonaroo and Awabakal clans gathered in Sydney's Botanic Gardens for the annual Woggan-ma-gule Morning Ceremony (below). The ceremony represents the meeting of the waters and is performed at both contemporary and traditional gatherings. The Woggan-ma-gule is the commemoration of the past and the celebration of the future. AAP Images



Numeracy, literacy woes highlighted



A NEW study has highlighted the numeracy and literacy problems of Indigenous children. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's

pilot study into the educational outcomes of children on guardianship or custody orders found Indigenous children were about half as likely to achieve the literacy and numeracy benchmarks as other children on orders.

The institute's Nicole Hunter said the academic results of young people in state care were similar to that of Indigenous children in the general student population.

"This suggests that Indigenous children are at an increased risk of academic disadvantage within an

already disadvantaged group," Ms Hunter said.

More than 4500 public school students in state care from Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania participated in the testing from 2003 to 2006.

would find it difficult to progress at school.

Queensland students in state care fared badly. Only 47 per cent of Year Five students there scored the national minimum standard for reading in 2003.

In 2004, that figure had crept to 52.1

per cent, before falling back the next year to 43.7 per cent.

When it came to numeracy, Tasmania did poorly.

In 2003, 45.5 per cent of Year Seven students in state care met the national

minimum standard, the figure falling to 41.7 in 2005 and then down again to 31.8 per cent in 2006.

These disappointing figures were offset by some particularly outstanding literacy results in Tasmanian Year Three students.

Victoria came out of the pilot study the best-performing state for children subject to guardianship or custody orders, especially when it came to Year Three and Five numeracy.

"Overall children on these protection orders are less likely to meet national minimum standards than other children," said Ms Hunter.

"(That includes) those children in disadvantaged cohorts such as children with a non-English background and those living in remote areas." – AAP

'...Indigenous children are at an increased risk of academic disadvantage within an already disadvantaged group'

Their results were measured against the minimum literacy and numeracy standards for Years Three, Five and Seven.

When children fell below these benchmarks, it was expected they

per cent, before falling back the next year to 43.7 per cent.

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O'Donoghue rejects Constitution stance

By DARREN COYNE, with AAP



INDIGENOUS Elder Lowitja O'Donoghue has rejected a call for Indigenous Australians to have a preliminary vote on the issue of Indigenous recognition in the Australian constitution.

Cape York leader Noel Pearson, writing in *The Australian* newspaper recently, insisted that Aboriginal Australians be given a vote to determine whether a referendum on Indigenous recognition went ahead.

Mr Pearson also took a swipe at a suggestion by Mark Liebler, a co-chair of the expert committee set up to proceed constitutional recognition, that Australian people on both sides needed to make substantial compromises to get a referendum up.

"We should not see the forthcoming challenge as one where some Australians will win, and other Australians will lose something," Mr Pearson wrote.

"If we don't come up with a proposal that is a win for all Australians, then nothing we propose will succeed."

Mr Pearson went on to say that any proposal which did not meet with Lowitja O'Donoghue's blessing as an Indigenous Elder, and also John Howard's blessing as a conservative 'elder', would go nowhere.

Professor O'Donoghue told *The Koori Mail*, however, that she was a little bemused by Mr Pearson's reference to her, but rejected his suggestion as too divisive. "We really do want to get this referendum up and I am very serious about that," she said.

"The only solid position I have is that the change should be in the body of the Constitution."

Prof O'Donoghue also said she would prefer any referendum to be a stand-alone affair, rather than be linked to a Federal election, but said it was really up to the Federal



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– Lowitja O'Donoghue

'If we don't come up with a proposal that is a win for all Australians, then nothing we propose will succeed' – Noel Pearson



Government to make that decision.

Another Aboriginal leader, Marcia Langton, who is also on the panel, has insisted on greater recognition than just inserting something 'light in the preamble'.

Meanwhile, West Australian Liberal MP Ken Wyatt, who is also a member of the expert committee, also said that a separate vote on the issue of

Indigenous recognition would be too divisive.

"Look, I think it's early days and I think that the committee should consider a range of options," he said.

"But I wouldn't support a separate referendum – this is about all Australians and to have something separate is divisive."

Meanwhile, a Victorian academic has called for more

research into the attitudes of non-Aboriginal Australians regarding reconciliation and constitutional change.

Views

Dr Tom Clark, a senior lecturer in Victoria University's School of Communications and Arts, said there was limited understanding of the views of non-Indigenous Australians on the issue.

"Apart from some very basic statistical research, nobody has taken a deep look at what non-Indigenous Australians think reconciliation is all about, or what it means for them," Dr Clark said.

"We're talking about the vast majority of voters in every Australian state and territory. Understanding how they relate to reconciliation could be the critical factor in a referendum campaign."

UN criticism for Australia

By LIZ MURRAY



AUSTRALIA has come in for criticism over its treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as part of a four-yearly United Nations review of its human rights record. The UN Rights Council in Geneva last week released its Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Australia's human rights conditions.

UN member countries are required to undergo a UPR to examine their human rights record every four years.

The Australian Government had emphasised its Closing the Gap agenda, reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) in NT Aboriginal communities, and moves towards Indigenous constitutional recognition during its grilling at the review in Geneva. A coalition of Australian human rights organisations had earlier briefed foreign diplomats on what they saw as Australia's human rights failings.

The 50-or-so countries that participated in Australia's review also urged better treatment of asylum seekers and same-sex couples, but most of their 145 recommendations related to the treatment of Indigenous people.

Many recommended the full and prompt ratification of the Optional Protocol of the Convention against Torture, launched by the Federal Attorney-General two years ago.

Of those nations urging the treaty's ratification, several emphasised the need for implementation of 'national preventative mechanisms' to educate and independently monitor conditions of custodial detention around Australia.

Some member states were pointed in their expectations of improvements in law and justice for Aboriginal people, several calling for independent investigations after deaths in custody, and 'effective legal measures to prohibit the use of excessive force and tasers by the police against various groups of peoples.'

Malaysia called on Australia to improve the administration of justice and establishment of mechanisms to independently investigate police use of force and police misconduct, and police-related deaths.

Other justice recommendations addressed over-representation of Indigenous people in custody, the need for appropriate legal representation and interpreters for Aboriginal people in remote areas, increased referrals to diversionary programs, greater cultural awareness and human rights training for justice workers and police.

Further recommendations with implications for Indigenous communities called for more effort to counter violence against women and children and greater legal support for them, and the appointment of a national children's commissioner.

Recommendations repeatedly called for Australia to comply with its international obligations on human rights, the incorporation of international racial discrimination and human rights expectations into domestic law, the strengthening of the human rights framework, and the creation of human rights legislation.

Most recommendations related to preserving the integrity of the RDA and legislative amendments to prevent its suspension, the observance of the CERD, and an urgent need to address the differences in social outcomes for Indigenous Australians and to re-assess



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the effectiveness of current strategies.

Member states called for the Constitution to acknowledge Indigenous people, for reform of the Native Title Act, a National Compensation Scheme for Stolen Generations, and policies to enhance social inclusion and community cohesion.

A spokesman for Attorney-General Robert McClelland said Australia would consider the range of recommendations made and respond formally to the council in June.

Indigenous rights campaigner Les Malezer, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), and the Australian Greens all called for a swifter and meaningful Australian response.

Mr Malezer said action, not rhetoric, was needed now to address Indigenous disadvantage.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the Government had plenty of notice of the issues raised by the UN Human Rights Council and had a history of using the need to tackle disadvantage as an excuse for reducing people's rights, 'as has occurred with the NT Intervention'.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton agreed that the Gillard Government was very familiar with the long-standing issues the report highlighted, including the full reinstatement of the RDA in the NT, and the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) into Australian law.

"The Government's below-par response



BEV MANTON

to such an important review is gravely disappointing," she said.

"As the country's largest Aboriginal land council, representing some 20,000 Aboriginal people, NSWALC would like to see a more genuine response to the recommendations in the review.

"Some of these (recommendations) touched on some very important issues facing Australia's first peoples such as incarceration rates, economic disadvantage and a reparations tribunal for the Stolen Generations.

"Our rights as human beings and as the first peoples of this country need to be supported and strengthened. They should not be taken lightly as 'impractical', or lacking in urgency."

Australian Human Rights Commission President Catherine Branson, QC, welcomed the recommendations and the series of voluntary pledges subsequently made by Australia.

These included a full-time Race Discrimination Commissioner, a commitment to tabling in Parliament concluding observations from treaty bodies and UPR recommendations, and instituting a systematic process for review of Australia's reservations to human rights treaties.

"The commission is particularly pleased the Government has agreed to use the outcome of our UPR to inform the development of Australia's National Human Rights Action Plan," Ms Branson said.

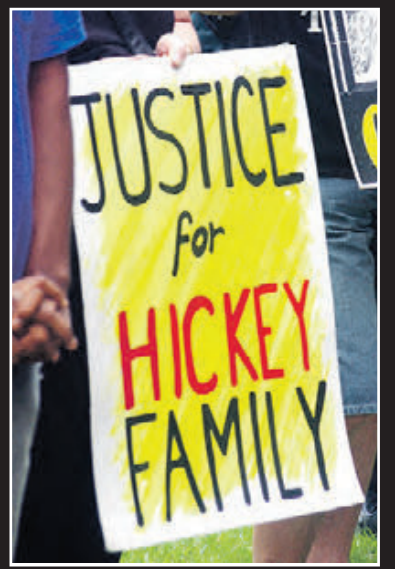
"We look forward to this dialogue continuing in Australia; closing the gap between our international obligations and our domestic protections of human rights will help ensure a fairer, more inclusive and more secure Australia."

Amnesty International Australia Campaigns director Andrew Beswick said measures under the NT Intervention must comply with protections against racial discrimination, and the principles of the UNDRIP must be implemented 'across policy and practice'.

The Australian Government has committed to providing a detailed response to all recommendations, he said.

"The world is now literally watching... it's crucial the Government acts decisively and modifies long-standing government policies that breach human rights," he said.

The 145 recommendations, together with further details about the Universal Periodic Review, are at <http://www.hrlrc.org.au/content/universal-periodic-review-ngo-delegation-updates/>



The campaign to have the coronial inquest into TJ Hickey's death re-opened goes on.

7 years on, rally march for TJ



THE seventh anniversary of the death of TJ Hickey in Redfern will be marked

next week by a rally and march in the inner Sydney suburb.

Seventeen-year-old TJ died on 15 February 2004, a day after becoming impaled on a suburban metal fence.

Shortly before, he'd been pursued on his push bike by police who insist they'd given up the chase by the time he crashed.

The tragedy, which was deemed a death in custody, sparked a violent confrontation between some residents of the Block in Redfern and police.

In August 2004, the NSW State Coroner concluded that TJ's death was a freak accident and the actions of police officers had not contributed to it in any way. Since then, the teenager's family and their supporters have called for the coronial inquest to be re-opened.

At 10.30am next Monday, 14 February, members of the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) and others will gather on the corner of George and Philips streets, Waterloo, opposite the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE).

There'll be speeches and a two-minute silence for TJ, before the group marches to the Redfern police station via Pitt and Redfern streets, and then on to the Block, where ISJA hopes a memorial will eventually be erected to the fallen teenager.

For more information on the rally and march, contact ISJA on tel (02) 9318 0947, mobile (0415) 858 264, or email isja01@bigpond.net.au

NT Elders hit out at Govt approach

By DARREN COYNE



RESPECTED Aboriginal Elders from across the Northern Territory joined a group of other eminent

Australians in Melbourne early this week to strongly criticise the Federal Government's approach to Indigenous affairs.

They also called for an end to the NT Emergency Response, or NT Intervention, insisting that it was doing more harm than good, and was de-railing efforts to promote reconciliation in Australia.

Timed to coincide with a review of Australia's Indigenous policies by the United Nations Human Rights Council, group members shared their first-hand experiences of living under the NT Intervention.

They spoke against compulsory income management, loss of control over their land, entrenched systematic racism, a lack of housing and continued failures in an education system that ignores their own culture.

Organised by the group Concerned Australians, the NT Elders included Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, from Galiwin'ku, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, from Utopia, Miriam Rose Baumann, from Daly River, Harry Nelson, from Yuendumu, George Pascoe, from Mililingimbi, and Phillip Wilyuka, from Titjikala.

Yananyumul Mununggurr, from Yirrkala, had planned to join the group but was unable to travel because of weather.

In a statement signed by the Elders and a group of eminent Australians including former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, rights advocate Patrick Dodson, lawyer Larissa Behrendt, former Australian of the Year Professor Fiona Stanley and former top judge Alastair Nicholson, they called on the Federal Government to bring the NT intervention to an end.

"The vision that is created must be one that is shared by both black and white," they said, in the statement.



Reverend Dr Djiniyini Gondarra and Concerned Australians organiser Michelle Harris in Melbourne together.

"Aboriginal people in the NT must have choice and must not be forced to abandon their lands and heritage in order to obtain services that are automatically provided to other Australians."

"The Government's policy approach must move from one of bureaucratic control by Canberra to one of recognition of Aboriginal leadership, negotiation, capacity building and direct input by Aboriginal people to local government decision-making."

"Without the direct engagement with Aboriginal people, policy changes will fail. With Aboriginal leaders, government must commit to a policy of support by developing economies, encouraging investment and

creating jobs by improving transport and communication systems, and where appropriate, the use of taxation incentives."

On Saturday, Rev Gondarra told *The Koori Mail* it was the first time Elders from all corners of the Territory had joined together to speak against the Intervention.

'Feeling the pain'

"These Elders are living in the midst of (the NT Intervention). They speak about things that they have seen with their own eyes and they are feeling the pain of their people," he said.

"Our people are living in confusion and they don't know what the Intervention will bring in the future. Because of this we

have rejected the Intervention totally. It is not important and it certainly is not a special measure that is good for us."

"We are hoping that by gathering together we can pour our hearts out to the Australian people and invite them to become part of our struggle."

"We need other Australians to stand with us in solidarity, to fight this legislation that is dividing us as a people."

Meanwhile, the group listed examples of what they saw as policy failures, including 'delayed, incomplete and flawed' reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act, discrimination against customary law, the widening of involuntary income

management, and the failure to provide adequate housing and education.

"While there are some limited aspects of the Intervention that have been viewed positively in some Aboriginal communities, it is the compulsory nature of the policies which are of concern," the statement said.

"It is our belief that inequality cannot be addressed by the removal of control from affected peoples over their lives and land, as is current Government policy."

"Positive change requires respect and genuine engagement with the people themselves at the local level, rather than an isolated policy development in Canberra."

Scrutiny on income management



FEDERAL Labor has called in university researchers to help assess the roll out of income management across the Northern Territory.

The move comes after serious concerns were raised about the way the Government collected data in mid-2009 regarding the effectiveness of welfare quarantining in Aboriginal communities.

Community Services Minister Jenny Macklin says the new evaluation will run until 2014 and provide a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the program.

"Future roll-out of the new model of income management beyond the Northern

Territory will be informed by evidence gained from the independent evaluation," Ms Macklin said in a statement.

The Gillard Government has extended income management to all 'vulnerable' people in the Territory, regardless of race, as a way of ensuring its controversial intervention into remote Aboriginal communities complies with the Racial Discrimination Act.

Last year, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) revealed it had refused to be involved in the 2009 data collection for ethical reasons.

The institute subsequently analysed the data but said it wouldn't do similar work again.

The Australian Greens labelled the study – which found two-thirds of people being income-managed 'had a positive view' of the program – a joke because it didn't rely on sound evidence.

Ms Macklin's own Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs developed the evaluation approach and managed the data collection back in 2009.

But the Minister announced last Monday the new framework had been developed by researchers at the Australian National University, the University of NSW and the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

The framework states 'a transparent

and objective evaluation process increases the credibility of the assessment of the new measure of income management'.

"The involvement of an external and independent evaluator will provide legitimacy to both the evaluation process and the assessment of the measure," it says.

Income management works by holding back 50 per cent of income support and family payments to ensure they are spent on priority items such as food, housing, clothing and utilities.

Quarantined funds can't be spent on alcohol, cigarettes, pornography or gambling. – AAP

Deaths in Custody board overhaul campaign stalls

By LIZ MURRAY



A BID last week to overhaul and boost Aboriginal representation on the board of Western Australia's Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DiCWC) failed because of a lack of correct paperwork, according to the organisation's chairperson.

Many members of Perth's Aboriginal community attended a DiCWC general meeting last Tuesday, in an attempt to mend a growing rift within the organisation. But matters stalled after the existing committee insisted that those challenging them – led by Elder Dot Henry – didn't have sufficient numbers of financial members to call a special general meeting for voting purposes.

At the meeting, three non-Indigenous committee members, treasurer Seamus O'Doherty, deputy chair Marc Newhouse and board member Rose Carnes, volunteered their seats to Aboriginal members.

However, DiCWC Chairperson Marianne McKay – a Whadjuk woman – said their stance could not be approved under constitutional protocols, which were 'a necessary formality'.

She said committee member lawyer Liz Carbone distributed an instruction sheet at the meeting for financial members who subsequently wanted to call a general meeting to vote on issues.

"They didn't have any motions, so any of the demands – which is what they were on the letter – were not raised on the night," she added.

"We realised there were issues within



MARIANNE MCKAY

Deaths in Custody that required discussion by the membership and the community, so we felt we needed to have a special general meeting anyway."

Ms McKay said no changes had resulted from the meeting and there were no immediate plans for another meeting.

Proposals

"If they want to put up any proposals for any amendments to the constitution, or the



DOT HENRY

board structure... they've got the document and it outlines each step they have to do... to request a special general meeting," she said.

"They've got to go through the proper processes and put forward the motions and amendments, with each motion because you can't just forward a motion and want change. You have to do the amendments so everyone can discuss them."

The day after the meeting, Dot Henry

told *The Koori Mail* the issue of greater Aboriginal representation on the DiCWC board was important to redress disadvantage specifically faced by Aboriginal people, as noted in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Ms Henry said she was pleased that three non-Indigenous members of the board had offered to step down from their positions in favour of Aboriginal Elders. But she insisted that she favoured inclusion.

She said the atmosphere amongst members at last week's meeting was highly charged and emotional at times, but also generally productive, with proposed constitutional amendments floated for the next meeting.

"The end result was good... there is going to be some discussion around changing the name and the constitution and we've had a few of the non-Aboriginal people who have agreed to stand down in favour of Aboriginal people," Ms Henry said.

And she insisted the group that requested the meeting were financial members.

She said there had been some ill-feeling affecting members subsequent to a personal disagreement by two individuals after the intent behind the challenge had been misinterpreted.

"We were just challenging the process," Ms Henry said.

"We all came together... and we were never, ever intending to exclude non-Aboriginal people.

"There's been an agreement to change the name, and discussion around having a special general meeting to change the constitution."

Jail rates at crisis point, inquiry told



THE number of Aboriginal people behind bars has hit crisis point and dramatic changes are needed to

reverse 'a state of emergency', an inquiry has heard.

Australia has gone backwards in dealing with the issue since the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs was told late last month.

"The detention rates of Indigenous juveniles and young adults (are) alarming," MP and committee chairman Shayne Neumann told a roundtable of Indigenous Elders, police, magistrates and researchers. "This is a shameful state of affairs."

Detention rates for Indigenous juveniles are currently 28 times the rate of other juveniles.

The committee heard a range of issues had contributed to the crisis, including inflexible funding, bureaucracy and deliberate attempts to strip away Aboriginal culture in some communities.

A lack of accommodation was also a major problem for young offenders, with the Children's Court often being told

them up, that will solve the problem'."

Shane Phillips of the Tribal Warrior Association based in Sydney's Redfern, said accommodation had been an ongoing problem and many kids didn't have a good home to go to.

He said role models and mentors had made real changes

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Sam Jeffries, co-chair of the Congress of Australia's First Peoples, vented his frustrated about 'administrative complexities'.

going over the same ground."

Mr Jeffries highlighted sport, music and IT as three main passages into young people's imaginations, and backed Mr Phillips' calls for engaging mentors.

"That costs a lot of money, but we are quite comfortable and relaxed about accepting the cost

to society when they are institutionalised," he said.

Mr Jeffries also highlighted the impact that Redfern's Indigenous centre had on preventing young kids from offending, and

suggested it be copied elsewhere.

"A place like this offers an alternative to some people, or an addition to their current life," he said.

The committee held the roundtable before finalising its report, which will identify strategies to reduce detention and incarceration rates for Aborigines. – AAP

'We are at a state of emergency, we can't afford any more experiment. We need generational change – we need something that we know is substantial and will work over a couple of generations.'

imprisonment was the only option.

"Considerations in terms of bail can be as fundamental as who is going to be responsible for this child," said Magistrate Joan Baptie, also the convenor of the Youth Drug and Alcohol Court of NSW.

"That often cannot be resolved and you have government departments who say, 'just lock

in the community, helping youngsters overcome adversity and stay out the justice system.

This approach should be widely adopted, he said, but the mentors needed to be paid for their work.

"We are at a state of emergency, we can't afford any more experiment," Mr Phillips told the committee.

"The bureaucracies that get in the way of achieving results in communities, or why programs can't go ahead is sometimes beyond understanding," he said, adding that flexibility in funding is almost non-existent.

"I remember having these types of conversations 20 years ago, so we don't seem to have moved anywhere – we are still

Alliance urges Indigenous people to lodge inquiry submissions



THE Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) wants all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and children affected by past adoption policies and practices to make a submission to the Senate's Forced Adoption Inquiry.

The SGA believes these submissions will make an important contribution to the Inquiry and ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experiences are included and have widespread representation in this Inquiry.

Submissions are due by 28 February. SGA spokeswoman and member of the SGA Adoption Inquiry Sub-Committee Heather Shearer said that although there had been previous inquiries, none of them had focused on past adoption policies and practices, especially in regard to the experiences of mothers whose children were removed or for those whose experiences of these policies and practices extended into the 1980s.

"We are also aware that many of those affected did not make submissions to these inquiries for numerous reasons including



'The SGA believes that including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories and experiences submitted to the Inquiry will assist to highlight whether their experiences of forced adoption policies and practices were different to those of non-Indigenous Australians as well as any similarities'

— SGA spokeswoman Heather Shearer

lack of knowledge about these inquiries, fear of telling their story and often overwhelming and unresolved grief and trauma," she said.

"The SGA believes that including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories and experiences submitted to the Inquiry will assist to highlight whether their

experiences of forced adoption policies and practices were different to those of non-Indigenous Australians as well as any similarities.

"SGA believes this is crucial to understanding Australia's shared history and the impacts on different communities. "Also, the SGA believes the findings of

the Inquiry will be very important to any action taken as a result of the Inquiry including any recommendations to fund programs and services."

For further comment on the Forced Adoption Inquiry contact SGA Adoption Inquiry Sub-committee member Heather Shearer on 0457 354 109.

Gatherings mark national apology

By DARREN COYNE



GATHERINGS will be held around Australia on Sunday, 13 February, to mark the third anniversary of the national Apology to the Stolen Generations.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Healing Foundation has made funds available to 71 projects being organised by Aboriginal organisations and community groups.

Healing Foundation chief executive Richard Weston said the variety of events represented the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander's experience.

Among the funded events is one called Nyiirun Ngarra, which means 'we all remember', which is being organised by the Biripi Aboriginal Medical Corporation in Purfleet, NSW.

The event will include a minute's silence for remembrance, the release of balloons with messages for those who are lost, and all participants will be encouraged to plant a native tree.

At La Perouse in Sydney, the local Aboriginal land council is holding a commemorative morning



Tears of sadness and joy marked the 2008 national Apology to the Stolen Generations.

tea with children performing and Elders telling their own stories of the stolen generations.

Tji Tji Tjuta Inc in South

Australia is having a flag-raising ceremony followed by a journey to an empty coolaman which now sits at the 'fountain of tears' where

an open microphone will be held for people to tell their stories.

Kalwun Development Corp will hold a stall at the

Bumehla Festival on the Gold Coast. They're commemorating the apology through printing and distributing a 'my life

story' booklet in which families will be encouraged to discuss their family history and culture.

A commemoration of the anniversary will also feature in the Indigenous Showcase at the National Multicultural Festival, which is being held in Canberra from Friday to Sunday.

Meanwhile the Co-Chairs of the Stolen Generations Alliance are calling on all Australians to pause on Sunday and think about those still seeking their families, and still dealing with trauma.

They said SGA affiliates around the country would be using the day to talk up a new vision for advancing truth justice and healing for members of the Stolen Generations.

SGA consultations, yarnning circles and remembrance events will be held in Perth, Broome, Darwin, Alice Springs, Port Augusta, Adelaide, Melbourne Sydney, Brisbane and Cairns.

Further details can be found on the SGA website at www.sgalliance.org.au

The SGA will also be joining forces with the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) to conduct a consultation at the NRL Indigenous All Stars game on Saturday.

Congress deadline near



THE clock is ticking for anyone who wants to have a say in who'll lead

the new representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The first national forum of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples will be held at Homebush in Sydney from 7-9 June.

However, anyone who wants to stand for election as one of the organisation's co-chairs or be one of 120 delegates at the first gathering, must apply for membership and nominate before this Friday, 11 February.

Congress membership is free, and open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 years or over. All members signed up by Friday's deadline will be entitled to vote in the co-chairs' election.

The organisation currently has about 2000 members, most of them individuals, with about 120 sectorial and peak bodies.

The draft agenda for the Homebush gathering is

expected to be revealed soon, determined in part by issues raised with current Congress directors during the past year. Once selected, delegates will be able to nominate other items.

However, Congress co-chair Sam Jeffries noted that the organisation was already engaged in the issues of constitutional reform, and efforts to close the gaps between Indigenous and other Australians.

"Some of these things can put us in a good position to hit the ground running but there'll need to be some further policy work done for the Congress to really firm up its positions on particular issues," he told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday.

"International participation and engagement is also likely to be on the agenda, along with 'the new kid on the block' – climate change. That's important because it will really impact on a whole range of things, people's ability to afford to live and so forth.

"...No matter what they decide at the end of the gathering, I think the



"Indigenous affairs is a complex area and environment to be working in and be a part of. The Congress will not be a joy ride, it'll be hard work and people will need to roll their sleeves up and get stuck in." – Co-chair Sam Jeffries

Congress should think about picking five or six things and doing those well rather than having 50 things

and doing them in a piecemeal way.

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environment to be working in and be a part of. The Congress will not be a joy ride; it'll be hard work and people will need to roll their sleeves up and get stuck in."

Mr Jeffries said it was not unrealistic to expect the Congress to have positions on key issues at the end of the three days. However, the process needed to be genuinely driven by the delegates and would, therefore, be reasonably organic. The gathering will include some cultural elements, as well as an open session, 'something of a soapbox'.

Some critics of the Congress say that its government funding could require too much compromise but Mr Jeffries strongly denied that was the case.

"We can't not have a relationship with government because the issues we're trying to advocate on are government responsibilities," he said.

"But the Congress is completely independent of government.

"It is owned by the people; this is their model

and what they created."

Mr Jeffries revealed that, due to family and business commitments, he would not be nominating as a co-chair. However, he had nominated as a delegate and expected to represent the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, which he also chairs in western NSW.

He wouldn't be drawn on the identity or calibre of anyone who'd nominated so far for either the co-chair positions or to attend the gathering.

However, one well-known Aboriginal identity last week revealed his intention to put himself forward for one of the top jobs. Indigenous musician and film director Richard Frankland told Melbourne's Survival Day that he was nominating for the male co-chair's position. He said he would push for a Bill of Rights, a new Australian flag and a memorial that recognised those who died on the frontier, both black and white.

Information packs on the Congress, nomination forms etc are available from www.nationalcongress.com.au

\$3m program to prevent child neglect



THE Federal and Northern Territory governments have unveiled a new \$3 million program aimed at preventing child neglect and abuse in

Alice Springs.

Federal Families Minister Jenny Macklin and the NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton launched the Alice Springs Communities for Children program on Wednesday.

There are now 45 Communities for Children sites funded throughout Australia, including four in the NT.

Under the program, Anglicare NT will work with Tangentyere Council, Akeyulerre Aboriginal Healing Centre and Lutheran Community Care to deliver early intervention and prevention services to vulnerable children and their parents.

Those services include mobile and outreach playgroups, early learning and literacy programs, parenting and family support programs, child nutrition, and child friendly community events.

Ms Macklin said some families in Central Australia, including many Indigenous Australians, faced significant disadvantage and needed extra support.

"The protection of vulnerable children is one of the greatest

responsibilities of all Governments," she said.

Mr Hampton said that under Communities for Children, providers formed partnerships with local organisations to support families with children at risk of disadvantage.

"This helps to ensure that the services being provided meet local needs," he said.

Member for Lingiari and Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the program came under the \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan, and reflected a commitment to children's well-being and safety.

Meanwhile, NT Police will receive \$389,000 over two years for a patrol co-ordinator to help tackle anti-social behaviour and improve public safety in Alice Springs.

The senior sergeant will co-ordinate various patrolling services – including police, non-government and private security services – 'to make the streets of Alice Springs safer through improved communication and better use of resources'.

Mr Hampton said the new approach would stamp out 'hot spots' while enabling services to work together to increase their efforts during times when the town experienced an influx of visitors, such as during football carnivals or the Alice Springs Show.

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At Wadeye, things are looking up

SIHIP workers say they have been exploited



THE soil around the base of a mango sapling, recently planted in the front yard, has not yet completely settled, but Gloria Chula, 29, is proud of her new home.

Her three-bedroom tropical-style home in Wadeye, about 400kms south-west of Darwin, is one of 50 new houses to be built in the remote Aboriginal community under the Federal Government's Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

Before moving in with her husband, child and mother, Ms Chula shared a three-bedroom house with a 'big mob of people' – 23 to be exact.

With only a small, old TV and a milk crate in the lounge room of her new home, Ms Chula said minimal furniture and tiled floors made it easy to keep clean.

Ms Chula is one of the lucky ones.

Many of Wadeye's 2500 residents continue to live in abhorrent conditions.

For many years, it was a community crippled by poverty, alcohol and gang violence.

But now, living standards in Wadeye appear to be improving markedly.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin visited Wadeye last



'Wadeye is showing the rest of country how this can be done'
– Federal Minister Jenny Macklin

week to inspect the work being done to provide locals with housing, employment, fresh healthy food and education.

"Wadeye is showing the rest of country how this can be done," she

told a large group of residents, government officials, politicians and reporters.

NT Housing Minister Chris Burns thanked the senior men and women of Wadeye for their leadership.

"It needs a sustained effort over many years to come," he said.

"It's a five-year program and it did get off to a shaky start, but I believe we are on target to deliver what we set out to deliver."

SIHIP, worth \$672 million, was announced in 2007 with the aim of building 750 new houses in Aboriginal communities across Australia over five years.

It has faced widespread criticism over lengthy delays and budget blowouts and, in May last year, had delivered only seven new houses.

Under SIHIP, Wadeye will receive 105 new houses, 28 rebuilds and 77 refurbishments.

To date, more houses have been completed in Wadeye than in any other community.

Tenants living in new SIHIP homes can expect to pay about \$230 a week in rent, which will contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the properties.

Locals employed to carry out the work will continue to maintain the houses once SIHIP is finished, and will earn trade qualifications in the process. – By AAP



CRITICISM of SIHIP continued last week, with the Alice Springs-based Intervention Rollback Action Group (IRAG)

delivering to Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin a letter from Aboriginal workers who say they've been exploited under the program.

The Government insists that all work done on SIHIP by Aboriginal workers is paid at award rates and denies that some workers have been paid on the 'BasicsCard'.

But workers from Amoonguna, near Alice Springs, say they were kept on the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme while working on SIHIP renovations from June-October last year. They say that throughout this period they received Centrelink pay, half of which was on their 'BasicsCard' and only intermittent 'top-up' pay.

IRAG spokesperson Paddy Gibson says payslips from the period prove the workers' claims.

"SIHIP has been a cash-cow for big construction firms and 'training' organisations while Aboriginal people are kept in poverty and abysmal housing conditions," Mr Gibson said.

By comparison, one lead SIHIP executive was reported to have been paid \$800,000.

IRAG wants the Amoonguna workers to be back-paid for every hour they worked.

Meanwhile, NT authorities are investigating the inappropriate disposal of asbestos in the Top End Aboriginal community of Maningrida, under SIHIP.

The West Arnhem Shire



NIGEL SCULLION

raised concerns that asbestos from the demolition of one house had been dumped at the local tip.

It is understood that two senior staff from Territory Alliance, the building consortium in charge of SIHIP, have been sacked and the contaminated area restricted while the matter is remedied.

But that isn't enough for the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion, who says the unsafe disposal of asbestos had placed community members at risk and was 'yet another sign that corners are being cut in SIHIP'.

Senator Scullion questioned the level of quality assurance by the NT Government, which is being paid more than \$53 million to administer the program.

– By KIRSTIE PARKER



Department of Sustainability and Environment

Expressions of Interest

Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council and alpine resort management boards

The Victorian Government is calling for members to serve on the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council (ARCC) and five alpine resort management boards (ARMBs); Falls Creek, Lake Mountain, Mt Baw Baw, Mt Buller and Mt Stirling, and Mt Hotham. The ARCC meets approximately six times a year and the ARMBs meet approximately monthly. ARCC and ARMB members may also have to undertake committee work. Candidates other than public sector employees may be entitled to receive remuneration and expenses for their service on a government body.

The ARCC provides strategic advice, co-ordinates overall promotion, attracts investment to Victoria's alpine resorts and reports to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith MP.

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The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our public entities represent the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application forms can be obtained from the Department of Sustainability and Environment's website at: www.dse.vic.gov.au (under 'What's New'), or by contacting Hayley Hollis on (03) 9637 8197 or via email to: sustainablealpineresorts@dse.vic.gov.au

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New land council bid for Katherine region

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners from the Northern Territory's central Top End have rallied together in an attempt to form a new land council.

Aboriginal clans from across the Katherine region signed a submission on 25 January to establish the proposed Katherine Regional Land Council.

If successful, their traditional lands would be removed from the control of the Northern Land Council (NLC), which had previously dismissed the move as just 'talk'.

But the TOs say the NLC has been a stumbling block to their efforts to look after and develop their own land and provide economic opportunities for their people.

A least 22 clans have signed the application, which has been forwarded to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

A spokesperson for Ms Macklin

told *The Koori Mail* last week the application had not yet been received but was 'probably in the post'. She said that once it was received, the Minister would assess the area proposed for coverage by the new land council, the proposed management structure, and the proposed consultation with Aboriginal people in the region.

"If the Minister is satisfied ... the Minister must then request the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct a vote of adult Aboriginal people in the proposed area," the spokesperson said.

"If 55 per cent vote in favour of a new land council the Minister may establish a new land council."

Jawoyn Association chief executive Preston Lee said clans across the central Top End were united in their call for independence from the NLC.

"Many traditional owners (TOs) say they face opposition and red tape when trying to look after and develop their own land and provide economic opportunities for their people," Mr Lee said.



KIM HILL

He cited the NLC's move last year to take a company owned by TOs on Elsey Station to court as one example of why the new land council was needed.

Mangarrayi traditional owner Sheila Conway said the court action was the last straw.

"We thought the NLC was set up to represent us – not attack us," she said. "Not even the

Commonwealth Government Minister could stop them."

Mr Lee said the proposed Katherine Regional Land Council would provide the dignity and opportunities offered to Aboriginal people by the Land Rights Act.

"The new council will uphold the principles of transparency, consistency, proper consultation and self-determination for traditional owners within their own land trust," Mr Lee said.

"The Commonwealth Parliament recognises the NLC's regional committees can only ever have very limited decision-making roles. For example, they are unable to approve exploration or mining agreements."

"The new land council will offer a more flexible administrative structure to better represent and process the concerns of Aboriginal people at the local level."

NLC chief executive Kim Hill said any decision to form a 'breakaway' land council ultimately rested with the Minister.

Mr Hill also defended the track record of the NLC in providing

representation to Aboriginal people within its region.

"The NLC Full Council meeting in November saw a record number of leases and land-use agreements processed," he said in a statement last week.

Clans understood to have signed the application include the Alawa people (Hodgson Downs/Minyerri), Dalabon (Bulman), Garawa (Borrooloola/Robinson River), Jawoyn (Katherine/Kakadu south), Jingali (Elliott), Mangarrayi (Mataranka), Mara (Borrooloola), Miyilli (Katherine/Pine Creek), Mudbara (Elliott), Ngalkan (Ngukurr), Ngaliwurr/Nungali (Timber Creek), Ngalkbon (Bulman) Ngandi (Ngukurr), Ngarinman (Yarralin/Aminbidji), Nunggubuyu (Ngukurr), Rambarrnga people (Bulman), Ritharangu (Ngukurr), Waanyi (Nicholson River), Wagaman (Pine Creek), Wandarang (Ngukurr), Wanimyn (Timber Creek east), Wardaman (Katherine west), Yangman (Mataranka), and Yanyula (Borrooloola).

ANTaR call for extra funding



ONE of Australia's leading non-Indigenous advocacy bodies has called on the Federal Government to

increase funding to address the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) group last week provided a pre-Budget submission to Treasury that contains 21 recommended areas to increase funding.

ANTaR wants the Government to set aside \$10 million over two years to increase resources to groups involved in reconciliation so that they can take part in the Constitutional recognition process.

It has also called for:

- \$40 million to be spent over two years to resource community education on Constitutional recognition.

- \$40 million to tackle alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.

- \$20 million to support at-risk mothers and children in remote communities, and \$16 million to expand childcare agencies.

- \$67 million over two years for Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and \$16 million to Prescribed Bodies Corporate, which manage lands in prescribed communities. And it says the National Native Title Council should receive recurrent funding of \$100,000.

- \$2 million for a study into Justice Reinvestment and a further \$5 million for pilot programs in communities in 2011-2012, increasing to \$10 million in 2012-13.

The reconciliation group also

wants a further \$68 million over four years to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, and \$100 million to fund initiatives under the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy.

Another \$190 million should be set aside to increase the number of fully-funded positions to replace CDEP positions, and a further \$450 million over four years to enhance the capacity of Aboriginal community controlled health organisations.

The submission says many billions are required to improve community housing but, as a bare minimum, the Government should allocate at least an extra \$50 million on top of existing funding.

Thirty-three multifunctional Aboriginal children's services should also get \$1 million each, with an extra \$3 million for recurrent funding.

As well, ANTaR says the Stolen Generations Working Partnership needs around \$6 million over three years, and \$20 million should be set aside to establish a national Stolen Generations reparations scheme.

Organisers supporting Stolen Generation members should receive \$120,000 each, and \$30 million over four years should go to augment the funds of Link-Up and Bringing Them Home counselling services.

ANTaR National Director Jacqueline Phillips urged the Government not to sacrifice spending on Indigenous affairs in order to balance its budget.

"We must not let the short-term nature of the political cycle impede the need to invest in long-term strategies that will benefit all Australians," she said.

– By DARREN COYNE



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The expected commencement date of the positions is 1 July 2011. The period of appointment is five years. The successful appointees may also be required to perform other statutory roles or functions under other Commonwealth human rights legislation.

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Amanda O'Rourke on (02) 6162 7777. Applications close on **25 February 2011**.

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Brave man honoured

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



IT was an emotional day last month when the ferry terminal at Palm Island in north Queensland was officially named after one of its strongest advocates.

The terminal, at the end of the island's Reel Women Jetty, was named in honour of the late Peter Prior.

The Peter 'Gulimbah' Prior ferry terminal is situated on the site where Mr Prior – a member of the native police – shot Robert Curry, the then superintendent of Palm Island, eight decades ago.

Mr Prior, who was born on 20 December 1905 and died in March 2000, has many descendants throughout the region.

Supt Curry, a returned soldier, went on a rampage on 2 February 1930, torching buildings and homes and shooting his family and many innocent people.

Mr Prior, who lived under the Government's Aboriginal Protection Act, was ordered to take up arms and arrest Supt Curry. Powerless to refuse, Mr Prior waited near the old boat shed for Curry to return to the island.

Armed with a revolver and shotgun, the enraged Curry walked towards Mr Prior, who was also armed.

Mr Prior said to Supt Curry, 'Halt in the name of the law'.

Supt Curry faced Mr Prior but was distracted by a movement from a tree above. As he turned with his guns towards Mr Prior, Mr Prior pulled his trigger and shot Curry in self-defence. His action is



From left, Qld Main Roads representative Noel Rumble, Donna Willis, Renarta Prior, Charmaine Koroi and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council acting CEO Jeff Brown at the unveiling last month.

believed to have saved lives.

The tale comes from the book *Straight from the Yudaman's Mouth* – the life story of Peter Prior, as told by his daughter Renarta Prior.

A bravery plaque honouring Mr Prior was unveiled at the terminal as part of last month's opening. The act was a joint venture by Queensland Transport, the Palm

Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Palm Island Community Company (PICC) and the Prior family.

Mr Prior's grand-daughter Donna Willis said about 50 people attended the opening, including family members from Ingham, Charters and Cairns.

"It was very emotional and many of Peter's family were there," Ms Prior said.

"My mum Renarta always promised to get her dad Peter the recognition he deserved and we are proud to have the terminal named in his honour."

● Editor: We contacted the Palm Island Council after Cyclone Yasi passed through the community and have been advised that the new terminal and the jetty came through okay.

I wish I wasn't in this ad.
I wish I hadn't put my family through this.
I wish I had both legs.
I wish I wasn't in pain all day. And night.
I wish I could sleep.
I wish I wasn't going to end up in a wheelchair.
I wish I hadn't been going so fast.

James Archer, speed crash survivor, May 1996.
Two months in hospital, three months in physical rehab,
a lifetime of pain.

**We wish we didn't have to show these ads.
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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



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Self-employed consultant
Ramingining, Arnhem Land

Favourite bush tucker?
Magpie goose.

Favourite other food?
Japanese cuisine.

Favourite drink?
Any type of fruit smoothie.

Favourite movie?
Storm Boy and *Ten Canoes* (because all my family is in it) and *Australia*.

Favourite footy team?
The Bombers (Essendon).

Favourite sport?
AFL.

What do you dislike?
Racism.

Favourite leisure activity?
Fishing.

If you could sit around the campfire with just three people, who would you choose?
My father's father, my mother's father, and Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Man.

Who do you respect?
My Elders and also our young people, because they represent the future.

If you could, what would you do to improve the situation for Aboriginal people?
I would help bring about land rights and justice for our people through mutual understanding and economic development.

Quote



'One of the things that always strikes me about Palm is that we've been knocked around by a lot of people over a very long time but – when push comes to shove – we can stick together'

– *Palm Island Mayor*
Alf Lacey

● See report Page 5

Unquote

The ones who get back up

OUR Murri brothers and sisters sure have copped it in recent weeks. First, there were the devastating floods that immersed much of southern Queensland, wreaking havoc and taking many lives.

And then last week cyclone Yasi came roaring in, smashing communities and leaving a trail of destruction across the north of the State.

But, while we're not the first to say it: We're with you.

You don't need us to tell you, it certainly isn't in our collective genes to give up.

After the floods struck, controversy over flood levies aside, many individuals and organisations outside the affected areas rallied to help those in need.

It's impossible to know how much the various raffles, tarpaulin musters and other fundraisers have come up with so far, but it's likely to be considerable.

The key now will be for any help for north Queensland to be tailored and targeted. We urge those affected to use our pages to tell the rest of the mob what would be of most help and when. We'll make sure your stories get through to the people who care most.

And remember, these things have costs that aren't just financial. The social, cultural, emotional and spiritual must be factored in too.



OUR SAY

As if the floods weren't bad enough, it's a real shame that the AFL's pre-season clash between the Indigenous All Stars and Richmond had to be scrapped.

Originally set down for Darwin, it was moved from there to Alice Springs because of hostile weather.

How sadly ironic for the teams and legions of fans that the Alice game also had to be cancelled – at the 11th hour – because of the rain depression that had been Cyclone Yasi.

While it's cold comfort for Aussie rules fans, the good news is the NRL All Stars game between our best and the rest is still scheduled to go ahead this weekend.

It's a pity Preston Campbell – the man behind the concept – had to pull out because of injury, but the clash still shapes as a thriller.

And let's not forget our cricketers, either. They'll be in Alice all this week for the annual Imparja Cup.

Don't miss our next edition when we'll have full coverage from both these events, and much more.

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Free pre-school education urged



SDN Children's Services is calling for pre-school to be free for Indigenous children, following the release of new

research on the factors that contribute to lower Indigenous participation rates. SDN says its research study, 'Aboriginal Access to Preschool', has revealed a range of issues preventing Aboriginal children attending mainstream pre-schools, but the biggest barrier it found was cost.

The research was released on Sunday, in conjunction with the launch of SDN Children's Services' new Aboriginal Unit, SDN Ngara Nanga Mai, in

Sydney's Newtown. Ngara Nanga Mai means 'listen and dream' in Eora.

One of the authors of the study and SDN Ngara Nanga Mai director, Deb Mann, said most Aboriginal parents involved in the study wanted their children to have a high-quality early education.

"But fees are still the main factor preventing this," she said.

"Another major factor is the lack of Aboriginal staff in pre-schools."

The National Preschool Census found that the enrolment rate for Aboriginal children in 2009 was 64 per cent. The Australian Government's Universal Access

policy, announced in 2008, promised to provide access to early education for all children in the year before school for 15 hours a week (2.5 days), 40 weeks of the year. However, the policy does not address cost.

Inclusive

SDN CEO Ginie Udy said the report included a wealth of useful recommendations for pre-schools and long-day-care centres on how to become more inclusive of Aboriginal people. But since the main barrier to inclusiveness was cost, SDN was calling on governments to fund pre-school for Aboriginal children.

"The average cost of

pre-school is \$40 a day and there is no way that the Australian Government will reach its target unless it subsidises fees, particularly for Aboriginal families," Ms Udy said. "Because there are other social inclusion goals to be reached for Aboriginal peoples, we believe this support is imperative. SDN estimates the cost of providing an early education for all Aboriginal children aged four would be \$45 million a year. When shared between all governments, it's a fraction of their budgets."

The study provides ten recommendations on how pre-schools can be more inclusive of Aboriginal people including

ensuring staff are welcoming and supportive; displaying and using resources such as Aboriginal musical instruments, artwork and books; inviting Aboriginal Elders to visit the centre and building relationships with local Aboriginal communities.

Employing Aboriginal staff was also found to be extremely valuable.

'Aboriginal Access to Preschool' is available from the SDN website, www.sdn.org.au/do/targeted_support/aboriginal/unit/report.html

SDN is a not-for-profit organisation which provides early childhood education and family support programs.

Hot acts in St Kilda



One thing about the Melbourne mob ... they love a party no matter how gloomy the skies! After a week of sweltering weather which culminated in flash flooding around St Kilda on Friday night, hundreds turned out for the Yalukitj Willam Ngargee festival in O'Donnell Gardens on Saturday for a showcase of Indigenous musicians, dancers, poets and comedians. Among them were Tash Briggs, Kylie Dryden, Tamara Dryden, and young ones Jatalia Briggs, 3, and Soufia Dryden-Briggs, 2. *The Koori Mail* will feature pictures from the festival in the next edition. Also shown are Tjimba and the Yung Warriors putting on an energetic performance which had the crowd dancing and singing along.

Mansell warns on bypass



THE Tasmanian Government has taken the next step in the proposed construction of a highly controversial

bridge to span the Jordan River levee as part of the Brighton Bypass outside of Hobart.

The site contains 42,000-year-old Aboriginal heritage, and has been granted emergency heritage listing by Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke.

The State Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) last week announced it had lodged a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) as the next step, and the documentation would now be considered by Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister Brian Wightman.

Earlier, Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal director Michael Mansell said the fate of the Labor Government at the next election would be influenced by whether new Premier Lara Giddings saved the heritage site.

"How a Premier handles sensitive issues reflects on their leadership which in turn affects the party's polling," Mr Mansell said.

"The electorate does not vote politicians in or out solely on their stance on Aboriginal issues. But voters are influenced by how a leader deals with Aborigines."

DIER secretary Norm McIlpatrick said the lodging of the CEMP would honour the Government's obligations under the permit granted in December.

"Hopefully, it will reassure the Aboriginal and broader community that the state-of-the-art methods to be used in the construction of the proposed 70-metre span bridge will not disturb the levee and its Aboriginal heritage values," he said.

"An independent engineering



MICHAEL MANSELL

review commissioned by the Australian Government has endorsed DIER's preferred bridge design as the only viable option.

"The review found that alternative bridging options would increase the overall cost of the Brighton Bypass by at least \$127 million and delay its completion by up to four years while new planning and environmental approvals were sought.

"It also found that changing the route of the bypass would add between \$82 million and \$140 million to the overall cost of the project."

But Mr Mansell told the ABC the bridge, as proposed, would destroy the site and the Aboriginal community would simply not allow it to go ahead.

"The clear message that we're sending to the Government is that we're going nowhere and if they intend to push the bulldozers through, against Aboriginal opinion, then they'll have to arrest at least a couple of hundred of us," he told the ABC.

"We're not going anywhere."

Small smoking fall but grog 'a worry'



THERE has been a small decline in smoking rates among Indigenous Australians in recent years,

although rates remain high, according to a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

But the report also found binge drinking remains a concern.

The report, 'Substance use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people', found that about half of Indigenous Australians smoke regularly, about 2.5 times the rate of other Australians.

However, the rate of smoking has dropped from 53 per cent to about 50 per cent between 2002 and 2008.

"More than half of Indigenous mothers (51 per cent) continue to smoke during pregnancy, a rate that remained steady between 2001 and 2008," said report co-author Helen Johnstone.

The report found that a greater proportion of Indigenous Australians abstain from drinking alcohol than their non-Indigenous counterparts.



"In 2008, 29 per cent of Indigenous Australians did not drink alcohol in the previous 12 months-almost double the rate of non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Johnstone said.

"In addition, the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians who were long-term, risky or high risk drinkers was similar - 15 per cent and 14 per cent respectively.

"However, the rate of binge drinking is a concern. In 2008, Indigenous Australians were more than twice as likely as non-Indigenous Australians to binge drink - 17 per cent and

eight per cent respectively."

Indigenous people died from alcohol-related causes at five times the rate of other people.

The report also examines illicit drug use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"About one-quarter of Indigenous Australians reported having used an illicit substance in the last 12 months, a rate that remained stable between 2002 and 2008," Ms Johnstone said.

Marijuana was the most common substance used (17 per cent), followed by non-medicinal use of pain-killers/analgesics (five per cent), and amphetamines or speed (five per cent).

Tobacco smoking was the main risk factor contributing to the disease burden in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population, but alcohol use was the most common cause of hospitalisations due to substance use.

"Substance use is a significant contributor to the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in terms of life expectancy and overall health," Ms Johnstone said.

● Health reports - P63-65

Land transfer boost for Pilbara health service



BRENDON GRYLLS



THE WA Government has approved the conditional transfer of a 3411sqm lot immediately

adjacent to the Wirraka Maya Health Service (WMHS) in Pilbara's Port Hedland, in order to allow the centre to expand.

Conditions of the sale preserve the use of the land as a health centre.

WA Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said

the health service provided a vital service to the community and its expansion proposals would allow it to attract further doctors and improve the services already offered.

"Without this agreement, development would have been unable to progress and associated improvements in the delivery of health services to Aboriginal people would have been lost," he said.

The centre complements health services provided by the WA Health Department

and provides for the provision of primary and social health services for Aboriginal people throughout the wider Port and South Hedland region.

At latest count it has more than 14,000 clients across a wide area.

The not-for-profit organisation is funded by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services and any remaining funds are placed in reserve for capital growth, in particular for a new health clinic.

RMIT hosts Indigenous arts day



RMIT University will host an Indigenous Art Community Day tomorrow (10 February) as part of

Orientation Festival celebrations on the Bundoora campus.

RMIT offers a specialised art program that organisers say acknowledges the unique, distinct and diverse nature of Indigenous culture.

Program manager School of Art (TAFE) Belinda Wilson said the

specialist Indigenous Arts Unit offered creative pathways in the arts for Indigenous students.

"The community day will showcase where Indigenous art training is heading, the benefits of studying at RMIT and the support that is offered for Indigenous students," she said.

"Our specialist Indigenous art program provides a great introduction to art practice, both for school leavers and Elders wishing to return to study.

"Students are encouraged to flex their creativity, exploring and developing new ways of applying traditional Indigenous art expression through a variety of media."

The day will include a tour of studio spaces, a welcome to country ceremony and a guided Scar Tree Walk around the RMIT campus.

For more details about the event, telephone Ms Wilson on (03) 9925 4305.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY AND PLAN PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Have your say

Council has prepared an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study and Plan for the City of Botany Bay.

The project has been jointly funded by Council and the NSW Department of Planning Heritage Branch.

A Working Group consisting of local people has overseen the development of the Plan and provided input into the final draft. The Plan includes historical research by Gondwana Consulting and also identifies a range of recommendations for future Council work in regards to:-

- Management of known Aboriginal Heritage Sites; and,
- Recognition, respect and reconciliation; and,
- Awareness and appreciation; and,
- Services and support; and,
- Employment.

The Plan is on public exhibition for 28 days from 1st February 2011 until 1st March 2011.

Viewing the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study and Plan
The Plan can be viewed on Council's website at www.botanybay.nsw.gov.au or at Council's customer service foyer at 141 Coward Street, Mascot.

Making a submission

Submissions must be in writing and received by 5pm on Tuesday 1 March 2011.

Submissions can be made in the following ways:
Letter addressed to:-

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If you would like any further information please contact:-
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General Manager

Stand up for rights

Just who are the experts?

WHY are educated people like Marcia Langton, Professor Dodson and Mark Leibler supporting a constitution that is invalid?

And why is it that we have to be recognised by the non-Aboriginal peoples in our own land?

The Government is a foreign power under their own legislation; that's why they became a company in a foreign land to operate and hence their incorporation with the United States Security and Exchange Commission.

Why is assimilation on their agenda? Is it because they have vested interests tied in with mining companies, government and the Church?

The Christian Church and Mount Isa Mines did it on my country in the Kalkadoons after the massacres of many surrounding tribes, including our own.

Lest we forget or have we forgotten?

Why do the mainstream media and our Aboriginal media quash this subject? Massacres to mining, apartheid to assimilation equals genocide.

Why are the above considered experts? Is it because they are conduits of a government that has not only committed fraud in this country, but fraud all over the world while perpetuating and advocating genocide of their own people?

Would anybody like these questions answered by the above?

DJIDJAR
Kalkadoon
Via www.koorimail.com



RICHARD DOWNS

I KNOW the majority of the leaders and organisations across our country will be jockeying for position to be heard and to put forward their submissions to the so-called 'expert panel' appointed on the Constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians.

This appears now to be the norm, where it's more self-interest and to see who, or which, groups and organisations can be acknowledged.

This we appear to continually do – divided and not as one people. We appear wanting to please governments and the public, fearful we don't want to be seen as making trouble or stirring.

And continually fighting over crumbs that governments throw our way.

I would put all of this down to being gutless and afraid of the unknown, afraid of ourselves, when we should be standing together to stand and fight. This is when we will see and make changes for the betterment of all our people.

I also want you all to look back over the past 20 years and ask yourselves the following questions:

The things we Aboriginal people have achieved and the path that has been set down before us by Elders and movements by our activist leaders, marches and young people some who are no longer with us, have now been lost... things like land rights, the permit system, native title changes, homelands movement, continual funding cuts to organisations, home lands and communities, and freedom to engage and make choices on our future goals and directions.

The expert panel members should have been selected by the First Australian people in each state or region – not governments doing what they think is best for us.

I will not support some of the members on the expert panel, some who have had the opportunity over the past 20 years to change the Government mindset, to change the direction towards working together by

establishing a better relationship and understanding.

These people have stood back while the Federal governments – Labor and Coalition – have imposed their racist policies to close all homelands and herd our people into 20 hub towns, and taken away our corporations and associations from our people.

We are back where we were 50 years ago with nothing.

The incarceration rate of our people is now much higher than during the South African apartheid days. Our jails are full of our young people.

How can we continue to turn a blind eye and pretend everything is fine?

Nothing is going to change except when we join together and stand up for our rights.

By being silent, we are all agreeing to be further divided and ruled by the governments.

I urge you all to think hard and I know you will all come up with the right decisions for yours and our people's future.

I believe we should now stand together and put the following points to the governments and the panel before we, the First Australians of this country, agree to anything:

- Recognition by all governments of prior ownership of all lands by the First Australians.

- Recognition and acknowledgement by governments and courts of all customary laws that belong to Indigenous Australians who continue to practise and enforce what we have left.

- Australian governments must stop their tokenism, of using certain persons and groups to showcase how wonderful the governments are doing when the policies and systems have been a failure over the last 200 years.

- Australian governments must let Indigenous Australians choose their own people who would represent them on the expert panel to discuss with our people, the preamble and Constitution.

- The Australian government to abolish the racist NT Intervention measures and fully engage, consult and form a partnership with affected and income managed First Australians on the way forward.

- Australian governments show respect and dignity to First Australians and owners of this country to start discussions and dialogue on treaty and sovereignty.

I will not support the selected expert panel on presentation of any proposal without first the full involvement and say by all our Aboriginal brothers and sisters across this country.

I see the Government's proposal as another smokescreen and tokenism, which will amount to nothing.

Our strength is in unity – one people, one voice, one movement.

RICHARD DOWNS
Aiyawarr spokesperson
c/o Alice Springs, NT

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.

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Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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– EDITOR



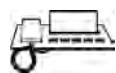
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Date change is warranted



SARA MAYNARD

IF dates can change for Easter and State holidays, why can't the date for Australia Day change?

I'm sure most people don't want to celebrate a date that Aboriginal people were murdered, slaughtered, raped, lost their rights and our land was taken.

Did walking the bridge in reconciliation and an apology to our Stolen Generations mean anything?

A new Premier has the power to save the 40,000-year-old site at Brighton and take a lead in improving the failing relationship the State Government has with the Aboriginal community. Anything could be achieved!

Let's not have a divided community, but a date of celebration that could signify meaning to all of us - culture, heritage, family, food and arts not a boozy barbecue with an Aussie flag from your local bottle shop.

SARA MAYNARD
Aboriginal Legal Service
Hobart

POETRY



File photo by BEN SEARCY

Australia Day (a learning day)

When you look back in history the celebrations of Australia Day has been going on since the beginning of colonisation.

This tradition is still carried on today, Twenty Eleven, in the pubs, in the streets and homes with little acknowledgement of Motherland and her first children.

They embrace other cultures to learn the ways, and talk of the Australia spirit with pride.

Yet the ignorance denies her first children any freedom of choice in their future.

They talk of building a future for all Australians, and yet Motherland and her first children get excluded.

They say Australia is the most beautiful

country in the world and it is like Heaven. Yet they ignore and neglect the custom and lore of the Creator of creation - Motherland and her first children.

So what do I think? I believe Australia Day should be a learning day for our adopted brothers and sisters to take time to reflect on their own history, and stop living the customs that destroy the unity within their own self and learn of what caused them to flee their own Motherland.

Our adopted brothers' and sisters' lack of understanding life and all things around them, they can't relate to anything of goodness because of our unique culture that is like no other.

It has spiritual influence that allows us to be connected to Motherland and all creation.

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A day when we become one people

I'M a young Aboriginal girl from a small-to-some and big-to-others town on the north coast of NSW, Bundjalung country.

I'm writing in regards to the date of the 26 January, known to us Indigenous people as 'Invasion Day' or 'Survival Day'. Looking around other parts of Australia, I have seen that other Aboriginal communities celebrated, protested, commemorated and even mourned together as one on this day.

I would love to see my people, my Bundjalung nation, come together at an organised event remembering and learning our history and, most importantly, keeping our culture alive.

I'm hoping my letter has been put into perspective and escalates. And I hope that by 26 January next, my idea has been put into action.

SHARNIE ROBERTS,
Lismore, NSW

PS: I have sent my letter to every Aboriginal organisation on the north coast that I think could help towards making such an event a reality.

The beauty of Bulahdelah

THERE is a computerised representation of the RTA's Option E route on their website showing its vision of the future for Bulahdelah, on the lower mid north coast of NSW.

It can be viewed at <http://bulahdelahbypass.wordpress.com/r1-rta-%e2%80%93-current-activities-from-12-6-2010/> as seen from the perspective of someone driving in their car approaching from the north and from the south.

You cannot see the mountain on approach – all you see is the side of the mountain looming in front of you as you drive past.

If only the people fighting Option E could afford to have a video produced from the Option A perspective.

Approaching from the south, the mountain would be seen from a distance in all its glory, gleaming and shining through its range of colours as Rachel Henning and the Reverend Rupp so eloquently described it.

Advertising on the highway of the famous Alum Mountain Park and its fascinating Aboriginal and Australian cultural heritage would entice the weary travellers to break their trip, visit one of Bulahdelah's many food outlets to buy a light lunch, and drive up to the park for a most enjoyable picnic, well above the noise and pollution of the freeway.

If they have time, they could take one of the many bush walks radiating from the park that the mountain has to offer, and delight in the unique and pristine ecology, including 87 species of orchid.

They would resume their journey wonderfully refreshed and vow to revisit Bulahdelah's mountain the next time they were passing through, or even make a special trip out there to explore the mountain further, as well as mentioning it to their friends and family.

If they are driving on the Option E route, they will not even see the mountain until they are right on it, (as per the RTA demonstration) and they will be driving through the mountain park and bush trails.

MAUREEN BRANNAN
Cloyna, Qld

Export shame

READING an article in *The Koori Mail* late last year about Gunbalanya Meat Works' expansion, I was sad to see that they want to enter the live export trade.

I didn't think the cruelty to animals of this industry was Aboriginal culture.

The Indigenous Land Corporation's expansion of the abattoir and infrastructure on Gunbalanya Station is to be applauded though.

Australia has the best quality meat in the world and should be encouraged to thrive in the chilled export trade.

LINDA DU BOULAY
Orelia, WA

Thank God

I AM 22-years-old. My father is Aboriginal and my mother Torres Strait Islander.

I had never read *The Koori Mail* and my parents said 'Don't bother' because they had raised us to be responsible for our actions and not to blame other people.

I bought the paper for \$2 in the newsagency and couldn't believe the hate in it. We are Lutheran, and you even had a God hater.

My father said 'See, told you not to bother'. I pray and thank God for my parents.

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If you've got a job and are going to have a baby, there's something else you can expect



On 1 January 2011, Australia's first national Paid Parental Leave scheme was introduced. It's a new entitlement for working parents, funded by the Australian Government.

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What is Paid Parental Leave?

If you're in a job and going to have a baby, the Government may pay you to help care for your new baby. You may be eligible for \$570 a week before tax for 18 weeks. Parents who adopt may also be eligible.

Am I eligible?

If your job's full-time, part-time, casual, seasonal, contract or if you're self-employed, you may be eligible.

You must have worked at least 330 hours (just over one day a week) for 10 of the 13 months before your new baby arrives. You can have up to an 8 week unpaid break between two working days and still be eligible. If you earn less than \$150,000 a year (individual salary) you may be eligible.

Is it for both parents?

Yes, usually the mother must apply. If you are eligible you can transfer some or all of the pay to your partner (they need to be eligible too).

When can I take it?

You can claim up to three months in advance. Your pay can start at any time you choose from when your child is born or adopted. It must all be taken within the first year after the birth or adoption. You are encouraged to apply early.

Where do I find out more?

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Carmine Munro, a great woman

I'm writing to *The Koori Mail* to pay tribute to one of Moree's loved Elders, Carmine May Munro, who passed away on 29 December 2010.

I was one of the 100 people who sat in the Moree Town Hall on Sunday, 8 January 2011 to say our sad farewells to a lady who was loved, not only here in Moree, but I would say, all over Australia.

As I sat in the hall and listened to speeches from Father Paul McCabe, the song played by Vera Lynn *When Mother Nature Sings Her Lullaby* and the eulogy read by Lyall Jnr, my thoughts went back through the years on how Carmine was a family person to all her children, in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as other people. She would welcome you with open arms, whoever you were.

The songs sang by Roger Knox and the Newman sisters were Carmine to a tee, and the poems that Jenny Munro and Lorna Munro told were a great tribute, as was the song sang by the Toomelah Boggabilla Choir.

During the slideshow and song presentation, I thought how it was a great way for everyone to both sadly farewell and celebrate Carmine, who had been to a lot of functions in the Moree Town Hall.

When I listened to the songs *Mothers Eyes Maggie* and the *Wind Beneath my Wings*, I thought back to Julie's and my radio show on community radio 2MAXFM Narrabri, where family members would ring us and request songs for Carmine. I know she and Lyle enjoyed those songs right through 'til the week she

left us to go to the Dreamtime.

I also remember that Carmine was a great lover of Mission Beat, which her son Lloyd Munro and Glen Crump host each week.

As they carried Carmine out to make her final trip through the Balo Street traffic lights and down Heber Street, then into Gwydir Street, where she lived, and then to where she was laid to rest, I thought back to Carmine's last Christmas. All her family were there at the hospital where photos were taken.

To conclude, I would like to say Rest in Peace to a great lady who loved her family and friends all over.

Carmine, you will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

FRANK CRUMP
Moree, NSW

Tributes flow for Lainey Newchurch

SOUTH Australian Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen joined Aboriginal communities to farewell Narrungga elder and leader Elaine Newchurch (Lainey) last month.

Aunty Lainey was born at Point Pearce in February 1934 and spent most of her life advocating on behalf of her people and teaching them about their history.

She was a long-standing board member on the Aboriginal Lands Trust as well as being on a number of committees including the SA Aboriginal Heritage Committee and the Point Pearce Aboriginal Community Council.

Aunty Lainey was also a key player in the establishment of the Point Pearce Housing Association and the TAFE campus on Point Pearce.

A long-standing supporter and attendee of the Point Pearce Church, she was instrumental in

negotiating Indigenous Land Use Agreements on behalf of her people.

"She held her own with Ministers and chief executives throughout her life and had a sharp eye for holding government processes to account," said Mr Wanganeen.

"I knew her all my life and I will always remember that when Lainey was having her say, everyone knew they had to listen.

"She was a true icon with her own unique style that engaged and challenged everyone she met.

"She will be remembered as a strong leader who was very passionate about protecting her Aboriginal heritage and has touched the lives of many South Australians. She left a lasting impression on all of us and she will be sadly missed."

Aunty Lainey was laid to rest at Point Pearce Cemetery on 20 January.

Jack Smith mourned

THE central coast Darkinjung community and the Gamilaroi community in Moree are mourning the passing of public figure and Elder Jack Smith.

Over many years, Uncle Jacko or 'Jacko', as he was known, made significant contributions to the Aboriginal community and the central coast at large.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council chief executive officer Sean Gordon said Mr Smith was instrumental in the establishment of many community organisations and was a founding member of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

"Jack Smith is a true unsung hero whose passion and tireless work enriched community life on the central coast," Mr Gordon said. "Amongst a long list of contributions, he played an important role in setting up the Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Medical Service.

"He was also the Chairperson of

the Central Coast Pottery Minbee Aboriginal Elders and Seniors Association and was at the forefront of protecting Aboriginal sites and heritage for many years.

Mr Smith grew up in Moree during the era of the fight for Aboriginal equality, justice and recognition.

From an early age he worked within and for the community including as a field officer with the Aboriginal Legal Service. His nephew Barry Duncan recalled that there was no vehicle and little or no pay included with the role.

"Jack relied on hitchhiking and free rides from the local bus and train drivers in order to reach those in need of legal help," Mr Duncan said.

"For the most part, he also survived on the generosity of locals who would give him food and water."

In 1980, Mr Smith moved to the central coast and dedicated himself to promoting and preserving Aboriginal culture and heritage, and to working with others to enrich

community life as a whole and close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Darkinjung LALC chairperson Bronwyn Chambers said that in his final years, Mr Smith started to see what he considered real reconciliation and what he had fought all his life for.

"This included the signing last year of the Principles of Co-operation documents with Wyong Shire Council and Gosford City Council," she said.

"That showed a true commitment from everyone involved. Finally, we weren't just talking anymore. We were making it happen."

Last year also saw Mr Smith receive the 2010 Darkinjung Medal, as part of the Central Coast NAIDOC Week Community Awards which allow local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have their academic, community, cultural and sporting achievements recognised.

"Jack was a proud Gamilaroi man who was deeply in touch with his

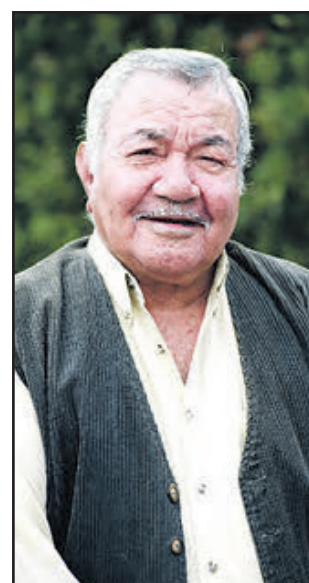
culture," Ms

Chambers said.

"He made the central coast his second home and we thank Jack for his dedication to working with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

"He fought for what he truly believed in until the day of his passing and was a valued member of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council Board of Directors.

Jack will never be forgotten and



JACK SMITH

we will be eternally grateful."

● Jack Smith's relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at Mehi River Bank Moree at 10.30am this Friday, 11 February.



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Youth inquiry told of scandal and success

By MARGARET SMITH



A PARLIAMENTARY committee inquiring into Indigenous young people and their contact with the criminal justice

system has heard stories of both success and scandal.

Concerns over shortcomings in education and growing detention rates were common to many of the submissions presented to the Federal Parliamentary Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Affairs roundtable at Redfern's National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) last month.

The Indigenous Director of Aboriginal Education in Western Australia, Associate Professor Robert Somerville, was amongst those making submissions.

He told the panel that only 35 per cent of Aboriginal children attended school regularly in WA, compared with 65 per cent of non-Aboriginal students.

He said it was tremendously important to engage Aboriginal youth in education to build their self-esteem as 'there is a direct correlation between failure at school and contact with the juvenile justice system'.

Other contributors to the inquiry were the Aboriginal Legal Service, the Tribal Warrior Association, juvenile justice magistrates, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Qld and NSW police, corrective services and health departments, the Human Rights Commission, Rio Tinto Iron Ore and Uniting Care Burnside.

For the past six years, Assoc Prof Somerville has been working with the Council of Australian Government (COAG) on a national action plan. Part of that time was spent visiting Canadian first nations peoples, and he believes Australia should be looking at their Indigenous programs, which are more effective than ours.

At 27 January, there were 116 Aboriginal juveniles in custody in WA, which amounted to 69.5 per cent of the state's total juvenile custodial population.

Assoc Prof Somerville told the panel there were not enough education programs to engage young Aborigines and their parents with the cultural aspects of learning, and those that did exist were under-resourced.

"There is a need for more of the stronger and smarter philosophy in our schools. We need to ensure that teachers have a cultural aspect... The last thing we want is for Aboriginal children turning out to be white," he told the panel.



Malcolm Anderson, Miles Walker, Ronald Hostalek and Thierra Clanton are amongst more than 30 Aboriginal lifeguards trained and employed under the YMCA's 'Swim for Life' program. They recently won a WA Department Sport and Recreation Award.

Assoc Prof Somerville cited his department's Follow the Dream partnerships which were achieving success in keeping Aboriginal kids at school.

Afterwards, he said the WA policy of 'three strikes and you're in jail' was contributing to the state's high imprisonment rate for Aboriginal juveniles.

Patricia Mason and Leza Radcliffe, from the WA Aboriginal Justice Congress, emphasised the importance of Aboriginal people being consulted on matters that affected them, if real improvements were to occur.

They cited the YMCA's 'Swim for Life' program, partially funded by DEET WA, as one that was producing results.

The Indigenous training and employment program trained more than 70 Indigenous youth in life and work skills in 2009/10 and, through it, the YMCA Perth now employs 31 Aboriginal lifeguards and hopes to expand the program beyond the state.

Another submission to the inquiry called for studies to determine what harm was caused to high numbers of Aboriginal students given lengthy suspensions from school, especially in NSW.

Assoc Prof Somerville said he believed suspensions needed to be avoided at all costs, and other measures used to help Aboriginal students.

Andrew Cummings, from the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition, called on governments to increase resources for Aboriginal youth, their communities and youth workers.

He said his organisation was concerned about a trend in recent years of locking up more Aboriginal young people, after a significant decline in the 1990s.

"There has been a rise in detention rates every year since 2004," he said. "This is primarily because of changes in sentencing and bail laws, not because young people are committing more crimes."

Detention

Mr Cummings told *The Koori Mail* that the bail laws in NSW had led to significant increases in children being held in detention while on remand.

"The fact that Queensland continues to treat 17-year-olds as adults in the justice system is another serious problem, and is again in direct contravention to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child," he said.

"Aboriginal young people are 24 times more likely to be locked up than non-Aboriginal young people. Any progress that was made as a result of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and similar reports has now been lost. We

seem to be going backwards instead of forwards."

The Aboriginal Legal Services of NSW, Queensland and the Northern Territory made a joint submission to the roundtable. Chief solicitor in Sydney John McKenzie told *The Koori Mail* he was impressed by the questions the panel asked, and that most of the politicians seemed to have read the previous presentations given to the roundtable under its former chairperson, MP Bob Debus.

He said it was 'an absolute given' that the criminal justice system had to do a lot better in providing community programs, diversions, and rehabilitation to tackle Indigenous juvenile justice.

"Rehabilitation won't work unless communities and families are in good shape when the Aboriginal young person comes out of detention, so they can assist them in staying out of trouble," he said.

But Mr McKenzie warned that most of the Aboriginal kids in lock-up were there on remand.

"This is the real scandal of what's going on in NSW under the Bail Act," he said. "Many are just there because they haven't met their bail conditions - it's just churning the kids through the system."

The standing committee is expected to release its findings in next two to three months.



NORMAN GEORGE

Mandatory 'long grass' rehab call is rejected



THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) says it's against a proposal put forward by Independent MLA Gerry Wood to force

people living in the 'long grass' into rehabilitation programs if they are convicted of anti-social behaviour.

NAAJA chairman Norman George said punishing people for being homeless was not the answer and making rehabilitation services mandatory just wouldn't work.

"Research is clear that alcohol treatment needs to be voluntary," he said. "Unless a person voluntarily makes a choice to address their alcoholism, it won't lead to long-term change."

Mr George said Mr Wood and the NT Government were right to be talking about the need for more rehabilitation services, but said it was crucial that alcohol and drug rehabilitation facilities were culturally relevant.

He said Mr Wood's proposal did not address this aspect, and instead it would 'alienate our clients and make them feel like they are in a prison'.

Stigmatisation

And he said NAAJA was also concerned at the current stigmatisation of people living in the long grass.

"There is a desperate need for more short- and medium-term accommodation facilities," he said.

"This gap is a big contributing factor to why people coming to major centres from communities end up in the long grass."

There was also a massive need for rehabilitation services in remote communities.

"Instead of locking people up in Darwin we should be encouraging them to address problems of alcohol and drug addiction in their communities," Mr George said.

"We should be supporting communities to develop their own solutions - that is what is going to work and make our communities healthier and safer."

Mr George said the Katherine StrongBala Health 4 Life Program was an excellent example of a community-driven initiative that provided a culturally relevant, supportive environment for Aboriginal men.

"The program is a shining example of the community taking ownership and strong action to address drug and alcohol issues affecting Aboriginal people," he said. "With additional funding, it could greatly extend its work."

Torres Strait rangers on job to preserve dugong habitat



TORRES Strait rangers are working to gather more information on Australia's largest seagrass meadow to better preserve dugong and sea turtle populations.

Together with Fisheries Queensland and in partnership with Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), the rangers are gathering more information from the 845,000-hectare meadow, which was mapped within the Torres Strait Dugong Sanctuary earlier last year.

Fisheries biologist Helen Taylor said surveys carried out in April last year found it was the largest single continuous seagrass meadow recorded in Australia – nearly twice the size of the previous record holder in Shark Bay, Western Australia.

Ms Taylor said it was the first time the area had been investigated in any great detail.



'We value our partnerships with other agencies as we work together towards protecting, preserving and enjoying our environment through sustainable management for now and future generations'

– TSRA chief John Kris

"We have identified several seagrass species preferred by dugongs and turtles," she said.

"However, we need to find out more about seagrass abundance in the Torres

Strait so we can better predict the consequences of future disturbance on seagrass habitats and associated ecosystems and fisheries."

Ms Taylor said seagrasses were vital

to local commercial and traditional fisheries as nursery grounds and food sources to endangered dugong and turtle populations.

"This baseline information will be used to develop a long-term monitoring program run by Torres Strait rangers, with the assistance of the TSRA's Environmental Management Program," she said.

"These programs will determine natural change and to detect changes caused by climate change and human impacts."

TSRA chairperson John Kris said the TSRA, TSIRC, Torres Strait Rangers and Fisheries Queensland were looking forward to their ongoing partnership for the long-term monitoring of seagrass health in the Torres Strait.

"We value our partnerships with other agencies as we work together towards protecting, preserving and enjoying our environment through sustainable management for now and future generations," Mr Kris said.

Summit at Easter



THE last survivor of the four young activists who set up the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra in 1972 is urging people to get themselves to the nation's capital over Easter for the fourth New Way Sovereignty Summit.

The Summit is being held at the Tent Embassy starting on Good Friday, 22 April, with a protest planned for Monday, 25 April, from the front of the Australian National University to Parliament House.

"The Easter gathering will

"The time has come to get out there and let the Government know that we are Aboriginal people whose nations are continuing to be torn apart as the whites continue to clear the lands of our people."

– Summit convenor Michael Anderson



focus on the need to make our voices heard loud and clear. We are too silent on the issues that we all speak of inside our homes," said summit convenor

Michael Anderson. "The time has come to get out there and let the Government know that we are Aboriginal people whose nations are continuing to be torn

apart as the whites continue to clear the lands of our people."

Mr Anderson said if people wanted to start a new liberation

movement, they needed to heed a saying used by Abraham Lincoln – 'A house divided within, will surely fall'.

If Indigenous people wanted to stop governments rolling over them, then they had to take steps, he said.

"Take notice of what other youth of the world have done; we did it when we were 17-18 in the 1970s, you can do it now," Mr Anderson said.

"We have no money to get anyone to Canberra, but it is up to you if you want to stop the Uncle Toms and Aunt Marys from saying they talk for us."



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

Invitation To Apply for funding for national projects to reduce the impact of sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications for funding from eligible community based, non profit and non governmental organisations for national projects to reduce the impact of sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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

Projects should have a focus on delivering services that reduce the burden of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) and blood borne viruses (BBVs) and deliver improvements in health. Projects that can demonstrate measurable health outcomes will be highly regarded.

Eligible organisations are:

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Australia to get stand-alone race rights commissioner



THE Federal Government is set to appoint a stand-alone Race Discrimination Commissioner in a move to strengthen the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC).

Federal Attorney-General

Robert McClelland said that for the first time in 13 years the AHRC would have separate Race and Disability Discrimination Commissioners.

Both roles are currently filled by Graeme Innes, who will remain as the Disability Commissioner after the new Race Commissioner takes office

on 1 July this year. An Age Discrimination Commissioner will also be appointed as promised by the Government last year.

The Government said it would soon call for expressions of interest for the positions of Age and Race Discrimination Commissioners.

The AHRC welcomed the Government's announcement, with President Cartherine Branson, QC, saying the two new commissioners would enable the AHRC to focus more comprehensively on protecting the rights of Australians experiencing discrimination on the grounds of race or age.



ROBERT MCCLELLAND

Water rights push



THE peak Indigenous advisers to the National Water Commission want more weight given to Aboriginal perspectives in national discussions over water sustainability and management.

First People's Water Engagement Council Chairman Phil Duncan, also a senior policy officer with NSWALC, said Aboriginal people had been largely ignored in the process to date, but were legitimate and willing stakeholders in an issue that affected all aspects of Aboriginal daily life, including country and job sustainability.

"For too long Aboriginal people have been ignored in the process of water sustainability and management in this country," he said last week.

"Thankfully, with the First People's Engagement Council (the peak Indigenous advisory council to the National Water Commission) the fog of ignorance has lifted and we now have a voice at the table.

'Aboriginal water rights cannot be pigeon-holed in the environmental water arena. This would take our identity back to prior to 1967 when we were identified as flora and fauna'
— Council chair Phil Duncan



"Our people need quality water for all facets of day-to-day Aboriginal life.

"The aquatic systems, the aquatic habitat, the native fish, our river red gums and other vegetation are all intrinsically intertwined in our Dreaming and some

people just don't get that we have that connection."

Mr Duncan said the First People's Water Engagement Council not only took into consideration Aboriginal social, spiritual and customary connection to water when

issuing water planning advice, it was also concerned about job sustainability for Aboriginal people.

He said that outside metropolitan areas, most Indigenous employment was in the rural sector and Indigenous people were significant land holders.

And he said these rural labour markets could be sustained and enhanced with positive and interactive engagement with Indigenous people in water management and planning.

Mr Duncan said Aboriginal people needed to be aware of the concept of 'consumptive water', or water that was used for economic gain such as irrigation, which could be allocated and traded through water licences.

"Aboriginal water rights cannot be pigeon-holed in the environmental water arena," he said.

"This would take our identity back to prior to 1967 when we were identified as flora and fauna."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information Session for Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd ACN 078 521 936 (**Arrow**) proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) project involving the development of gas fields and the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (**Arrow LNG Project**).

Arrow proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision C of the Native Title Act 1993, (Cth) (**NTA**) with persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to land or waters that are subject to the Arrow LNG Project shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**).

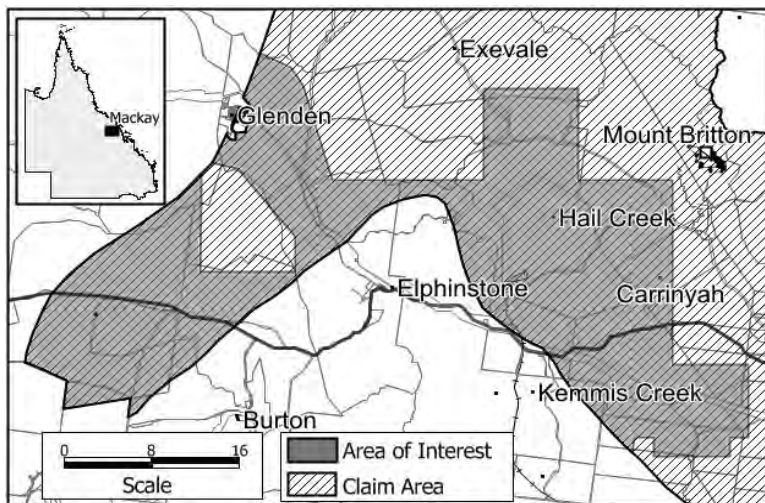
A search of the Register of Native Title Claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that the Wiri People's Native Title Determination Application (**QUD372/06**) covers the proposed **ILUA Area**.

An information session regarding the **Arrow LNG Project** and proposed **ILUA** will be held at the following location:

Mackay 12 February 2011 10.00 am Mackay Grand Suites 9 Gregory Street, Mackay Qld 4740

The purpose of the information session is to provide information on the proposed **ILUA** and **Arrow LNG Project** to the Wiri People. The Wiri People are described in their Native Title Determination Application (**QUD372/06**) as the descendants of the following Wiri apical ancestors:-

Albert Butterworth;
Nellie Emmerson;
Flora Reed;
Sarah Sauney;
Donald Tears;
King & Meg King;
Jerry & Janie, parents of Booyah McDonald;
Dick of Nebo, father of Sam Murray & Jessie;
Billy & Molly, parents of Jessie Cotherstone & Billy Sullivan;
Harry, father of Flora Doyle & Lilly; Maggie Barker;
Jinny Clark;
Mary Johnson;
Roger of Nebo;
Sophie Skeen;
Billy Sullivan, and Ida Hess.



Persons who consider they are Wiri People are invited to attend the information session.

No sitting fees will be paid for the information session. Fuel expenses, to a maximum of \$150 will be reimbursed, where receipts are provided after the meeting. Other travel expenses may be reimbursed, but only on prior approval.

Attendees must register their intention to attend with Sandlewood on (07) 3277 4801 or 0417 758 071. If you would like to make an enquiry regarding the information session please contact Sandlewood.



South Australia has new plan to tackle cancer



SOUTH Australian health authorities and the Cancer Council have launched a new statewide plan to improve services for cancer patients.

Health Minister John Hill said the plan would focus on ways to make a difference for people with cancer and also for their carers and families.

"This will include working with GPs and other primary health-care providers to promote cancer prevention and early detection as well as introducing new cancer information systems into hospitals and health services," he said in a statement on Friday.

"We will also focus on developing more multi-disciplinary cancer teams to ensure the best possible clinical decision making and then co-ordinate care for patients throughout their treatment."

Included in the plan is a companion document, which sets out the specific needs of the

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The document will try to bridge the gap between the outcomes for people of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community compared to the community as a whole.

"The cancer mortality rate of Aboriginal people is around 50 per cent higher than that of

'The cancer mortality rate of Aboriginal people is around 50 per cent higher than that of non-Aboriginal people because diagnosis is often at a more advanced stage of the disease'

non-Aboriginal people because diagnosis is often at a more advanced stage of the disease," Mr Hill said.

"Aboriginal people are also diagnosed with cancer at a younger age than the broader Australian population."

Cancer Council SA Chief Executive Brenda Wilson said the plan offered a strategic approach to the way cancer control services should be delivered for the next five years.

"Together, we face a tough job to beat cancer, but the priority programs and services earmarked with this united effort can optimise cancer care and prevention for all South Australians," she said. — AAP

Resources target disadvantage



PRACTICAL ways to overcome Indigenous disadvantage are the focus of three new resource sheets released by the Closing the Gap Clearinghouse.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) Social and Indigenous Group's Dr Fadwa Al-Yaman said education and health experts were commissioned by the Clearinghouse to write the resource sheets.

The resource sheet 'Closing

the school completion gap', written by Sue Helme and Stephen Lamb from the Centre of Research on Education Systems at the University of Melbourne, examines how school completion rates can be improved among Indigenous students.

"The resource sheet shows that school completion rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are well below the rates for their non-Indigenous counterparts," Dr Al-Yaman said.

"One of the most effective ways of improving school completion rates among

Indigenous students is to ensure a school culture acknowledges and supports Indigenous students and families."

A second resource sheet, 'Anti-tobacco programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people', by Dr Rowena Ivers from the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Wollongong, looks at the most effective ways to prevent smoking among Indigenous Australians.

It shows tobacco use is a major preventable contributor to the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous Australians and other

Australians, mostly due to high rates of cardiovascular disease, respiratory diseases and other diseases related to tobacco.

"This resource sheet discusses options for proven tobacco control interventions. These include interventions by community health organisations, such as nicotine replacement therapy, promotion of smoke-free environments and quit groups," Dr Al-Yaman said.

The third resource sheet, 'Teacher and school leader quality and sustainability', by Professor Emeritus Bill Mulford of the

Faculty of Education at the University of Tasmania, examines how Australian schools can achieve sustainable teacher and school leader quality.

The Closing the Gap Clearinghouse is an online source of research and information on what works to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage. It is a Council of Australian Governments initiative jointly funded by all Australian governments, and is being delivered by the AIHW in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Action pledge by Law Council



Indigenous barrister Tony McAvoy co-chaired the meeting.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people have met with

members of the Law Council of Australia to discuss ways the legal profession can contribute to reconciliation in Australia.

The consultation in Canberra was the first in a series of meetings to discuss practical measures to improve Indigenous participation and cultural awareness in the legal profession.

Law Council President Alexander Ward said the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) consultation reinforced the role the legal progression needed to play in closing the gap and improving the lives of Indigenous people.

Raelene Webb, QC, and Aboriginal barrister Tony McAvoy chaired the RAP consultation meeting, which discussed ways the Law Council could promote relationships and improve respect and understanding



Indigenous Legal Issues Committee of the Law Council chair Glenn Ferguson, Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong, Raelene Webb QC, and Indigenous barrister Tony McAvoy at the meeting.

between the legal profession and Indigenous people and organisations, and increase opportunities for Indigenous people in the legal profession.

"Reconciliation is a topic of great importance to Australia's legal profession," Mr Ward said.

"Indigenous Australians are among the most disadvantaged people in the country, and the legal profession has an important role to play in closing the gap in Indigenous living standards."

The decision to develop

a RAP followed the launch of the Law Council's first Policy Statement on Indigenous Australians and the Legal Profession in February last year.

Commitments

That statement sets out a number of commitments

for the Law Council, including promoting initiatives that boost Indigenous participation in the legal profession and the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"I am proud to say Indigenous affairs are an

important part of the Law Council's policy agenda but it is also an important issue for the legal profession across Australia," Mr Ward said.

"Indigenous Australians make up a very small proportion of the legal profession and a fundamental objective for the legal profession must be finding ways to increase the number of Indigenous people studying law and gaining admission to practice."

He said the Law Council would consider a number of positive suggestions arising from the meeting, including improving education outcomes, increasing cultural awareness and developing partnerships with Indigenous organisations and legal professional bodies.

"I am also pleased to note that a number of the Law Council's constituent bodies are also developing their own RAPs and we will work with them to develop an integrated approach," he said.

Federal Wild Rivers inquiry closing date is extended



THE closing date for submissions to the Federal inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland and review of the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill has been extended.

Committee chair and Member for Dobell Craig Thomson said that given the scope of the

natural disaster that had befallen Queensland, the committee had extended the closing date for submissions until Friday 18 February, although further extensions beyond this date could be negotiated with the committee secretariat. Further public hearings are now expected to be held in Queensland during the week beginning 7 March.

The committee strongly

encourages those who want to participate in hearings to contact the secretariat to register their interest on (02) 6277 4587 or email economics.reps@aph.gov.au

Further details about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and advice on how to make a submission, can be obtained from the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/economics

Record numbers at museum exhibition



AN exhibition of paintings and stories of the Aboriginal history of the Canning Stock

Route has closed at the National Museum of Australia (NMA) after attracting a record number of visitors.

The exhibition, Yiwarra Kuju: The Canning Stock Route, drew 122,334 visitors,

the largest number of people to visit a temporary exhibition at the National Museum since it opened in 2001.

The National Museum is in discussions with a number of museums and galleries to display the exhibition and give more Australians an opportunity to experience the collection of 127 paintings, cultural objects, documents and new media.



Education
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State Training Services

ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Call for Applications for 2011/12

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program is an initiative of the NSW Government to encourage job opportunities and career advancement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The aim of the program is to promote diversity, innovation and service responsiveness in the NSW workforce by reducing barriers to employment and promotion of Aboriginal People. The program is administered by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

The Department is seeking applications from eligible organisations in the NSW public, local government, private or community sectors for funding proposals under the following program elements:

The **Permanent Employment** element aims to get Aboriginal people into permanent careers in the NSW public service and local government.

The **Temporary Placement** element aims to improve career development for Aboriginal employees in the NSW public service and local government.

The **Career Development** element offers funds to make it easier for NSW public service departments and local councils to give Aboriginal employees training or other career development experiences.

The **Partnership Project** element funds special projects to create jobs for Aboriginal people within any sector.

The **Graduate Work Experience** element encourages employers to give new Aboriginal graduates a start in the workforce by subsidising a work experience placement (maximum 12 weeks) in the person's field of training. Any employer is eligible to apply, subject to the conditions in the Guidelines.

The 2011/12 application forms and program guidelines are available on the Department's website at https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/edaep.html or by contacting State Training Services - Aboriginal Services on (02) 68816764.

Applications close **Friday 25 March, 2011** and should be submitted to:

Mr Barry Williams

Programs Manager

NSW Department of Education and Training

Level 2/188 Macquarie Street/ PO Box 1064

DUBBO NSW 2830

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A file photo of the late Ruby Hunter.

TV tribute to Ruby Hunter



A TRIBUTE concert to the late, great Ruby Hunter which formed part of the Sydney

Festival in January, will be broadcast on NITV later this month.

The concert, called *Nukkan Ya Ruby*, features performances and interviews from artists that Ruby's life had touched in some way. These artists include Paul Kelly, Uncle Jimmy Little, Emma Donovan, Renee Geyer, Tiddas, Dan Sultan, Shane Howard, Radical Son and more.

Interwoven between the performances, Ruby's soul

'The ... concert for the late Ruby Hunter was a very moving experience and really showed how this woman, though small in stature, could have such a powerful impact through her music and through the way she lived her life'

mate and musical collaborator Archie Roach gives a very personal account of her.

This concert was believed by many to be well overdue recognition for a strong Ngarrindjeri woman who was an inspiration to many.

Producer of the NITV production Rima Tamou said the filming process was an emotional experience.

"The *Nukkan Ya Ruby* Concert for the late Ruby Hunter was a very moving experience and really showed how this woman, though small in stature, could have such a powerful impact through her music and through the way she lived her life," she said.

Nukkan Ya Ruby screens on NITV next Sunday 20 February at 7pm AEDT.



To find out more call 13 32 20 or visit www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au



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**Future Indigenous Leaders
Project co-ordinator
Natasha Hawkins.**

New program designed for future leaders



INDIGENOUS youth from south-east Queensland are being invited to take part in a new program aimed at helping them achieve their dreams.

The Future Indigenous Leaders Project (FILP) is being funded through the Queensland Government, and sponsored by John Pearson Consulting (JPC) in co-operation with partners including the Department of Education and Training's Indigenous Education Unit, the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience

(AIME) and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Organisers say up to 60 young people who join FILP will be given the opportunity to not only formulate and plan their future, but to gain life skills to achieve their goals.

Retreats

Two five-day retreats on Queensland's Sunshine Coast will be held as part of the project.

Co-ordinator Natasha Hawkins, of John Pearson Consulting, said she was relying on schools and agencies throughout south-east Queensland to

refer suitable candidates for the project. The first intake of about 30 students is scheduled to be wrapped up soon, with the course to run until mid-year 2012.

FILP is open to all Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander youth in Years 11 or 12.

For more information about the project or to nominate a future leader for the scheme, contact Natasha Hawkins on (07) 5313 8600 or natasha@jpearson.com.au

The project blog site, including nomination form, is www.futureleaders.jpearson.com.au

Govt splashes cash on remote NT pools



IMPROVEMENTS are to be made to swimming pools and associated programs at remote communities in the Northern Territory.

The work will be done by the Federal Government following a review conducted by the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia (RLSSA).

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government had committed \$940,000 to address the recommendations of the review. This includes \$690,000 for infrastructure needs, including making immediate safety improvements such as improved signage and fencing, and \$250,000 to the RLSSA to work with Indigenous communities to improve pool management by developing operational and business plans.

Development

The review was carried out as part of the NT Remote Pools project, which also delivered skills development, training and technical operation support to remote swimming pool staff in the NT.

The review involved 18 pools in remote areas. It found pools can have a positive effect on the health and lives of Indigenous people and made 19 recommendations aimed at improving the way pools operate.

The Federal and NT governments will work with local government shire councils to ensure a united approach to the management and operation of these pools.

The pools in the review were at Areyonga, Batchelor, Borroloola, Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Kintore, Maningrida, Nuiyu Nambiyu, Nguiu, Ngukurr, Nhulunbuy, Peppimenarti, Pirlangimpi, Santa Teresa, Tennant Creek, Wadeye and Yuendumu.

The report is available at www.royallifesaving.com.au



**Transport
Roads & Traffic
Authority**

**Request for Expressions of
Interest
Provision of Graphic Design
Services
Tender Number: 10.2920.1541**

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is calling for proposals to provide graphic design services for its communication materials, including but not limited to brochures, community update newsletters, magazines, display materials, signage and website information.

The RTA currently manages its design work requirements through a panel of design agencies. The RTA is requesting proposals from suitably qualified firms to be included on the panel to provide design services for its communication materials for a minimum period of 3 years.

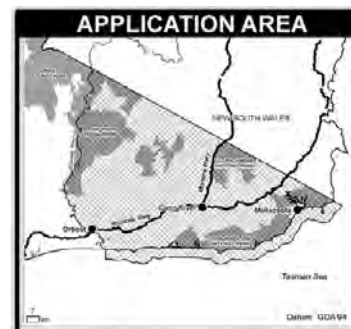
Proposals must be delivered to: The RTA tender box Level 9, 101 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060.

Proposals must be marked "Strictly Private and Confidential" and "Proposal for Graphic Design Services".

**For further information please go to
www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/rta or contact
Sherri Fields: sherri_fields@rta.nsw.gov.au
Tenders close on Wednesday 9 March 2011.**

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Bidwell-Maap Nation
Aboriginal Corporation

Date received: 18 January 2011

Public comments due: 18 May 2011

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Bidwell-Maap Nation 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: vahe@dpcd.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.



**THARAWAL
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION**

PROJECT MANAGER

CAMPBELLTOWN ABORIGINAL CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is an accredited Aboriginal Medical Service in Campbelltown, New South Wales, and was the national winner of the RACGP's 2008 Best GP Clinic. We are seeking an experienced and energetic Project Manager to manage the construction of an innovative Aboriginal Child & Family Centre (ACFC), as well as the refurbishment of premises to provide an interim ACFC until the permanent centre is completed. This is an important position reporting directly to the CEO.

To apply for the position the applicant must demonstrate that he/she has the skills and qualifications indicated below. Applicants must also provide a copy of their CV (including educational qualifications), together with the names of three referees.

Essential Criteria

- At least five years' experience of successfully managing on time and within budget the design & construction of projects of up to \$5 million in value
- Relevant qualifications
- Demonstrated site and people management skills, including supervision of a variety of trades and apprenticeship positions
- Highly developed understanding of contracts, quality control and risk management
- Demonstrated IT skills, including Ms Project and Excel
- Well developed oral and written communication skills
- Understanding of EEO, OH&S and ethical work practices
- Respect for and understanding of Aboriginal identity

Desirable Criteria

- Previous experience working in an Aboriginal Community Organisation
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working harmoniously in a multidisciplinary team
- Current NSW driver's licence and access to motor vehicle

This position is Aboriginal Identified, exemption sought under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Successful Applicants will need to undertake Mandatory Working with Children and Police Checks prior to appointment.

For further information and application kits including selection criteria call (02) 46264837 or email timakaisuva@tacams.com.au

Closing date: Friday, 21 February 2011

CENTRE MANAGER

CAMPBELLTOWN ABORIGINAL CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is an accredited Aboriginal Medical Service in Campbelltown, New South Wales, and was the national winner of the RACGP's 2008 Best GP Clinic. We are seeking an experienced and energetic professional to manage the operations of an innovative integrated Aboriginal Child & Family Centre (ACFC) to be established and operated by Tharawal in Minto, NSW. This is an important position reporting directly to the CEO.

The ACFC is envisaged as a welcoming place for Aboriginal people that will provide and coordinate culturally relevant and safe early childhood services and care, parent and family support and early childhood health services. The operations and activities of the ACFC must therefore be managed in a manner that is in harmony with the expectations, needs, aspirations and culture of the local Aboriginal community.

To apply for the position of Centre Manager the applicant must demonstrate that he/she has the following skills and qualifications indicated below. Applicants must also provide a copy of their CV (including educational qualifications), together with the names of three referees.

Essential Criteria

- At least five years' experience of successfully managing a similar Aboriginal community service organisation
- Relevant qualifications
- Demonstrated skills in operating a variety of services and people in a fully integrated manner, including supervision of multiple relationships, organisations and programs (some off-site)
- Track record of achieving contract deliverables to an above average standard
- Demonstrated IT skills, including Ms Project and Excel
- Well developed oral and written communication skills
- Understanding of EEO, OH&S and ethical work practices
- Respect for and understanding of Aboriginal identity

Desirable Criteria

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working harmoniously in a multidisciplinary team
- Excellent skills in relationship building and networking.
- Current NSW driver's licence and access to motor vehicle

This position is Aboriginal Identified, exemption sought under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Successful Applicants will need to undertake Mandatory Working with Children and Police Checks prior to appointment.

For further information and application kits including selection criteria call (02) 46264837 or email timakaisuva@tacams.com.au

Closing date: Friday, 21 February 2011

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation runs a thriving health and community service facility based in Airds, Campbelltown. Due to ongoing expansion and growth within the service, we currently have a number of full time, permanent positions that we looking to fill.

Brighter Futures Program:

The Brighter Futures Program focuses on targeted support and assistance to families and young children in the local area and the following positions are required.

Case Workers -2 positions

Staff will be engaged under the SACS Award and will require at least three years experience in working with families and children. Certificate 3 qualifications in a related field will be a minimum requirement.

All positions are Aboriginal Identified, exemption sought under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Successful Applicants will need to undertake Mandatory Working with Children and Police Checks prior to appointment.

Send Applications to: Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 290, Campbelltown, NSW, 2560. Phone No.: 02 46284837

Applications close Friday, 21 February 2011

Administrator appointed for Angkerle corporation



ANGKERLE Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) is to receive help from the Office of the Registrar

of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) to get the corporation's business affairs back in order, with the appointment of a special administrator.

Angkerle Aboriginal Corporation holds the lease over the Standley Chasm flora and fauna reserve 50kms west of Alice Springs in the West MacDonnell Ranges.

The corporation manages the day-to-day operations at the reserve and also operates an on-site café and gift shop.

Standley Chasm is a

popular tourist destination with the chasm rising 80m above a creek bed. It also provides easy access to the Chewings Ranges and the Larapinta Trail and is home to some rare and threatened species of native flora and fauna.

Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven said his office engaged an independent examiner in November last year to review AAC.

"He highlighted weaknesses in the corporation's governance framework and financial management," Mr Beven said. "Once the directors recognised they needed assistance they asked me to appoint a special

administrator and I commend them for taking this step.

"The aim of the special administration is to quickly restore good operational order and work on resolving governance and financial management issues to ensure long-term benefits for the local community."

Mr Beven said the potential for the corporation to succeed was clear and the special administration process offered an opportunity to launch a number of improvements.

"The development of better operating systems and improved strategies for attracting and managing tourism should see the Angkerle Aboriginal Corporation turn around relatively quickly," he said.



Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Anthony Beven.

Mid west WA jobs on track



THE largest resources project in Western Australia's mid west, the Karara Rail project, has just taken on ten Indigenous trainees and 11 new Indigenous

employees and is on schedule to create 100 Indigenous jobs a year. So says Tony Noonan, the General Manager of Doorn Djiil Yoordaning, an Indigenous subsidiary of contract and mining construction company Macmahon.

Macmahon and joint venture partner Yamatji JV Contracting are working on the 80kms of railway for Karara Mining Limited (KML).

Mr Noonan said the first intake of Indigenous Australians was a significant occasion not just for Macmahon, Yamatji JV and KML, but also for the mid west community.

"This event demonstrates Macmahon and its partners' commitment to investing and developing opportunities for local people," he said last week.

"These latest employees bring Macmahon's Indigenous job creation total to more than four dozen since the company's pledge to the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) in September 2010."

Opportunity

For mid west local Jimmy Mongoo, the opportunity to be trained and employed on a project close to home was almost too good to be true. He said his traineeship on the Karara Rail had given him confidence in his ability to provide for his young family without being away for lengths of time.

"I found it really hard being away from my family four weeks at a time for

nine months in the Pilbara as it's important to me with two young kids to be able to be a part of their day-to-day lives. So working close to home is going to be great," Mr Mongoo said.

"This opportunity gives me and my family security, as I will have the skills and practical experience I need to gain continuing employment in this field after my traineeship."

Under the Australian Employment Covenant, Macmahon last year pledged to create 500 jobs over five years with strong support through joint ventures established between traditional owners and by its Indigenous subsidiary Doorn Djiil Yoordaning (DDY).

The joint ventures will provide training modelled on Macmahon's award-winning Indigenous Mining Skills Program (IMSP), which has been run in Newman for the past four years.

Sydney Airport employment scheme ready for take off



JOBS and training for 30 Indigenous Australians

at Sydney Airport are the goals of a new partnership between the Federal Government and Reputation Pty Ltd and SNP Security.

The new program will provide the 30 participants with pre-employment training and a Certificate I

in Security Operations and a P1A or 1C NSW Security Licence.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib announced the partnership last week, and said the \$375,000 initiative was part of the Indigenous Employment Program.

"The security industry is constantly expanding," Senator Arbib said.

"Thanks to the training

provided by Reputation Pty Ltd, the participants will be provided with long-term job opportunities.

"This program has multiple benefits. In addition to providing new jobs for 30 Indigenous Australians it will boost security at Australia's busiest airport.

"I congratulate Reputation Pty Ltd and SNP Security on their

commitment to Indigenous employment."

Senator Arbib said the Federal Government had a target of creating more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018 and had committed more than \$750 million over five years to the Indigenous Employment Program to assist Indigenous Australians into ongoing sustainable work.



Indigenous Communities Alliance director Steve Adams with DEEWR's Elizabeth Bate.



Some of the 230 guests who attended the official opening of the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.



CEO and chairwoman of Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chamber Debbie Barwick, who is also chairwoman of the new State Chamber.



NSW Aboriginal Land Council chairperson Bev Manton with Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Sean Gordon.



Ray Kelly and Ros Taggart, of the Indigenous Communities Alliance.



Casey Donovan performed at the launch.

Chamber is in business



AUSTRALIA'S first state-based Indigenous Chamber of Commerce was launched recently to look after the interests of Aboriginal business people.

The NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce is the first state association to launch under the national Indigenous Business Council of Australia.

Founding NSW Director and Chairperson Debbie Barwick, a Gamilaroi woman, said she wanted to work with government, business and industry to ensure the chamber's success.

"The chamber works with Indigenous leaders, entrepreneurs and peak Indigenous bodies to advocate on behalf of the Indigenous business sector with a united vision of an Australia which encourages equitable representation of Indigenous businesses in the supply chain to government and corporate Australia at all levels," she said.

MC at the launch and Gai-mariagal/Wiradjuri Elder Dennis Foley said 'we believe in our vision and we believe that by working together with our members, our partners and our sponsors



Federal Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib.

we will achieve a unique business sector in NSW which is recognised for quality service delivery and one which inspires our future generations'.

Work is now under way to develop similar chambers in other states and territories.

Federal Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark

Arbib was on hand at the opening ceremony to congratulate Ms Barwick and her team.

Mr Arbib said the Government's commitment to Indigenous business development was a key component of its goal to halve Indigenous unemployment by 2018.

"Not only do Indigenous businesses help Indigenous entrepreneurs build wealth, but they are great employers of Indigenous people," he said.

"The NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce is a fantastic initiative which will boost the already successful Indigenous businesses across NSW.

"The Indigenous business sector is a growing part of the Australian economy. It is important that Indigenous businesses receive support from a dedicated Chamber of Commerce that caters for their specific needs."

The NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce aims to support and enhance the employment, economic and social prosperity of Indigenous peoples across NSW by encouraging, supporting and building the capacity of Indigenous businesses.



Uncle Les Elvin with his collection Kungera Art at the official launch of the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.

Sport... and cyclones



THE Kowanyama community, on the western side of Cape York Peninsula, finally has a new multi-purpose sport and recreation centre, the need for which was first identified

in 1999.

The centre has court space for basketball, netball, volleyball, cricket,

badminton, modified tennis, table tennis, aerobics and potential for possible additions such as futsal, yoga and boxing.

The space will also be used for community celebrations such as cultural events and weddings and also as emergency accommodation during natural disasters.

The final design complies with the

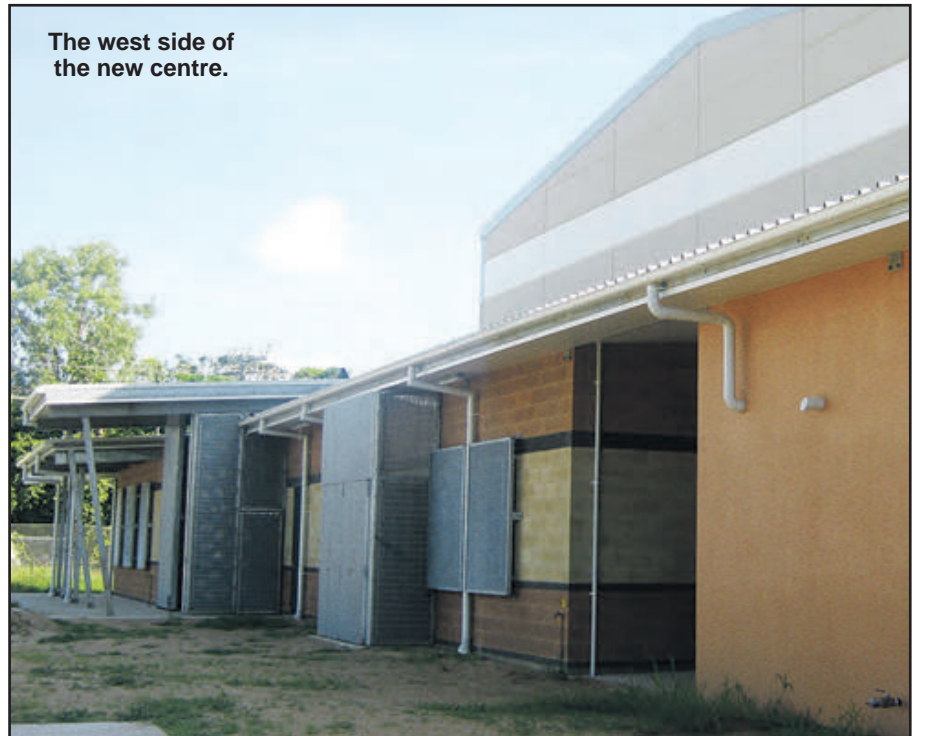
Queensland Government's latest cyclone design rules.

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council identified the need for the multi-purpose centre in its Sport and Recreation Development Plan in 1999.

A further plan was commissioned by the council and completed in January 2005, and this feasibility study was used by the council's grants manager to lobby

for State and Federal government funding.

The centre was completed in late December 2010, but because of cost blow-outs, the flooring finish is expected to be completed after the wet season, once the road access allows around May or June. The timing will also be governed by when specialist contractors can schedule the work.



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From left, Marley Chatfield holding his son Leroy, 3, with his cousin Richard Cohen from Peak Hill, and sisters Samantha Chatfield and Anita Chatfield holding Takai Christiansen, 15 months.



National Australia Day Council chair Adam Gilchrist, council deputy chair and Djiribul woman Shelley Reys and Prime Minister Julia Gillard after the awards presentation at Parliament House.

Chooky Dancers and plenty more

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THEY may not quite be a household name yet, but Elcho Eylandt's charismatic Chooky Dancers are on their way, after performing in front of a huge crowd during the 'Australia Celebrates' concert at Australia Day Live 2011 in Canberra.

The televised concert on the lawns of Parliament House on Tuesday, 25 January, also featured Aboriginal pop singer Jessica Mauboy, along with Ross Wilson, The McClymonts, Thirsty Merc, Stan Walker, hip-hoppers Justice Crew and 2010 X Factor winner Altiyan Childs.

Earlier, on a smaller stage with Parliament House as its backdrop, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced the winners of the 2011 Australian of the Year Awards. Seven Aboriginal achievers were amongst the award finalists. Aboriginal flags could be seen dotted against a sea of Australian flags in the crowd. Most of the Indigenous people approached by *The Koori Mail* said they regarded the next day, 26 January, as Survival Day.



Enjoying the event were Karen Ardler and her daughters Bella Peresan and Millie Peresan, from Downer in Canberra.

Local Elder Matilda House performed a Ngambri welcome to country, taking the opportunity to encourage greater recognition of Harold Thomas, who

designed the Aboriginal flag, and artist Michael Jagamara Nelson, who designed the mosaic upon the Parliament House forecourt.



Matilda House (top right) with her son Paul House, Judy Bell and Aleria Robinson.



Liz Thorpe was there, working with the team from Intercontinental Hotel group.



Kirsty Glanville enjoyed the Canberra awards ceremony and concert.



Some of the team from Reconciliation Australia, from left, director (and *Koori Mail* Editor) Kirstie Parker, Karen Mundine, director Djaipirri Mununggirri, Ara Cresswell, and Chief Executive Officer Leah Armstrong.



Jacinta Robinson, 17, Alicia Robinson, 18, and Taylor O'Sullivan, 15, were at the Canberra event.

Velma a trailblazer

By ALF WILSON



ONE of Indigenous Australia's most experienced journalists has been recognised with an Australia Day award.

Former Thursday Island journalist Velma Gara received a Certificate of Achievement as part of the Torres Shire Council's Australia Day awards, almost three months after taking up a position as chief of staff with WIN Television's Townsville bureau.

Ms Gara had been news Editor of the TI-based newspaper, the Torres News, from April 2009 until last November when she left for her Townsville position.

Torres Shire Council Mayor Pedro Stephen said that Ms Gara had been a positive role model and a very active ambassador for her people for a long time.

"Velma has proven her dedication and commitment during her short stay on Thursday Island in her willingness to participate in all our community events and celebrations," Mayor Stephen said.

Ms Gara believes that she may be the first Indigenous person in Queensland to be a chief of staff – a highly ranked position – in a



Velma Gara at work for WIN Television in Townsville.

mainstream media organisation.

Her media career began in the mid-1980s with the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association (TAIMA) – first as a receptionist and then as a trainee broadcaster – working closely with the Thaiday brothers, Bill and Mick.

"Two years later, I was successful in getting a cadetship with QTV in the newsroom," Ms Gara said.

"Then in 1989, I was graded as a news journalist and worked in the newsroom for four years before going back to TAIMA to be one of the inaugural broadcasters

at Radio 4K1G when they got their licence in 1992."

Ms Gara spent seven years there before moving north to Cairns in 1999.

"After staying in the far north region until 2002, I decided to move back to Townsville and was lucky to get a job back at the

deadly radio station.

"While at Radio 4K1G, I had an opportunity to move up the ranks and became the station's first Indigenous station manager," she said.

However, more opportunities presented themselves – firstly with the move to Thursday Island to work for the Torres News, which was her first time in print media, and then back to Townsville to work for WIN Television.

Ms Gara said she enjoyed her time on TI, where she was born.

Busy schedule

While there, she volunteered her time to coach the Storm women's basketball team, was on the organising committee for the Winds of Zenadth Cultural Festival, and a member of the Star of the Sea committee.

Ms Gara's basketball career is also an extensive one. She played for Australia with an Indigenous team in USA/Canada, played in the Women's National Basketball League, and represented Townsville, Ayr and Cairns in State League.

She was also a member of the Torres Strait team that won a silver medal at the Arafura Games in 1993, and ten years earlier, was a member of the Queensland under 20 team.

Torres Strait heroes recognised

SIX 'unsung heroes' have been acknowledged at the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's inaugural Australia Day Awards.

Among the selected recipients this year was recently signed Newcastle Knights NRL under 20 player Maipele Morseu, who won the TSIRC Australia Day Sports Award.

Although Morseu was not able to accept his award in person at the TSIRC Australia Day award ceremony on Badu Island, he told TSIRC that he was honoured to receive the award on behalf of his proud family.

At a ceremony on Badu Island, TSIRC Mayor Fred Gela said it was a great honour to present the council's very first Australia Day awards to a group of 'exceedingly deserving recipients'.

"The Torres Strait Islander culture rests firmly on pride, respect and care for the great land we live on," Cr Gela said.

"On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian."

The council's Achievement Award went to Michael Laza, of Badu Island.

"Mr Laza was rightly awarded for lending his support to almost every

community event, including cleaning toilets, keeping the grounds spotless and cooking for community events," Cr Gela said.

"He volunteers to do the kind of jobs that no one else will do, though never seeks the limelight."

The TSIRC Event of the Year Award went to the Silver Jubilee 'Island of Origin' rugby league carnival, hailed as the Torres Strait's most prestigious sporting carnival.

The TSIRC Citizen of the Year Award went to Steve Foster, also of Badu Island.

Committed

He has committed much of his life to bettering education standards for Indigenous students, and particularly Torres Strait Islanders, and is an executive member of Tagai State College in charge of all campuses.

"Steve's selection as Citizen of the Year reflects the respect that this award deserves," Cr Gela said.

TSIRC awards also went to Senior Citizen of the Year Daisy Kabay, of Masig Island; and the Cultural Award to Cr Phillemon Mosby, of Poruma Island.

"I am truly proud to be a Torres Strait Islander knowing that it is people like these that are representing our little slice of Australia," Cr Gela said.



Cr Wayne Guivarra, left, receiving the TSIRC 2011 Australia Day Community event of the Year Award from Mayor Fred Gela.

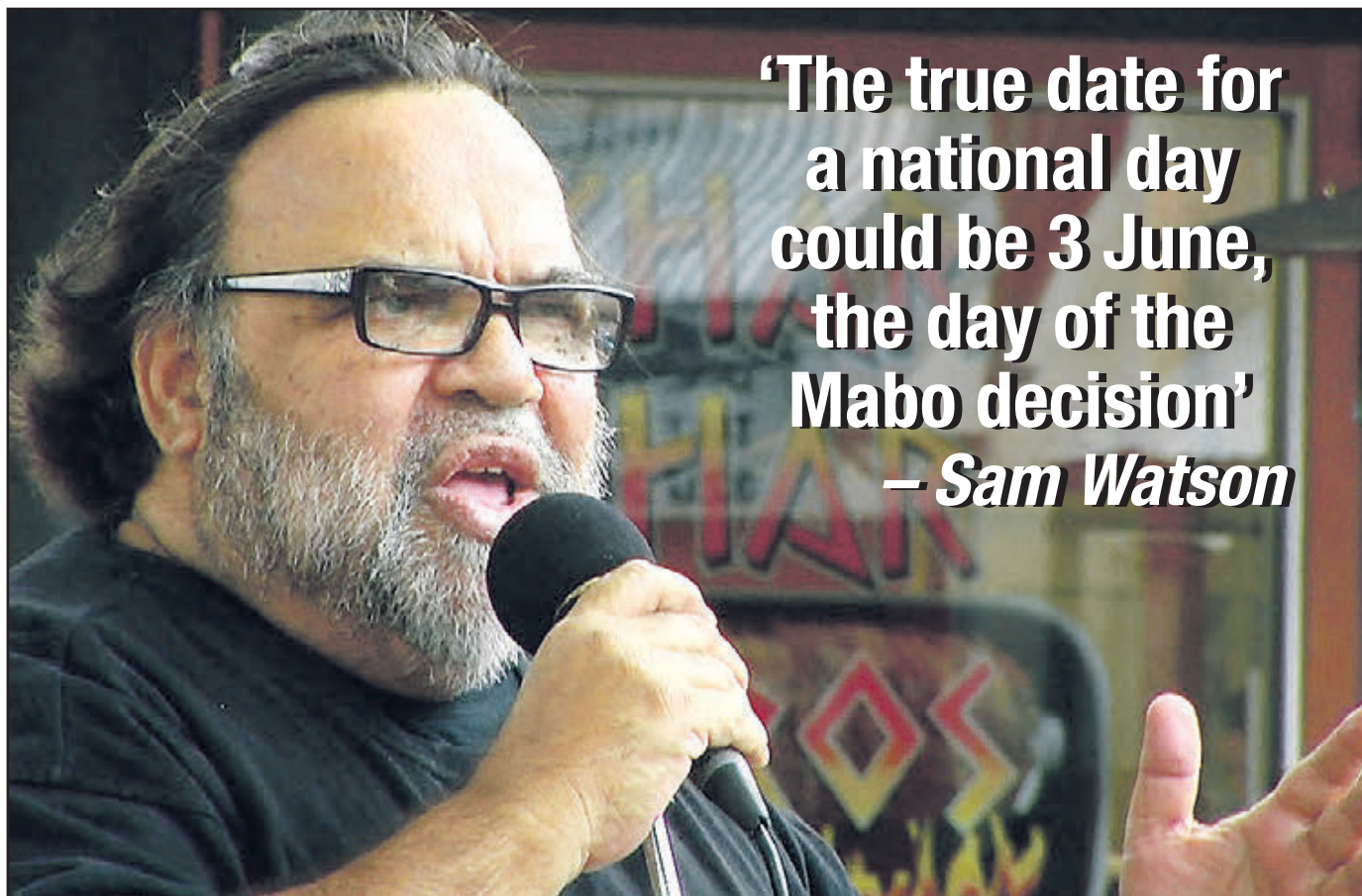


Cr Gela, left, presenting Iona Morseu (Newcastle Knights under 20 rugby league player Maipele Morseu's godfather) with Maipele's TSIRC 2011 Australia Day Sports Award.



Clockwise, from above left: ● Michael Laza, of Badu Island receiving TSIRC 2011 Australia Day Achievement Award from Mayor Fred Gela. ● Steve Foster, of Badu, being awarded the 2011 TSIRC Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award by Cr Gela. ● Celebrations included a community barbecue. ● Cr Guivarra also took the opportunity to recognise NAIDOC Awards awarded to Badu residents. The 2009 Community Tribute Award went to Richard Bowie, pictured.





Debate focus on hot topics

By MARGARET SMITH



THE debate about whether Australia should change the date of its national day and its flag was back on the agenda, with the 2011 Australian of the Year Simon McKeon advocating both in his acceptance speech in front of the Prime Minister in Canberra on 25 January.

A forum on the same topic took place at the Australian Museum in Sydney a few days before, between two writers, Nigel Parbury (a whitefella author and educator) and Sam Watson (a blackfella academic and activist), with designer Alison Page moderating.

The event was publicised as being about whether Australia Day should change its date, but it became much more than that.

The two speakers and moderator managed to canvas all sorts of topics – do white Australians still have an identity problem? Exactly what is being celebrated? Has the day turned into an excuse to be drunk and homophobic? Is the country being ruined by industrial farming and open-cut mining and resultant floods? And can Australia ever be reconciled without Aboriginal sovereignty being acknowledged?

Nigel Parbury opened the session with an admission that he had been brought up in 'white Australia' and wasn't aware of 'Australia having a



Nigel Parbury interviewed after the debate.
Photo courtesy of the Australian Museum

black history' until he met Aboriginal people in 1978.

He said what he discovered came as a shock and changed his life. He went on to work for the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group under Linda Burney (now NSW Community Services Minister) and to write *Survival: A history of Aboriginal life in NSW*. His observations over the years revealed that 'Who the bloody hell are we?' was still a question for white Australia.

Humour

"A lot of typical Australian humour actually derives from Aboriginal humour, but the nation doesn't acknowledge the Aboriginal element in our make-up," he said.

The only exception Mr Parbury could think of where the nation came together was the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games,

suggesting it might be easier for white Australia to change the nature of the day rather than the date, with more emphasis on Indigenous and multi-cultural Australia.

Sam Watson spoke passionately about the need for a wide-ranging examination of Australia Day on 26 January, marking when the tall ships from Britain arrived. He said Australia was one of the few countries in the world to celebrate an invasion. Other countries chose a date that brought the nation together, he said.

Mr Watson reminded the audience of the 1938 meeting of 150-200 Aboriginal people in Elizabeth Street, Sydney, where William Cooper and J T Patten called the date a 'National Day of Mourning'.

Mr Watson is now a deputy director of the Aboriginal and Islanders Studies Unit of the

University of Queensland. His research backed up his view that Australia Day was 'a fraud perpetuated against Aboriginal people'. "There has been no purchase, no treaty, and no negotiation over sovereignty. This land remains stolen from us," he said.

He said white Australia needed to seriously look at its own report card. There had been wholesale devastation from the way the land was treated as a commodity, and the Queensland floods were testament to that.

"White Australia needs to look at their economy and at the land itself ... Aboriginal people hold the land in a spiritual dimension... They are the most qualified carers of country," he said.

Mr Watson called for a new Constitution, a permanent Aboriginal head of state, a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to right past wrongs, a new flag, and for the date of Australia Day to be changed.

"The true date for a national day could be 3 June, the day of the Mabo decision," he ventured.

Alison Page summed up, lamenting that 'since 2009 we've had the scary phenomenon of racist youth getting tanked up to celebrate a white Australia day'. "Our national identity is being high-jacked by bogans," she said.

At the end of the afternoon, the black and white audience voted overwhelmingly to change the date.



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Survival Day 2011 – Yabun



Rapper Colin Trindall.



A march into the festival grounds demanded justice for Northern Territory communities, the late TJ Hickey and others.



Armidale mum Natasha Williams (in pink) with her daughters Jessie, 6, and Sissy, 4, and her friend Natalie Mason, from Collarenebri.



Down from Casino, northern NSW, for the day were, from left, Curtly Caldwell, Sunboy Torrens, Roy Bell, Jayden Torrens, Stan Bell, Dylan Torrens and Cliff Williams.



Abigail Kris, 22, cut fine form on stage as part of the Urban Zenadth Kes dance group.



The team from the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples signed up new members and spread the word from their stall.



Marcus McCarthy, of Sydney, with Carla McGrath, from Coogee, holding two-year-old Tyler Hansen, of Glebe, and Adam Hansen holding his one-year-old niece Laura Hansen.



Eight-year-old Maya Jackson in the kids' tent with her nine-month-old niece Aylani Clark.



Kids having a good time on the play equipment.



Claire Bates, from Wilcannia, caught up with the latest news in *The Koori Mail*. Claire has run her Original Aboriginal Creations jewellery and arts stall at Yabun and Survival festivals since the early 1980s.



NSWALC Councillor Roy Ah See made his point in the Speak Out tent.



Wiradjuri man Greg Kilby, originally from Dubbo, now of Penrith.



Casey Donovan gave a spirited performance.

It's a huge event

Photos by KIRSTIE PARKER and THERESA DALTON

NSW ONCE again, the annual Yabun Festival in Sydney was one of the country's biggest Survival Day events. The day-long celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, music, dance, sport and more was in its ninth year and attracted around 15,000 people, including many families and interstate visitors.

Organised by Koori Radio 93.7FM, the festival was also high on the mainstream political radar, with NSW Governor Marie Bashir, Premier Kristina Keneally and Community Services Minister Linda Burney all showing up at Victoria Park.

The music line-up boasted Wilma Reading, Casey Donovan, The Stiff Gins, Nekrofeist, The Medics, Stunna Set, Indigenous Intrudaz, Microwave Jenny, Krista Pav, Yarramundi Puppets and many more.

There were also dance performances and workshops by the Doonooch Dancers and Urban Zenadth Kes; art and craft, information and food stalls; and a Kids Zone was packed with storytelling, puppets, performances, arts

and crafts and more.

Minister Burney presented the 2011 Kevin Cook Lecture in the Speak Out tent, highlighting the inspirational work of the education and land activist for whom the lecture is named, and others who've helped to advance the Indigenous cause.

But she said that, despite positive steps towards social justice and true equality for Indigenous people, Indigenous over-representation in prisons, higher rates of homelessness and vulnerable children, and lower life expectancy demonstrated that more needed to be done.



LINDA BURNEY

Ms Burney entered the sadly perennial debate about whether the date of Australia Day should be changed.

"I believe the date of Australia Day should be changed," she said, calling for a nation discussion on the subject. "For Aboriginal people, this day is not a day of celebrating who we are as a nation, it marks the day we lost our rights and our land."

However, the Minister also encouraged those listening to be active participants in the forthcoming debate on recognition of Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution. "(This) will be an important discussion about where Aboriginal people fit in this nation," she said.



Singer Krista Pav, centre, backstage with dancers Rayma and Kerry Johnson.



Josh Rose, 7, of Kirrawee, Tarhnay Haines, 5, of Moree, Maya Jackson, 8, and Laura Rose, 11, both of Kirrawee and Kentalea Smith, 7, from Sydney took part in the kids' painting workshop.



Nekrofeist were among the many acts on the day.



On the Gadigal stall were, from left, Gadigal broadcaster and director George Kookaburra, artists development manager Helen Anu, and manager of Gadigal's music label Michael Hutchings.



Koori Radio presenter Paulette Whitton, left, with her dad Paul, brother-in-law Jamie Matthews and sister Belinda Matthews.



The Tent Embassy's message on 26 January was, as always, Sovereignty.

Focus on Embassy

Photos by ADITYA PRASAD and KIRSTIE PARKER



A COMMUNITY walk for sovereignty, peace, a nuclear-free future and an end

to the Northern Territory Intervention marked the observance of 26 January – Sovereignty Day – at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.

When *The Koori Mail* visited the day before, those living at the historic site opposite Old Parliament House (OPH) were bracing themselves for thousands of passers-by en route to the Australia Live 2011 concert on the lawns of new Parliament House up the hill.

Later that night, numbers at the Embassy swelled with the arrival of a busload of members of the Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) and, in the morning, local supporters and several of the Embassy's earliest champions including Aunty Isabel Coe, who travelled from Cowra.

The collection of onsite tents grew accordingly, alongside the historic demountable office, a makeshift kitchen and a new Portaloo. Many were festooned with social and political messages and Aboriginal designs.

As always, the sacred fire was kept burning day and night, serving to illuminate the word S-O-V-E-R-E-I-G-N-T-Y after dark.

Many of the visitors took part in the walk from Garema Place, where there were speeches and performances, across Commonwealth Avenue Bridge to the freshly-mowed lawns in front of OPH. There, speeches centred on the need for a treaty between black and white Australians, the origins and history of the Embassy, and much more.

Aunty Isabel urged everyone to attend a corroboree on the site on 26 January next year to mark the Embassy's 40th anniversary.

Amongst those welcoming the influx of visitors was Jude Kelly, a Yamatji woman from Western Australia and Stolen Generations member who has lived at the



Tent Embassy resident Jude Kelly is keen to spread a message of respect for Aboriginal peoples and cultures.

Embassy since the national apology in 2008.

"The Embassy is a place of learning, otherwise I would not have learned what I have learned," the mother of three and grandmother told *The Koori Mail*.

Acknowledged

She readily conceded that she'd known little about the Embassy before her arrival in Canberra nearly three years ago. And she acknowledged the

Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners of the area, and those who first established the Embassy in 1972.

"Without them and their struggle, none of us would be here," she said. "I believe the Embassy is the only place we have a voice in protest, in a national sense. Aboriginal people are generally denied a seat at the table to talk about health and other important issues."

"I'm just helping to look after

the place, along with other people, holding the ground so government knows that it is not going away. I'm happy living in a tent for now. It's nice to get back to basics."

Jude saw the education of non-Indigenous people as crucial as Australia turned its thoughts to possible constitutional recognition of its First Peoples.

"I'm not sure Australians know enough about the Constitution to begin with," she said.

"Many have never even

met an Aboriginal person.

"Until the majority of white Australians learn more about Aboriginal history, we'll have a long way to go."

The next major event at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy will be the fourth New Way Sovereignty Summit over Easter, starting on Good Friday, 22 April, and concluding on Monday, 25 April, with a protest at new Parliament House (see separate story on Page 29).



Aunty Isabel Coe and other speakers at the Embassy.



Sovereignty Day speeches were held at Garema Place in the centre of Canberra.

Invasion Day 2011 – Tasmania



Sally Clarke, Cheryl Mundy and Cheryl Perry (Schramm) in Hobart.



Dancers performed at the rally ... lutruwina kanaplila are pictured here dancing as part of the 'funeral procession'.

Marchers take to the streets

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ALMOST 400 Aboriginal people and supporters took to the streets of Hobart to highlight their call for a change of date to Australia's national day of celebration. This year's 'Invasion' Day protest in Tasmania was the biggest in the state to date.

On their way to a gathering outside Hobart's Parliament House, the vocal crowd waved placards and flags, chanting 'they stole our land, they stole our rights, black fellas will fight fight fight, we won't stop, we won't go away, we won't celebrate invasion day'.

A mock coffin was left on the steps of the Parliament, as it has been in previous years, and speakers gave reasons for changing the offensive date.

Aboriginal activist Jim Everett gave a powerful speech.

"It's about the mutual respect which we should have in Australia in relation to our two histories. That's what this fight is about," he said.

"It's going to be a hard road for white Australia.

"When the English first came here they were savages, they were well practised after 800 years of colonising the Irish."

Mr Everett referred to the Australian flag, which several onlookers had waved as the rally moved past them, as 'the butcher's apron'.

"The Irish called the English flag the butcher's apron, because it had the blood of the Irish on it and they stick it on the Australian flag here," he said.

"It still carries the taint of the blood of Irish, the native Americans, Africans, Somalians, you look around the world, it's the butcher's apron."

Other speakers were Michael Mansell, Tess Atta, Heather Sculthorpe and Aaron Everett.

At the same time, down the road, following a citizenship ceremony, Tasmania's Greens Leader and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Nick McKim announced he had written to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin calling on her to



Tasmania's Invasion Day Rally has been getting larger every year.



Veteran campaigners ... Tasmania's Michael Mansell and Sol Bellear, from Sydney, before the rally in Hobart.

move the date of Australia Day. "Australia Day is a huge day of celebration, a well-deserved public holiday, and a traditional day for catching up with family and friends, but this should include all Australians," Mr McKim said.

"But the current date for Australia Day, of 26th of January, marks the disenfranchising of the Aboriginal nations, which means it is not a date that most Aboriginal Australians are happy to celebrate.

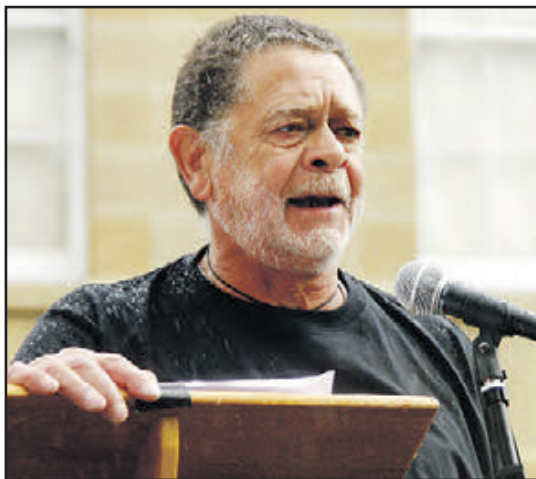
"Australia Day should be about bringing people together, but celebrating January 26 causes division and dissent. The date must be changed.

"The invasion and the dispossession of the Aboriginal people is cause for sorrow and reflection, not celebration."

Mr McKim said that, to his knowledge, it was the first time that a Government minister anywhere in Australia had formed a view and articulated publicly to have the date moved.



The procession with the mock coffin to be placed on the steps of Parliament House.



Jim Everett delivering his speech.



This placard puts it simply.

Survival Day 2011 – Melbourne



DidgeriStu from Oka.



Jason Khan, of Melbourne, gets his groove on at the Share the Spirit festival in Melbourne on Survival Day.



Lady Lash performs.



Zennith performing on stage.



MC Shiralee Hood



Mary Edwards, of Melbourne, enjoying the music at the festival.



Sasha Sarago of Cairns with Rebecca Phillips and Naretha Williams, both of Melbourne.



John Wayne Parsons with his daughter Bella.



Kumi Naidu, from Japan, with her South African husband, Nandi Naidu.



Kyle Thomas and Matthew Briggs, of Melbourne, with Manuel Geesu, of Townsville.



Tawanda Gadukwa, of Zimbabwe, Mariaa Randall, of Casino, Vraine Mastrosavas, of Ceduna, Nooshin Laghai, of Adelaide, Sydney Astata, of Auckland, John Wayne Parsons, of Queensland, and Jack Stanton, of Cairns.



Shakira Atkinson, Bryley Stratton and Athena Walker had a great time in Melbourne.



Di Murray and Clinton George in their possum skin coats.

‘Warriors’ at city gardens

By DARREN COYNE



THOUSANDS of people gathered at Treasury Gardens in Melbourne on Australia/Survival Day for the Share the Spirit Festival.

And they weren't disappointed.

The line-up included some of Australia's top Indigenous talent, with hip-hop dancers wowing the crowd along with the Wurunjeri Dancers, and musicians including Dave Arden, Lady Lash, Zennith and Sunshine Coast favourites Oka.

Oka frontman DidgeriStu told *The Koori Mail* the festival was the perfect end to the band's Australian tour before they headed off to Canada.

"It's great to be here in Melbourne sharing culture with so many people," he said.

Former festival chairman, Indigenous musician/film director Richard Frankland, told the Survival Day gathering that Indigenous people should not think of themselves as victims.

"You are all warriors," he told the appreciative audience.

Mr Frankland also announced he was nominating to become a co-chair of the newly formed National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. He said he would push for a bill of rights, a new Australian flag and a memorial that recognised those who died – black and white – on the frontier.

The day, organised by the Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation in association with the City of Melbourne, also featured information stalls, workshops, and a market area where Indigenous artists and designers sold their crafts and gifts.



The Beyond Blue dancers during their hip-hop performance.

There was a dedicated kids area filled with Indigenous crafts, face painting, circus activities and the hip-hop dance workshops.

Songlines artistic director Jessie Lloyd

described the event as 'awesome'.

"There was beautiful weather, awesome music and a great turnout to celebrate the survival of Indigenous Australia," he said.



David Bandy was 'loving every minute of it'.



Gunditjmara man Richard Frankland announced that he would be a candidate for the position of co-chair of the recently formed National Congress of Australia's First Peoples.



MC Kevin Kropinyeri in action.

Survival Day 2011 – Adelaide



Historic harmony ... Three choirs sang on the day in Adelaide, both individually and then together – the Adnyamathanha Women's Choir, the Ngarrindjeri Women's Choir and the Kaurna Plains School Choir. They also sang with King Kadu and band, performing *Nibe Nibe* and *Yillile*. All photos by NATHAN PARKER



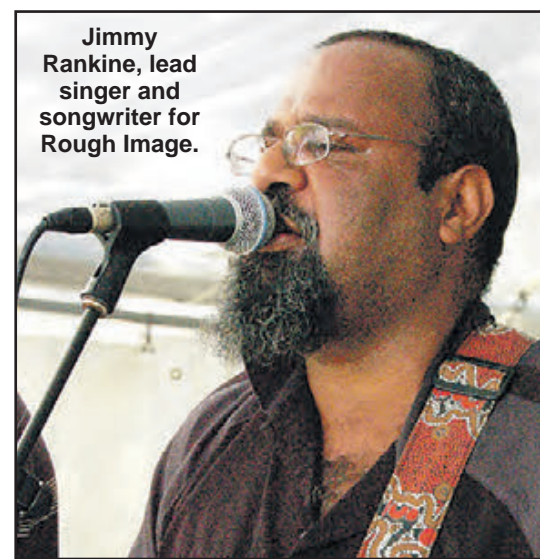
The Kuma Karro dancers.



Kineman Karma show their style.



From left, Isabelle O'Loughlin, Coline O'Loughlin holding Kenny O'Loughlin, Kylie O'Loughlin and Francine Milera.



Jimmy Rankine, lead singer and songwriter for Rough Image.



Lowitja O'Donoghue speaks to the crowd.



Audience members show their appreciation for the combined choirs, and dancers from Kurruru.

Survival Day 2011 – Adelaide



Sandy Wilson, of Kaikian Ngarrindjeri Mimir, introduced the event.



Corey Theatre performs.



Becky Gollan on stage.



Tony Minniecon was one of the performers.



Back, from left, Robyn Coulthard, Kveta Harrison, Kerry Smith from Perth, Bona Simeki holding Leilani Milera. Front, from left, Shanara Rigney, Takaya Milera, Keisha Milera and Susan Coulthard.

Event 'the best ever'



ADELAIDE'S fourth Survival Day event was a huge success – 'the best ever', according to organisers – with unprecedented numbers of Indigenous and other people attending throughout the day.

About 1000 people soaked up the eight-hour celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survival, community spirit and emerging musicians, dancers and other performers.

The event was organised by Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, and held in the shade of trees on the adjacent Rymill Park extension.

Performers included Robert Champion, Kineman Karma, Tony Minniecon, Frank Yamma, Eddie Peters, Glenn Skuthorpe Band, Rough Image, Becky Gollan, Seth Dodd and many others.

A highlight was Meriam man King Kadu, whose finale combined his band with Frank Yamma and three choirs – the Adnyamathanha Women's Choir, Kaikian Ngarrindjeri Mimir, and the Kurna Plains School Choir – to sing

Nibe Nibe in honour of Eddie Koiki Mabo. Also part of the event were a barbecue lunch, traditional and contemporary dance demonstrations, kids' activities including face-painting and a jumping castle, art and craft workshops, and information stalls on matters such as a current campaign to see the rights of Indigenous South Australians acknowledged, as per South Australia's original Letters Patent.

Event director Diana Sautelle said the atmosphere was very relaxed and comfortable and the crowd was supportive of the various performers.

"Everyone hung around and had a cool time. People basically camped out for the day," she said.

"It was really noticeable that the audience was very mixed. The first time we did this event, we had 500 or 600 blackfellas and about 40 whitefellas.

"This time, we had hundreds of whitefellas in the crowd, many of whom were saying 'at last there's somewhere I can go on Australia Day and feel comfortable supporting what it's about'.

"This is a celebration of survival, and of emerging artists and the spirit and the first people."



Vonda Last, vocal coach and songwriter for Kaikian Ngarrindjeri Mimir.



Pat Waria Read and dancer Damien Ralph in Adelaide.



Rough Image on stage. All photos by NATHAN PARKER



Frank Yamma was on the line-up.

Survival Day 2011 – Brisbane



No turning back ... marchers moving down George Street, Brisbane, following the Invasion Day rally at Parliament House, Brisbane.

Rally, march in city



Sam Watson addressing the Invasion day rally in Brisbane on 26 January.



SEVERAL hundred people were in front of Parliament House, Brisbane, on 26 January for an Invasion Day rally. They heard a range of speakers before marching through the city to Musgrave Park for a family gathering.

One of the organisers, Sam Watson, told the rally there was nothing to celebrate on 'Australia Day'.

"Our land was stolen from us by armed force," he said.

"Australia means nothing to me, and the Australian flag means nothing to me."

Fellow speaker Rev Alex Gater was equally direct.

"Australia was stolen," she told the gathering.

"Aboriginal people have been oppressed and pushed aside."

Rev Gater said the recent devastating floods were a 'wake-up call' for government, relating them to the Biblical story of Noah and the Ark.



A section of the Invasion Day rally gathering seeking shade on a warm day in front of Parliament House, Brisbane.



The GenerationOne-sponsored ferry cut a fine figure, dressed in traditional whale design artwork, painted by Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft.

GenOne ferry stars

Photos by JAMIE WILLIAM



SOCIAL reform movement GenerationOne took out this year's Sydney Festival Ferrython race.

The event was watched by thousands of Festival-goers on the Sydney Harbour foreshore as part of Australia Day celebrations.

GenerationOne won the 'Best Dressed' competition for its traditional whale design artwork, painted by Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft.

The GenerationOne Ferry hosted 180 guests for the special event. Local Indigenous catering company Purple Goanna Cafe, based in Redfern, served up a traditional bush inspired menu for Ferrython guests to enjoy.

GenerationOne's event partner Tribal Warrior had the task of starting the race, with CEO Shane Phillips sounding the starting horn. Tribal Warrior provides mentoring and training to Indigenous Australians, and the CEO's message on Australia Day was an extension of the campaign.

"Let's create mentoring, training and education for young Indigenous Australians. Let's all step up and take action, join the GenerationOne movement," said Mr Phillips.

Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib was on the GenerationOne Ferry to show



The Tribal Warrior training vessel alongside one of the race ferries.

support for the movement.

"The Government supports GenerationOne's ideals. It's up to all Australian businesses to provide job opportunities for Indigenous Australians," he said.

"Through the commitment of the Gillard Government and Australia's business community, we can close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage."

GenerationOne aims to bring all Australians together to end the disparity between Indigenous and other Australians in one generation.



GenerationOne event partner Tribal Warrior's CEO, Shane Phillips, sounds the starting horn.

Guests on board the GenerationOne Ferry, decorated with whale artwork by artist Bronwyn Bancroft.



Ferries racing on Sydney Harbour.



Karla Hart and Kerry Reid with Oz Island. Photo by Tash Nannup



Gya Ngoop Kobari dancers performing on stage. Photo by Tash Nannup



Joel Wenitong from The Last Kinection.
Photo by Leo Murray



Young rapper Raymond Storey, 12, from the WA town of Narrogin.

Perth gets Solid

By LIZ MURRAY



PERTH'S Survival Day event TOO Solid 2011 showcased a variety of contemporary Aboriginal artists, headed by award-

winning performer Christine Anu.

Anu's popularity spanned cultural barriers and was well received by the thousands of people in the heart of Perth.

The annual event, sponsored by Abmusic and Noongar Radio, offered a range of entertainment and stalls, including cooking demonstrations by Mark Olive from television series *The Outback Café*. Olive's specialist gourmet fare was also under the international spotlight during Oprah Winfrey's recent tour, and at the festival he showcased his flair with Indigenous foods, with step-by-step demonstrations to make bush flavours more attainable at home.

Two Aboriginal dance groups were on stage through the day – Gya Ngoop Kobori Dance Group and Kwarbah Djookian Dance Group.

Gya Ngoop Kobori or 'One Blood' performed traditional dances, passed on by their Elders, illuminating stories from Kings Park

and Perth foreshore, in Noongar country.

Other acts on the day included The Central Desert Band, NT singer/guitarist Ulla Shay, who was a Too Solid 2009 award-winner and Abmusic graduate, and emerging blues talent from Bidyadanga near Broome John Bennett.

Hip-hop act Optamus got the crowd moving with beats and rhymes from the *Forever & a Day* album, headed by Bomb Scott, one of the three front men from Australian hip-hop band Downsyste. Their set featured up-and-coming artist 12-year-old Raymond Storey, from Narrogin.

Raymond rocked the audience with rhymes to rival Aussie hip-hop veteran Bomb Scott, who helped him compose the tune he performed in his concert debut, 'True Dat', in a Country Arts Network hip-hop workshop.

Newcastle Indigenous hip-hop group The Last Kinection played a high-energy set with songs from 2008 album *Nutches*, and upcoming release *Next of Kin*.

The on-stage vibe from Naomi (MC Nay), Joel Wenitong (Weno) and Jacob Turier (DJ Jaytee) infused the festival with r&b beats and authentic Australian rhyming defining the artists as stylistically individual from most of their peers.

Bomb Scott was well received by the Perth crowd



Survival Day 2011 – Perth



The view from the stage at TOO Solid.
Photo by TASH NANNUP



Mark Olive gives a cooking demonstration.
Photo by Tash Nannup



Torres Strait Islander Christine Anu was a headline act. Photo by Tash Nannup



Gya Ngoop Kobori Dance Group.
Photo by Leo Murray



Naomi Wenitong from The Last Kinection. Photo by Tash Nannup

Saltwater Freshwater Festival

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Information Sessions

North West Growth Centre

Sydney Water is planning for water and wastewater services for the North West Growth Centre. Construction of Package 1 is almost complete and we are planning for the next stage.

Information sessions are being held to inform the community about the next stage of work to service the following precincts:

- Riverstone
- Box Hill
- Schofields
- Alex Avenue.

The community is invited to drop in and speak with team members about the proposal. Details of the information sessions are as follows:

Box Hill Nelson Community Hall

Nelson Road, Box Hill
5 February 2011
11am to 3pm

Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre

Corner Park and Market Street, Riverstone
12 February 2011
11am to 3pm

To know more visit sydneywater.com.au under 'Major Projects', email areaplanning@sydneywater.com.au or phone 8849 4775.

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Artist Milton Budge with his wife Kate and a copy of *Saltwater Freshwater Art*.

Publication a first



Mark and Pauline Deweerd with daughter Tehneya and NSW Aboriginal Land Council chairperson Bev Manton (right) at the launch of the publication.



ONE OF the many features of the

Saltwater Freshwater Festival was the launch of *Saltwater Freshwater Art*, the first publication of the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance.

The book features 39 emerging and established Aboriginal visual artists identified from Forster to Coffs Harbour, NSW, in the Visual Artist Mapping project of 2009. The Saltwater Freshwater art style of the Mid North Coast can be seen in the work of the painters, sculptors and new media artists featured in *Saltwater Freshwater Art*.

The book is available online at www.saltwaterfreshwaterfestival.com.au



Shellie Morris performs at the launch.



Country Energy regional general manager Brian McLean, Australian Employment Covenant CEO Rhonda Parker and Saltwater Freshwater Festival's Alison Page.

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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

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

Construction update February to April 2011

Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum

- Temporary traffic deviation onto the western side of the Teven Road roundabout.
- Start final pavement construction for the southern section of the project.
- Substantial completion of all project highway bridge works.
- Continue landscaping of the Teven Road interchange gateway.
- Continue construction of major culverts south of the Teven Road interchange.

Cumbalum to Ross Lane

- Complete and re-open Sandy Flat Road.
- Temporary closure of the existing Pacific Highway at Tintenbar to replace drainage culverts with a single span bridge structure.
- Complete concrete pavement works.
- Complete placement of highway verge material, signage installation, street lighting, line-marking, construction of safety barriers, and installation of safety wire rope and rigid barriers.
- Complete placement of asphalt including wearing course on the on/off ramps and connections to the existing Pacific Highway.
- Open dual carriageway from Cumbalum to Ross Lane.

Changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress. Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Construction hours are Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday (southern section from Bruxner to Cumbalum) from 8am until 1pm and 7am until 4pm (northern section from Cumbalum to Ross Lane). Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

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Neil Murray performing at the GenerationOne Sunset Concert.



Skydivers flying the Aboriginal flag arriving at the festival.

Diversity is celebrated



THOUSANDS of people turned out in Port Macquarie on 26 January for the second Saltwater Freshwater Festival.

The festival featured two stages of music, cultural workshops, a speaker's tent and an Aboriginal market on the river at the NSW mid-north coast centre.

Organisers said it was just as successful as the inaugural 2010 event held at Coffs Harbour.

The festival is the brainchild of the Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance, formed in 2007 and governed by ten Local Aboriginal Land Councils from Karuah in the south to Coffs Harbour in the north.

The aim is to create a positive and inclusive event on Australia Day where the diversity of the Worimi, Birpai, Dunghutti and Gumbaynggirr nations are shared with the wider community.

Alliance chairperson Jo-Anne Kelly said Australians wanted to embrace Aboriginal culture as a part of the national identity and 'this is what this event is all about'.

Birpai Elder Uncle Bill O'Brien welcomed Australia's newest citizens with a smoking ceremony during Port Macquarie Hastings Council's Citizenship Ceremony and crowds looked on as the Coastal Skydivers flew over the festival with giant Australian and Aboriginal flags.

A festival highlight was 'Blackfella Whitefella', a panel discussion about the meaning of Australia Day and reconciliation.

Featuring Aden Ridgeway,



Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT chairperson Gary Oliver and Tania Major, who was a spokesperson for festival sponsor GenerationOne.

Tania Major, Katya Quigley, Sean Choolburra, Neil Murray and Professor Margo Neale, the audience had the opportunity to talk about the national identity and what it means to be Australian in 2011.

Sunset Concert

The evening closed with the GenerationOne Sunset Concert featuring Sean Choolburra, Troy Cassar-Daley and Neil Murray, who in a special encore was joined by Street Warriors performing *Blackfella Whitefella* and Shellie Morris, singing *My Island Home*.

There were 32 Aboriginal stall holders selling bush tucker, clothing, arts and crafts who did a roaring trade on the day.

"This event is a platform for

businesses like ours to grow our local market and showcase our artists and unique products," said Tim Kelly, from Tobwabba Art.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch, who attended the festival, said it was a valuable showcase for Indigenous culture.

Festival Director Alison Page was delighted.

"This festival is creating a platform for aspiring artists, performers and businesses, as well as creating culturally-based employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people in this region and beyond," she said.

The festival is held at a different centre each year, with the 2012 venue to be announced during NAIDOC celebrations.



A young fella has a rest during the festival.



Troy Cassar-Daley was one of the performers.



Thousands enjoyed great weather for the festival.

Badu artists complete workshop



TSI BADU artists recently completed an eight-day printmaking workshop with Cairns-based artist and art-centre director Alick Tipoti and Townsville-based printmaker and artist Ron McBurnie. Born on Waiben (Thursday) Island, Tipoti draws on traditional Torres

Strait stories for inspiration for his work, which has been exhibited throughout Australia. He also had exhibitions in Hawaii and New York in 2009.

He has been a regular finalist in the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, winning the Works on Paper category in 2003 and 2007 and the People's Choice Award in 2008.

Ron McBurnie, a Queensland artist, also has an extensive history as a teacher of fine art printmaking and more recently he has been lecturing at James Cook University in Townsville in the School of Creative Arts.

The workshop was held at the Badu Art Centre and covered copper etching, dry point on aluminium, relief printing

and colour techniques.

The workshop participants already knew Tipoti well and were familiar with his linocuts depicting traditional stories. Tipoti acted as interpreter in the local language Kala Lagaw Ya for the more complex processes. Further workshops are planned at the Badu Art Centre in a variety of visual arts practice.



Ron McBurnie and Alick Tipoti at the workshop.

Big year for designer



Graphic designer Riki Salam at the Gilimbaa offices in Brisbane. He is seen here with the artwork for the Community Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The original, a gouache on paper artwork, now hangs in the office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

FOR graphic designer Riki Salam, creating the artwork for the community guide to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples stands out as one of last year's highlights.

The guide, launched last December, aims to 'bring the Declaration to life' by highlighting existing examples of Indigenous people's rights in action.

Funded by the Christensen Fund, with additional support from Oxfam Australia, the Declaration materials include a poster, a plain-English community guide with case studies of how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can use the Declaration, as well as an eight-page overview.

Salam joined Brisbane-based Indigenous creative agency Gilimbaa at the start of 2010, taking on the role of creative director. His father is a Torres Strait man from Moa Island who was relocated to Mossman at the beginning of World War II, while his mother was a Ngai Tahu (Maori) woman from near Christchurch.

Salam said the Australian Human Rights Commission approached Gilimbaa early in 2010 and spoke about the vision they had for the artwork. From there he and his co-workers

brainstormed ideas and concepts, to come up with the final design.

"Given the scope of the actual document, it was a great project to be involved with," he said.

Salam said a map was included in the design so it would immediately say to audiences 'this is about Australia'. He said the lines leading in from the edges symbolised connections between Australia and the international community. Meanwhile, the figures standing 'tall and proud' in traditional dress symbolised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders.

Old ways

"The Elders represent the keepers of the culture and of the knowledge of the old ways," he said. "Then in front of the Elders, the children represent the modern times, bringing that culture into the present, and letting people know that it's still strong and it's still alive today."

Salam said another highlight from last year was when Qantas commissioned Gilimbaa to paint the players' boots as part of the AFL Indigenous Round.

"All the Indigenous players from each team donated their boots, which we painted and

then at the end of the march (the Long Walk) they were exhibited," he said. "I do follow AFL from time to time, but just in terms of it being unusual. It's not often you can say 'I went to work today and painted Adam Goodes' boots'."

Before joining Gilimbaa, Salam worked for eight years for Sydney-based Indigenous design company Balarinji Studios, which was involved in creating the artwork for the Qantas planes.

Mr Salam worked on the Yananyi Dreaming Boeing 737-800, and his role included liaison work with the Uluru artist Rene Kulitja.

He said Indigenous design companies were still 'relatively rare', although there was a growing market of corporate clients wanting to engage with the Indigenous sector.

And for young people considering embarking on a career in graphic design his advice is 'definitely stick at it'.

"It can be, at times, a difficult industry to be a part of," he said.

"Just in terms of the workload and the lack of education out there around graphic design and what designers actually do.

"But there are definitely more positives that outweigh the negatives."

— By RACHEL SCOLLAY

Blak Nite Cinema

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Minority Sun going a long way



MEMBERS of Minority Sun, an emerging Alice Springs band with three Aboriginal members, will be making their way to Adelaide with 12 other bands as part of the 2011 Long Way to the Top End tour.

From 16-21 February, Minority Sun will be performing with the other bands, which come from Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, at top Adelaide music venue the Wheatsheaf Hotel, as well as the Crown and Sceptre and World's End hotels.

They will also perform an all-ages gig at the Domain Theatre in the Marion Cultural Centre.

The bands will also be a part of the Fuse Music Festival and Conference, the longest-running industry music event in Australia.

Minority Sun front man Shaun Angeles told *The Koori Mail* that the Long Way tour was a great opportunity for the band to get exposure, especially as they wanted to record an album this year.

Angeles said he and another band member, Galen Cole, began writing original songs more than a year ago and had brought the other band



Minority Sun. Photo by Oliver Eclipse

members together to play that music.

Three of the band members, Angeles, Jason Ramp on drums and Kenni-Anne Iles, are from Aboriginal communities in the Alice Springs area, while Galen Cole and Temo are from

New Zealand.

"We play a mixture of music, but a lot of our songs are about the unbreakable connection to country that we all have as Indigenous people," he said.

"We write about our history as black people, both good and bad.

"We are also inspired by the struggles of our old people, and of our people today."

Angeles said it would be the band's first time in Adelaide, and they were looking forward to lining up with the other groups. Those include The NEO, Roymackonkey, Country Town Collective, Seldom Party, The Unknown Artists, Colourfide, The Bloody Marys, Cobble Stone, Coconut Groove, Katelnd, Kim Orchard and Jigsaw Collective.

Organiser Alice Rae said it was an exciting chance for bands to show their talents in front of a national audience and the music industry, over six nights in different venues.

"It is also designed to offer local acts professional development and networking opportunities on the doorstep of the music industry," she said.

Angeles said his band was keen to do just that, and was hoping to get some airtime on radio stations in Adelaide while they were in town.

The Fuse Music Festival and Conference normally attracts more than 5000 people attending more than 30 venues across Adelaide.

Rare gems play again

By KERRI-LEE HEGARTY



COLOURED STONE came together on the evening of Survival Day to play their first Melbourne gig in a decade. Hundreds of fans packed the East Brunswick Club in the inner city to rock out, and the band was as tight as tight as ever, playing as if they had never been apart.

Coloured Stone founding member Bunna Lawrie said the music he and his band mates played together still felt the same 'all these years on'.

"It feels just like 30-years ago when we played together; it was really great," Lawrie told *The Koori Mail*.

Music has always been a passion for Lawrie. It would always be in his blood, he said.

"Music is one of those good things that you really enjoy in life, like fishing and hunting, and especially teaching our younger generation music," he said.

Coloured Stone hails from Kooniba, near Ceduna in South Australia. Formed in 1978, the band recorded eight studio albums while undergoing several line-up changes.

Coloured Stone return

The Survival Day gig line-up included original members Selwyn Burns, Bart Willoughby and Nikky Moffatt, joined on stage by Selwyn Burns' son Tjimba Possum-Burns (from the Tjimba and The Yung Warriors hip-hop outfit) playing bass and singing back vocals.

The band's *Black Boy* (1984) and *Dancing in the Moonlight* (1986) are classic contemporary Aboriginal anthems, and Lawrie is proud of the discography the band has produced.

"It is important that we play songs like *Black Boy* and *Dancing in the Moonlight* for the audiences, it's very important to remember," he said.

The band became Australian musical trailblazers as they took their sounds directly to the

Aboriginal people, often touring and performing in some of the country's most remote communities.

"I have taken these guys out to remote communities ... back then many mainstream Australian artists, like Jimmy Barnes or Midnight Oil, well they would not even go there as they would be too scared to perform," Lawrie reminisced.

Drummer Bart Willoughby joined the band in 1985. Now 46, he's excited about the getting back together to make music.

"For us to come back for this gig... it's like the good old times (but) the sound of our music has definitely matured," he said.

When asked if the band had the same sound as it did back in the 1980s, Bunna Lawrie quickly replied: "Yes we still got it, and the January 26th gig, it's a special day in remembering all the people that came before us and celebrating."

Lawrie recently relocated to Melbourne from Byron Bay where he has been busy producing a solo musical release. He said fans could expect a new album from him 'in the not-too-distant future'.



Coloured Stone, from left, Selwyn Burns, Bart Willoughby and Bunna Lawrie.

Europe to get Bangarra *Spirit*

BANGARRA Dance Theatre is poised for an intense period of touring, as it takes its production of *Spirit* to 17 cities in Italy, Switzerland and Germany, performing 23 times over 28 days between 18 February and 19 March.

Choreographed by Stephen Page and Frances Rings and set to a musical soundscape by David Page and Steve Francis, *Spirit* is described as a rich celebration of the resilience of Indigenous culture.

Stephen Page, Bangarra's Artistic Director who will lead the tour, said the 14 Indigenous performers would be challenged by the intensity of the touring schedule across 4100kms, and the extreme cold weather. However, Bangarra was always

warmly received by audiences on its international tours, he said. Last week, Bangarra Dance Theatre performed two fundraising performances of *Spirit*, raising money for Indigenous communities affected by the Queensland floods, and Bangarra's Indigenous artists-in-residence and trainees program. Bangarra's current artists-in-residence include choreographer Frances Rings, composer David Page, designer Jacob Nash and cultural consultant Kathy Balngayngu Marika.

On their return from Europe, the Bangarra dancers will enter into the creative process preparing for *Belong*, two new works by Stephen Page and Elma Kris, which has a performance season of Australian capital cities from July to September.

● Pictured: A scene from *Spirit* which Bangarra Dance Theatre will tour to Europe later this month.



Nona's work in Paris

THE artwork of Torres Strait Islander artist Dennis Nona is being showcased at the Australian Embassy in Paris in a bi-lingual exhibition called *Between sky, land and sea. Legends revisited*.

At last month's opening, Nona created a site-specific sand installation.

Nona is acknowledged as an important Torres Strait Islander artist, who pioneered the development of the highly intricate

linocuts – a style associated with the islands.

He has documented in a visual form the myths and legends of his island and the wider Torres Strait region that had previously been transmitted only through

oral story telling and dance.

The Paris exhibition features a series of new works which combine linocuts, etchings (a medium in which the artist has recently focused) and sculpture as well as the sand installation.

Between sky, land and sea.

Legends revisited is open weekdays at the Australian Embassy in Paris until 20 May. For more information go to www.artsdaustraliae.com/dennis-nona.htm

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Guests at the opening in the Paris embassy.



Dennis Nona speaking at the opening in Paris, in front of his 2008 artwork *Mutuk*.

Perkins wins award



FILM-MAKER Rachel Perkins has been awarded the 2011 AIDC Stanley Hawes Award. She will accept the prize during a ceremony at the opening of the Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) being held in Adelaide from 1-4 March.

The Stanley Hawes Award was established in 1997 to honour Stanley Hawes, the first producer-in-chief of the Australian National Film Board and Commonwealth Film Unit.

The award recognises the

significant support Mr Hawes gave independent film-makers in the documentary sector and is thus awarded to a person or organisation that makes an outstanding contribution to the documentary sector in Australia. The award is announced annually at AIDC.

Following the award ceremony on 1 March, Ms Perkins, an Arrernte and Kalkadoon woman, will deliver the Stanley Hawes Address.

Ms Perkins has had a successful film-making career, beginning at the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association



RACHEL PERKINS

(CAAMA), producing documentaries.

She then moved on to key

positions at SBS, ABC and then consulted with the Australian Film Commission, where she collaborated in the vision of creating documentary and drama series initiatives that have developed the careers of many Indigenous and other film-makers.

Ms Perkins has produced and directed many documentaries, highlighting Indigenous stories, from the 1993 SBS series *Blood Brothers*, including *Freedom Ride*, about her father Charlie Perkins' involvement with political student action in 1967, to more recently the critically acclaimed television series *First Australians*, which won

the 2008 AFI and Logie Award for Best Documentary Series.

She directed the feature films *Radiance*, *One Night the Moon* and *Bran Nue Dae*, and is the co-curator of the annual Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival.

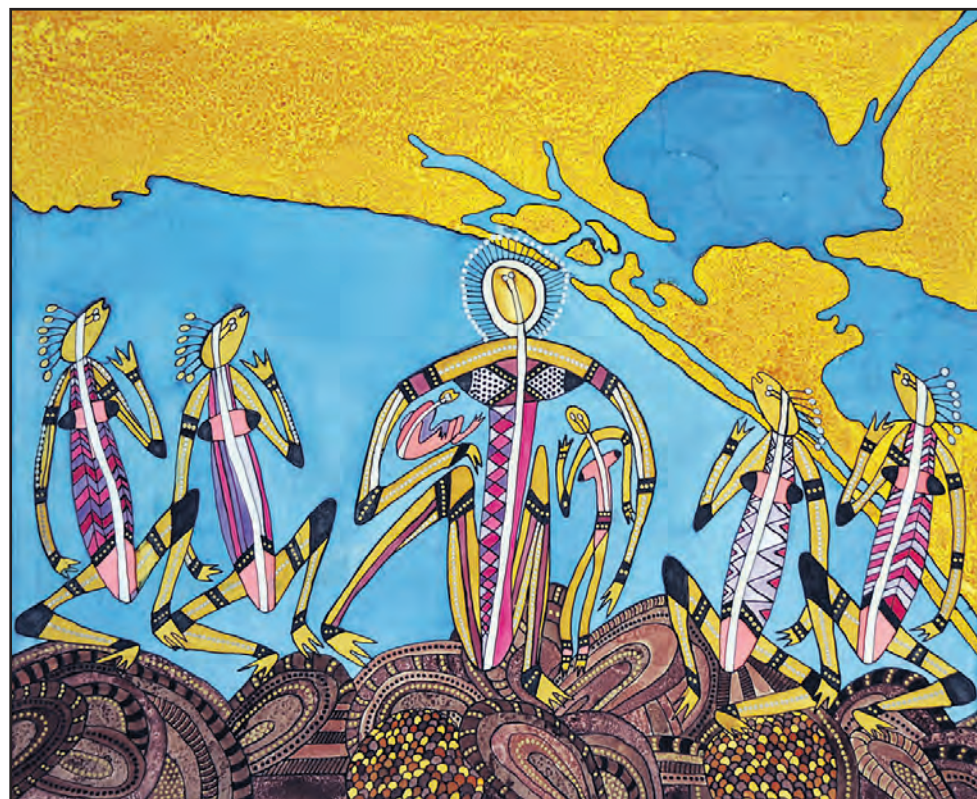
Co-Chair of the AIDC Board Trevor Graham said the Conference was proud to honour Ms Perkins with this year's Stanley Hawes Award.

"Rachel's films reach out to audiences with compelling Australian stories told from the heart. She combines her skills as a writer, director with a remarkable tenacity as a producer," he said.



Audrey Lindsay's *Sheoak* 2010.

Photo by Daniel Cazzolato



Muriel van Der Byl's *Weeping for Country (Seven Sisters, Murray River and Twin Lakes)*. Photo by Daniel Cazzolato

Exhibitions go on show at Tandanya



TANDANYA National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide will officially open two new exhibitions this Friday, 11 February, at 6pm.

Mpurlaarra is an exhibition of artwork from 10 Indigenous artists who make their home in Port Pirie, South Australia, and work together as Mpurlaarra Arts.

Mpurlaarra is the Western Arrernte word for rainbow, a theme that is prominent in the colourful, highly energetic pieces included in the exhibition.

The artists of Mpurlaarra Arts come from a number of language groups across South Australia and the Northern Territory. Groups represented include the Luritji, Anmatjere, Warlpiri, Arrernte, Narangga and Ngarrindjeri nations. Many of the artists have exhibited for a number of years.

Maryanne Scrutton Enalanga won the Port Pirie Art Prize in 2004 and, since 2007, many of the Mpurlaarra artists have exhibited in regional exhibitions and had works selected for the annual *Our Mob* exhibition as part of the Adelaide Festival.

Meanwhile, *Ripples in the Water* – Ngarrindjeri artists in Murray Bridge and surrounds showcases the work of emerging and established artists, and forms part of the 2011 Spirit Festival and Adelaide Fringe.

The exhibition was first shown at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery as part of the 2010 Ripples Regional Centre for Culture. It was based on the works of five emerging Ngarrindjeri artists in the Murray Bridge region, who participated in a series of medium-based workshops, where they were encouraged to take creative risks and explore new ways of making art.

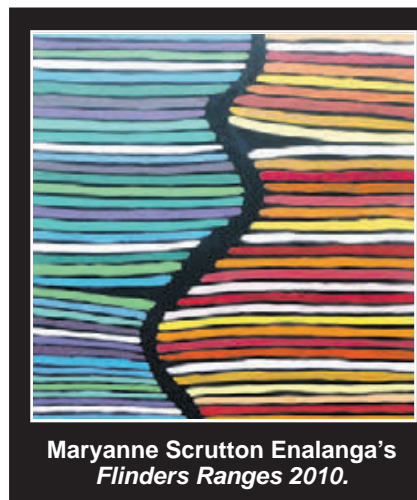
To reveal a narrative ripple effect that attests the progressive wealth of art making in the region, the emerging artists were asked to identify

established Ngarrindjeri artists who had most inspired them. The four resounding names, also represented in the exhibition – Yvonne Koolmatjie, Bluey Roberts, Jacob Stengle and Muriel Van Der Byl – are widely celebrated and stand as mentors to a generation of artists and culture keepers.

The exhibition catalogue says

Ripples in the Water serves as clear evidence of a strong and insightful Ngarrindjeri art-making community who contribute pivotal perspectives in the Australian contemporary arts panorama. "In the face of generations of genocide and continued social and political prejudices, (these artists) maintain an active, burgeoning (and since the dawn of time, profound) cultural foundation," it reads.

Both exhibitions run at Tandanya until 6 March. For more information go to www.tandanya.com.au



Maryanne Scrutton Enalanga's *Flinders Ranges* 2010.

Opportunity on offer for Indigenous film-makers



METRO Screen, in partnership with Screen Australia, is offering one experienced film-maker of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent the opportunity to produce a high-quality

short film of up to 20 minutes to showcase their storytelling and film-making talent.

The Indigenous Breakthrough includes a cash budget of \$22,000 for production and crew fees, Metro Screen production equipment and post-

production facilities to the value of \$3500, the consultation services of a professional script editor and one place in a short course at Metro Screen to the value of \$600.

Applicants must have at least one produced screen credit in their

respective roles that has been released, broadcast or screened at a recognised film festival. Applicants with feature or substantial television drama experience are not eligible. Applications close on 4 March. For more information, go to www.metroscreen.org.au

CyberTribe celebrates in an *Ingenious* way

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

CURATING an online gallery of Indigenous new media art wasn't something Jenny Fraser imagined doing ten years ago when she first set up cyberTribe.

The new media artist and self-professed 'hobby curator' said she started it as a way of getting an academic credit, while studying communication and design at QUT.

Today, cyberTribe is celebrating ten years of exhibiting cutting edge and politically important artworks from Indigenous artists from around the world – both online and in gallery spaces internationally.

CyberTribe founder and curator Fraser said she originally wanted to mark the ten-year anniversary by publishing a book but, instead, she has put together *Ingenious* – an online exhibition, featuring stand-out work from the archive spanning 2000 to 2010.

Australian featured artists are Tracey Moffatt, Michael Riley, Destiny Deacon, r e a, Jason Davidson and Jenny Fraser, while featured international artists are from Canada, the United States, South America, New Zealand, Samoa and Fiji.

"The definition of ingenious means clever, original and inventive and this showcase focuses on the moving image, non-conventional media and also inter-disciplinary media from this decade with screen-based perspectives from far and wide," Fraser said.

"A lot of the shows and artworks are politically important. Looking back over ten years, it's interesting to see the political changes that have happened. I still do want to do a book."

'Old School'

Fraser said all the original 'old school' shows from the early years could still be accessed on the cyberTribe website.

"You can see how much the web has changed since then. I've purposefully not updated it, so it serves as a record," she said.

Fraser said right from 'the word go' there had always been a lot of international interest in cyberTribe.

"People would write and say this is really great, we don't get to see unusual Aboriginal art where we live; or we don't get to see much Aboriginal art at all," she said.

"We get a lot of interest from students and researchers. That's why it's important to put as much info on there as we can.

"CyberTribe documents properly with images of the work and artists' statements. We try to take it seriously as

an artists' space."

Accessibility for audiences and the artists is a major driving force behind cyberTribe, and Fraser said it was one way of getting past 'the gate-keepers' or breaking down 'the white cube' (the white gallery system).

"For the artists, they often don't have other ways of showing their work. Particularly if it's experimental work that other institutions might not be interested in," she said.

"In Queensland (where cyberTribe was first launched), a lot of the gate keepers of Indigenous art are all non-Indigenous anyway, even Pacific art, it's all done by white gate-keepers."

Fraser said there had been several important milestones for cyberTribe over the years, including winning the ABC Radio National Indigenous Cultural Centre/Keeping Place Award in 2009, for creating a unique place for Indigenous artists to create and exhibit.

Support

At the announcement, Museums Australia director Bernice Murphy said the award to cyberTribe was a reminder that all Indigenous creativity needed to be supported in the most up-to-date forms.

"Even in 'regional cyberspace'," she said. "As well as out back where communities are keeping fires of tradition and continuity burning strong."

Fraser said *Big Eye*, a cyberTribe touring show of Aboriginal animation from Canada and Australia, was currently touring regional Australia and in Japan.

The show has confirmed dates for the Logan Art Gallery from 29 May to 6 August, with dates for Hervey Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton and Grafton Regional Gallery currently being negotiated.

And looking to the future of cyberTribe?

"I would like *Ingenious* to be an exhibition, so people could see what's happened over time," Fraser said.

"I'd like to have all the works together in a room."

Fraser said she was looking for a warehouse or an outdoor venue in Darwin, her current home-base for half of the year.

"Maybe as part of the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair, or even the Darwin Festival," she said. "It's a really mixed audience and people come here especially for it... People from Asia, blackfellas from the bush, people aren't expecting the 'white cube' so you could hold outdoor screenings."

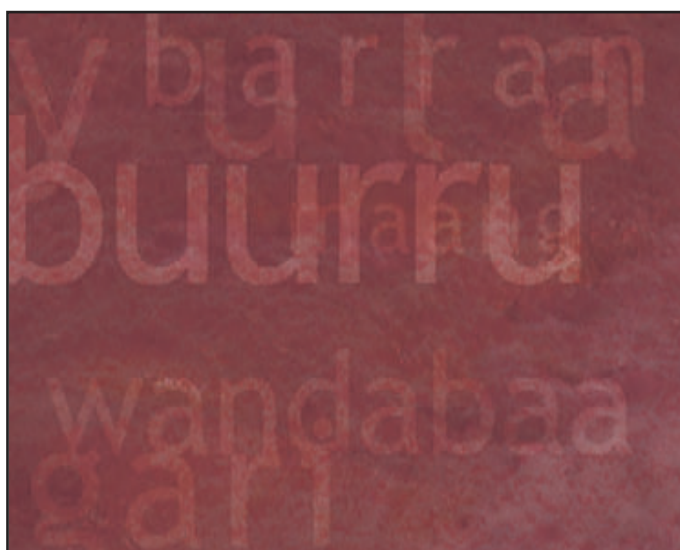
To view *Ingenious* or any previous cyberTribe shows, go to www.cybertribe.culture2.org



Time Traveller 2008, still from *Second Life* by Skawennati Tricia Fragnito (Canada).



● ABOVE: *Framed* 2006, still from video recording of performance piece by dance group Polytoxic (Samoa), which was commissioned by cyberTribe.

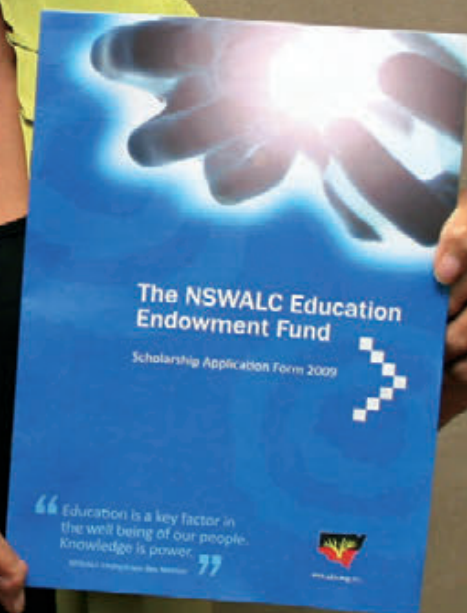


● LEFT: This still is taken from *Maang* 2006, video installation by r e a (Australia).

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Scholarships boost



MASIG (Yorke Island) school leaver Robbie Reckenberg is embarking on a Bachelor of Applied Sciences at the University of Queensland this year, thanks to the Medibank Community Fund, a preventative health initiative.

The Medibank Community Fund was launched last week and will see \$150,000 channelled into Indigenous scholarships organisation Yalari's tertiary program for Indigenous students wanting to study in the area of healthy eating and physical activity.

Robbie was previously studying at St Augustine boarding school in Cairns as part of Yalari's program

of secondary scholarships, enabling Indigenous young people from remote, rural and regional communities to attend some of the country's top boarding schools.

Yalari development and communities manager Scott Young said the organisation started in 2006, with three students placed in schools. Today, there are 191 students in 31 different partner schools for their entire secondary school career.

"Last year, we had our first 17 children finish Year 12," he said.

"We've now got some going to university and doing apprenticeships. With this partnership with Medibank, there will now be scholarships available for those interested

in healthy living."

Mr Young said the three-year partnership with Medibank would enable students to study in a variety of fields related to the promotion of healthy eating and physical activity.

"It's very broad," he said.

Healthy living

"It could be things like nutrition, human movement, personal training, pharmaceutical rehabilitation therapies encouraging healthy living such as occupational therapists, or even nursing."

Yalari would manage the funding which would go towards fees, accommodation, text books and travel, Mr Young said. "The

other thing is that Medibank will be providing (scholarship recipients) with mentors and work experience through their extensive networks," he said.

Later in the year, Medibank will also be sponsoring a 150km walk for Yalari students over five days between Woodford and Cherbourg. The walk will retrace the journey taken by Aboriginal people from the community of Durundur (near Woodford) to Cherbourg in the early 1900s.

Yalari founding director Waverley Stanley said there would be a cultural component because of the significance of the walk. He said the same area was also where a lot of young people trained before going to fight in World War II – 'so

there's a historical military context as well'.

"But (the walk) will also be about leadership development, teamwork, courage and mateship," he said. "These children will be challenged physically, spiritually and emotionally. There is going to be a journey and a process of self-discovery that these children will go through.

"How will they react to blisters, fatigue and teamwork?"

Medibank Private CEO George Savvides said his organisation were excited about the scholarship program.

"It will also be providing great opportunities to young people who otherwise would not have this chance," he said.



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Institute students ready to benefit



FIVE Indigenous scholarship recipients' lives are set to change dramatically this year when they start studying at Gold Coast Institute of TAFE.

For one of the recipients, Christian Maslen from Labrador, it is an opportunity which will bring him one step closer to reaching his goal of becoming an engineer.

"When I received the call to advise my scholarship application was successful I was surprised and really excited," he said.

"I am so happy and extremely pleased to be given this opportunity.

"My motivation to study has increased even more as the scholarship will allow me to concentrate on my studies and not the financial burden of tuition and textbook fees, which is one of the barriers to accessing study facing many Indigenous Australians.

"I hope in the future to make a positive difference and assist other young Indigenous Australians to seize opportunities and realise their potential.

"My goal is to complete the Adult Tertiary Preparation course and gain entry into Griffith University to study a Bachelor of Engineering.

"I am committed to completing my studies and excited about the possibilities that my chosen field of study will bring."

Christian admits he struggled through school years ago, but after completing a steel-fixing traineeship in 2008 and being selected as a nominee for Steel Fixer Trainee of the Year, he knew he was capable of achieving so much more.

"I believe achieving a quality education will allow me to have a better and brighter future," he said.

"I also want to lead by example and be a role model for other young Indigenous people."

Christian says he has always wanted to make a difference in his community and has been an advocate of volunteering his time at the Animal Welfare League, Labrador Scout Group and Labrador State School.

"Last year I was very grateful for the opportunity of volunteering my time at the Labrador State School by assisting the teachers in Prep and Year 4 with general teacher-aide duties and working



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in the library," he said.

"I believe my volunteer work added weight to my success in obtaining the Indigenous scholarship at Gold Coast TAFE and I urge other people to make a difference in their community."

The other successful Gold Coast Institute of TAFE Indigenous scholarships recipients are Bradley Smith (Diploma of Justice), Corey Streets (Diploma of Hospitality), Mitcham Ardler (Diploma of Fitness) and James Rowe (Diploma of Management).

Institute acting CEO Aaron Devine said the scholarship program had been successful for past students and was devised after consultation with the

Institute's Indigenous Advisory Board and feedback from the broader Indigenous community.

"Participation by the Indigenous community in courses at Gold Coast TAFE is increasing, and we feel this was another way to encourage this positive trend," he said.

"Offering scholarships to outstanding individuals within the Indigenous community is our way to help reduce known barriers to participation, and to reward those who show great potential and passion for their chosen vocation.

"We're very proud of our winners and believe they will passionately embrace this opportunity with enthusiasm."

Riley Prize to top students



WESTERN Australia's top two Indigenous students in public schools have been awarded the 2010 Rob Riley Memorial Prize. John Curtin College of the Arts graduate Billie Kickett-Morris and Belmont City College graduate Shannon Reynolds received the prize during a special ceremony last month at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

WA Education Minister Liz Constable said the prize, named in honour of the late Indigenous human rights advocate Rob Riley, was 'a fitting reward for the hard work and dedication shown by the two students'.

"Billie and Shannon are to be congratulated for their achievements in the academic and vocational fields respectively," she said.

"Billie received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 95.95 and attributes her success to plenty of study, hard work and a lot of time spent at school.

"She wants to pursue a career in Indigenous health and has taken the first step on that path by being accepted into a science degree at UWA and hopes to go on to study medicine.

"Billie has strong connections with Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley and has said she wants to go and work there to help close the gap in Indigenous health."

Training and Workforce Development Minister Peter Collier presented Shannon Reynolds with the prize for the top Indigenous vocational education student.

"Shannon put in an extraordinary effort to complete the units of competency required for her Certificates II and III in Hospitality, Certificate I in Business and Certificate I in Work Preparation," he said.

"Along with receiving ten A grades and a Certificate of Excellence for her achievements in hospitality and vocational programs throughout Years 11 and 12, she also completed a traineeship at the Mattress Blue Bar at Perth International Airport, where she continues to work on a casual basis.

"She is planning a career in WA's hospitality industry and will study events management at Central Institute of Technology this year.

"Shannon's dedication and commitment to her studies has been admirable and I am confident she has a bright future ahead of her."

The students will receive \$5000 each towards further education and training.



Prize-winners Billie Kickett-Morris, left, and Shannon Reynolds.

Aboriginal enrolments increase in Riverina



THE number of Aboriginal people enrolling in courses run by the Riverina Institute in NSW is increasing.

Aboriginal participation rates across the Institute's campuses have jumped from 5.4 per cent to 7.3 per cent in the past four years, with overall Indigenous enrolments up by 45 per cent.

The Institute has 20 campuses across the Riverina region, and has been aiming to increase the number of Aboriginal students.

Steve Forsyth, the Institute's Head of Studies for Vocational Access, said the increasing numbers of students reflected the Institute's commitment to supporting Aboriginal education in the region, and customised programs to suit the needs of businesses and industry.

Childcare and horticulture were two areas proving popular with Indigenous students, Mr Forsyth said. He said the Wiradjuri Training and Development Project was one such example.

Staff from the Wiradjuri Childcare Centre in Wagga Wagga enrolled in the Certificate III in Children's Services and a Diploma of Children's Services. The course was tailored to the cultural and learning needs of the Indigenous women taking part, and combined on-site training with weekend workshops, home study and assessment tasks.

Another program delivered through Griffith Campus called 'Marambul Yuganha' was providing young Aboriginal people (aged 15-24 with opportunities to improve their employment skills. Of 29 Indigenous students enrolled in 2010, seven have already found work.

Riverina Institute's Coomealla Campus, based in Dareton near the Victorian/South Australian border, has delivered the 'Where Am I Heading' program, which has helped stem the drop-out rate of Indigenous students at the local high school. Students enrol in the Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training and complete work experience with local businesses.



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A family affair ... Trevor, Faron, Maylene and Lebron Davidson enjoyed meeting Cherbourg teachers. Faron is in Year 7, while Lebron is in Pre-Prep.

Big day at Cherbourg



MORE than 80 parents, staff and residents joined Cherbourg State School students for games and activities at the school's community fun day late last month.

The Federally-funded Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) team of Edna Malone and Marcus Priaux organised the day with teachers to encourage parents to support their children's education.

"We want parents and grandparents to support and cheer on their children's education as if they were at a football or other sporting event," Ms Malone said.

"We want people to ask their kids how school went every day when they get home and find out what their children's happy moment for the day was.

"School really does help people fulfil their potential, gives them choices and allows them to lead a happier life.

"We want the whole community to get on board in supporting parents to help their children with their schooling."

On Monday, PaCE began a Gearing up Parents as Partners in Education (GUPPIE) course that will be held at the Cherbourg Training Rooms for two to three hours every Monday for eight weeks.

Anybody who is interested in the course, but missed this week's session can call Edna Malone on (0429) 201 400 or Marcus Priaux on (0403) 002 306.

● Pictured top right: Barambah Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) team member Edna Malone joined Cherbourg State School staff member Sylvia Bond.

● Right: Cianna Purcell and James Wragge with their mum Jade Purcell. James is in Year 2.



JASMINE MILLER



Jasmine set for a career in teaching



RAISED by her grandparents in Ceduna, on the far west coast of South Australia, 18-year-old Jasmine Miller

knows where she is going in life.

"I want to be a teacher," she said. "This year I'll be a full-time tutor at a school in Alice Springs and next year I will start a Bachelor of Education at UniSA to become a primary school teacher."

Jasmine was one of 27 Indigenous students to complete Year 12 at Independent schools in South Australia last year. She said completing her schooling at Immanuel College in Adelaide broadened her horizons and focused her talents.

"I had friends from around Australia and overseas as well," she said. "Being in a class with all different people meant I learnt about where they were from while I was learning the work."

By Year 12, Jasmine was a college prefect, chair of the school's Indigenous Council and had addressed professional teaching conferences on her experiences of school.

Immanuel College Principal Kevin Richardson said he has high expectations for all the college's students, including Indigenous students.

This year, 33 Indigenous students will attend Immanuel College, from Year 7 to Year 12, up from 25 last year. They all come from rural and remote areas, including Broome, the

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, Alice Springs and the Tiwi Islands.

"For Indigenous kids, family bonds are very important," Mr Richardson said.

"When they come to Immanuel, they join the Immanuel family which offers care, love and support and, importantly, accountability."

All Indigenous students undertake public speaking engagements and work with college tutors to complete their studies.

A range of funding options is available for Indigenous students at Immanuel College.

Graduate

Jasmine is the daughter of an Immanuel College graduate – her father Bernard Mery graduated in 1989.

Jasmine was raised by Bernard's parents in Ceduna from when she was a baby, and she credits her grandparents, Helga and Andre Mery, for instilling a strong Christian faith to this day.

While her grandmother still lives in Ceduna, Jasmine's grandfather passed away when she was 12.

"I think he would be proud of me," she says.

A record 30 Indigenous students are expected to enrol for Year 12 at South Australian Independent schools this year, while expected Independent school enrolments of about 550 Indigenous students in all year levels in 2011 will also be a record.

Diabetes targeted



AUSTRALIANS have been urged to 'take an honest look at your weight' as part of a campaign to prevent type two diabetes. The call came from Diabetes Qld in the wake of

Healthy Weight Week (23-30 January), which is held to raise awareness of the importance of achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and lifestyle.

"It's a sad fact that the majority of Australians at risk of diabetes are in denial because they're overweight," said Diabetes Qld CEO Michelle Trute.

"While the majority of the population understands that diabetes is on the rise, they don't think it applies to them. The figures are just staggering.

"More than half of Queensland adults are at increased risk of developing type two diabetes. But those people don't perceive themselves to be at risk."

Diabetes Qld dietitian Kirstie Bell said maintaining a healthy weight was a key strategy for preventing and managing diabetes. Eating well and regular physical activity help achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

"There are a number of benefits to achieving a healthy weight," she said.

"Not only is it good for your health and reduces your risk of a range of chronic conditions, but it can also help you to feel



People with type two diabetes may end up having to undergo dialysis, a time-consuming and sometimes painful process.

stronger and have more energy every day."

To help reach a healthy weight without making drastic life changes, Diabetes Queensland has put together five tips to get

people started.

- Drink more water. A 600ml bottle of soft drink can contain more than 12 teaspoons of sugar. Substituting water for

soft drinks can make a huge difference to weight during the course of a year.

- Trim the fat. There are many ways to reduce fat intake. Trim the fat from meat, substitute full-cream for skim or low-fat milk, spread margarine thinner or try avocado instead. The fat in these foods are mostly saturated fats, which increases the risk of heart disease. People with diabetes are already at a higher risk of developing heart disease, so trimming these fats has many benefits.

- Aim for two fruit and five vegetables. Balance meals by including plenty of vegetables to lessen excess kilojoules. A piece of fruit makes a healthy snack.

- Plan. A little bit of planning goes a long way. Pick out some healthy snacks for during the day to prevent binge eating. Work out what you'll be eating during the week and make sure you have a few healthy 'emergency' meals if you come in late or are too tired to cook. Australians spend an astounding 42 per cent of their food budget on fast food, which can contribute to poor health.

- Incidental exercise. Look for ways to increase incidental exercise. Walk to work, or if it's too far, catch public transport or park the car further away and walk from there. Walk up the stairs at work instead of taking the lift.

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Free medicine scheme hailed



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are being urged to take advantage of a scheme allowing them to get free or heavily discounted

medicine. The Federal Government has contributed \$805.5 million for the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package, part of which allows for free or subsidised medicines. All it takes is for a doctor to write the letters CTG (Close the Gap) on a patient's prescription, and pharmacists are legally compelled to provide the medicine either free or heavily discounted.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairwoman Bev Manton said the agreement was valid for all prescriptions for any illness, treatment, ailment or disease. She said managing disease and illness was often very expensive and simply not an option for many Aboriginal people.

"This Government package is designed to reduce the risk factors for chronic disease in Aboriginal communities, improve disease



BEV MANTON

management and improve follow-up treatment," she said.

Ms Manton said the letters CTG signified that the medicine was to be dispensed under the arrangement.

Aboriginal people suffer under the weight of chronic disease at a rate

two-and-a-half times that of other Australians.

Some of these illnesses are killers and include cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, respiratory disease and chronic kidney disease

"It's important to note that all pharmacists are compelled legally to comply with the CTG arrangements, and cannot adjudicate on individual patients," Ms Manton said.

"We all know medicine is extremely expensive, and that's often the reason disease goes un-treated in many Aboriginal families. This has to stop.

"I can only hope that armed with this information, Aboriginal families will have access to the medicine they need, and enjoy a quality of life they deserve."

The package is part of the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes.

The package has three main elements: Tackling chronic disease risk factors; improving disease management and follow-up care; and expanding and supporting the primary care workforce.

Expert to speak at symposium



QUEENSLAND'S Australian of the Year for 2011

Associate Professor Noel Hayman, pictured, will bring his expertise about improving health services for Indigenous Australians to the upcoming Diabetes Impact symposium.

Dr Hayman received Queensland's top Australia Day honour for establishing the successful Inala Indigenous Health Service more than a decade ago to help address the disparity in health between



Indigenous and other Australians.

At the Diabetes Impact 2011 health symposium in Brisbane on 18 March, he will discuss how the

Inala centre could become a model for adapting mainstream primary health care services to be more appropriate to the needs of urban Aboriginal populations.

The symposium will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

To register visit the website <http://www.diabetesqueensland.org.au/impact2011/index.html>



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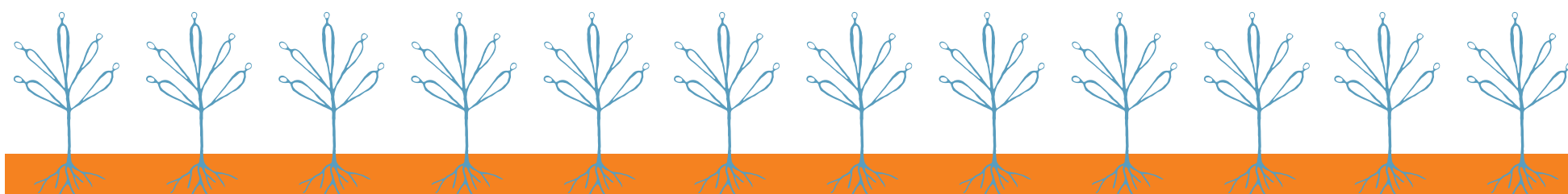
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Pneumonia gap closing



THE gap between rates of pneumonia amongst Indigenous and non-Indigenous children in Western Australia appears to be closing, according to new research released.

A report released by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research last week puts the improvement down, at least partly, to a pneumococcal vaccine program.

The results, published in the latest online-first edition of the international *Journal of*

Epidemiology and Community Health, show that hospitalisations for pneumonia across WA have declined in Aboriginal children while rates for other children have remained the same.

Disparity

Report author Hannah Moore said the disparity between Aboriginal and other children had declined by a third.

"The gap in hospitalisations for Aboriginal kids was 15 times higher in the mid-1990s, whereas in the mid-2000s it was around 10

times higher," she said.

"While there has been a decline in the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal kids, pneumonia still affects far too many Aboriginal children."

Pneumonia is a serious illness and a common reason for children to be admitted to hospital. Around one-fifth of childhood deaths globally – about two million a year – are due to pneumonia.

Ms Moore said the unique Australian pneumococcal vaccine program was likely to have had a contributing effect on the decline, but changes in socio-economic factors such

as education, income, treatment of water supplies and household crowding had also had an impact.

"The vaccine program has certainly played its part as the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine has been offered free-of-charge to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under two years of age since 2001," she said.

Ms Moore called for continued monitoring of pneumonia trends in high-risk populations to fully understand the impact of pneumococcal vaccination and other public health interventions.

\$5.6 million to help with accreditation



THE Federal Government says it will spend \$5.6 million to help Indigenous health organisations become accredited under Australian quality standards.

Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon said the funds would allow more Indigenous people to have access to best-practice health care.

He said 85 Indigenous community controlled health organisations would receive funding to undergo the accreditation process.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health organisations have to overcome additional barriers to achieve accreditation because of their remote locations and smaller sizes compared with health services operating in large towns and cities," Mr Snowdon said.

"The accreditation funding will be used for a variety of activities to help overcome these barriers, including the purchase of medical equipment, minor capital works, IT infrastructure, and staff training.

"For example, the Mpwelara Health Aboriginal Corporation in Santa Teresa in the Northern Territory will receive \$26,000 for a generator to provide back-up power. Currently, the organisation experiences regular power outages that impact on its ability to deliver health services.

"After becoming accredited, these organisations will be better equipped to improve the quality and safety of health service delivery."

The funding will benefit organisations that provide health services to people in rural and remote areas, including primary health care, substance use assistance, social and emotional well-being and advocacy.

Mr Snowdon said the funding was part of a \$36.9 million allocation by the Government to support eligible community controlled health organisations to meet best practice and quality standards through accreditation processes.

To date, 176 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled health organisations have started the accreditation process.

SNAICC backs autism help



PARENTS and family carers of autistic Indigenous children six years and under can now access workshops offering information to help them support their child's development.

Early Days is a national program of free workshops for families of children six and under with autism, and also for those who think their child might have autism, and want to learn more.

The workshop program has been developed by a collaboration of Australian universities and organisations with expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders and is nationally co-ordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) have provided input to the Early Days Program, giving advice to ensure it includes and supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and carers of children with ASD in their communities.



SNAICC chairperson Steve Larkins
Photo: Wayne Quilliam

The workshop has been developed specifically for mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other family members from Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander communities.

Parenting Research Centre CEO Warren Cann said because the Early Days workshops were evidence-based and had been developed by experts in the field, they provided reliable information to parents.

"These workshops are proving to be important in increasing knowledge and understanding of ASD in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said. SNAICC Chairperson Steve Larkins said Early Days workshops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families could provide much-needed information and support.

"This specially developed Early Days workshop will help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families learn about Autism Spectrum Disorder and how they can support their child's development within their families and communities," he said.

Parents and family members who are interested in a workshop can call the Early Days team on free-call 1800 334 155 or for more information go to www.earlydays.net.au

The Indigenous Entry Pathway to medicine is open for 2012

Flinders University offers an Indigenous Entry Pathway to the four-year Graduate Entry Medical Program (GEMP). Applications are now open for entry in 2012, with places available in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

The Northern Territory program is an NT Government Bonded Medical Scheme, which means it is HECS-free with priority given to NT residents (past residents should call to discuss whether they qualify).

Hurry, because applications for the Indigenous Entry Pathway close on 28 February 2011.

For more information about the application process, visit: www.flinders.edu.au/nt-medical-program

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National

Until 11 February: Calling for Congress nominations. Applications for 120 delegates to the first members' forum and candidates for Co-chairs close. Details: visit www.nationalcongress.com.au/nominations

Until 14 August: Yalangbara, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks. This exhibition tells the remarkable story of the Marika family of Arnhem Land, three generations of artists, cultural diplomats and custodians of one of Australia's most important spiritual sites. Free and all welcome. Held at the Gallery of First Australians, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Details: (02) 6208 5351 (0438) 620 710 or email media@nma.gov.au

12 February: Indigenous All-Stars v NRL All-Stars rugby league match. Featuring the NRL's biggest stars, the Harvey Norman Indigenous All-Stars v NRL All-Stars match will kick off the season in a celebration of rugby league's diversity and ongoing commitment to Indigenous culture. Tickets on sale now. Held at Skilled Park, Robina. Details: 132 849 or visit www.ticketek.com.au

15-16 February: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership: Building leadership capability to Close the Gap on disadvantage. This conference is aimed at empowering young people and developing leaders of the future; increase the representation of Indigenous people at senior levels in business and the public sector; building effective partnerships to ensure Indigenous people can take leadership on the issues that affect them; strengthening leadership and governance in Indigenous organisations to ensure success. Register now and have your say. All welcome. Held at Mercure Hotel, Brisbane. Details: (1300) 316 882 or (02) 9239 5700 or email registration@critterionconferences.com or visit www.indigenousleaders.com

24 March: National Close the Gap Day gives Australians the opportunity to come together and show their support for closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. Individuals and local groups can organise a small-scale event to celebrate the gains that have been made. So register now. Details: visit www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/close-the-gap-day

5-6 May: Third Aboriginal Health Research conference, showcasing Aboriginal health, research and promoting community, research and policy engagement and exchange in Aboriginal health, to allow communities to describe their health and research priorities and to provide opportunities for sharing information and establishing collaborations among Aboriginal community members, researchers and policy-makers. Register now and have your say, early bird rates only available until Tuesday 15 March. All

welcome. Held at Doltone House, Sydney. Details: (02) 9744 5252 or email dhudnall@gemspl.com.au or visit www.gemsevents.com.au/craiah2011

NSW-ACT

9-23 February: Community planning meetings for the 2011 First Australians Mardi Gras parade float. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay, lesbian and bisexual people, sister girls, brother boys and their supporters are invited to join the float. The meetings will be held at ACON, 9 Commonwealth St, Surry Hills. Details: (1800) 063 060 or visit www.acon.org.au/mardigras2011

15 February: Aboriginal cultural awareness workshop. This workshop will help participants understand Aboriginal

Subiaco. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au.

25 February: The Bunbury Regional Art Galleries invites all to an afternoon of Noongar arts, history and culture, traditional and non-traditional food, music and dance, kids' activities and more. This event is a great opportunity to come and learn as a family in a fun and friendly environment. Free and all welcome. Held at Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, 64 Wittenoom St, Bunbury. Details: (08) 9721 8616 or email mcorby@brag.org.au

Victoria

12 March-2 April: Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2011 acknowledging and promoting Indigenous artists in Victoria. The program aims to foster the production and exhibition of diverse, high-quality art and

Centre, Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or email araluen@nt.gov.au

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@critterionconferences.com

25 February-10 April: Menagerie National Tour. This exhibition explores a contemporary Indigenous perspective on animals and their relationship to people, place and country, revealing individual stories of both maker and object. All welcome. Held at Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs. Details: (02) 9320 6000 or visit www.aboriginalartnews.com.au

29 March: The second annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards and Gala Dinner, given in recognition of the inspirational work from service providers, communities and individuals making a difference in health disadvantage. All welcome. Held Holiday Inn Esplanade, Darwin. Details: (1300) 316 882 or email registration@critterionconferences.com or visit www.indigenoushealthcare.com

South Australia

9-27 February: Kurruru Youth Performing Arts will be performing its latest work *Min Min*. Free. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8341 1150.

19-27 February: Spirit Festival 2011: Tandanya announces the third Spirit Festival will feature a star-studded line-up of the very best in national and local music, concerts also traditional and contemporary dance performance's children activities and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Mullawirraburka, Rymill Park, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3232 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.thespiritfestival.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. Plenty of activities – art workshops, storytelling, traditional songs, corroboree and more. Free and all welcome. Held Musgrave Park Cultural Centre, South Brisbane. Details: (07) 3846 5700 or 0434 545 475 or email admin@musgravepark.org.au

16 February: Yawarhd Day 2011 featuring dancing, activities and giveaways for the kids, free t-shirts and school resources, sausage sizzle, language workshops, cultural understanding discussions, didgeridoo demos and much more. Free and all welcome. held at Barujugan Park, Deception Bay. Details: (07) 3293 1539 or (0418) 567 981 or email: lynda.murriabree@inet.net.au

Diversity key to festival

DAN SULTAN and Mary G are among the acts for this month's Spirit Festival in Adelaide.

Spirit, from 19-27 February, is part of Adelaide's Fringe festival.

Creative Producer Gina Rings says the program reflects the diversity and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Rings and a team of creative and cultural advisors have developed a multi-arts program designed to reflect the many language groups within South Australia.

"Our culture spans the ages, languages and country, which we present to you in this program of diverse art forms," said Ms Rings.

Spirit opens with two days of traditional and contemporary music dance and culture in Mullawirraburka – Rymill Park, named after the great Kaurna leader (c1811-1845).

Dan Sultan and his band and Mary G will appear at the free concert from 6pm on 19 February. Also on the bill are Lady Lash and Karnage & Darknis as well as Jess Beck, and Iwantja Band from the APY lands.

The next day will be a family event and cultural program of traditional dance featuring, Kaurna dance Taikurtinna, Ngarrindjeri Dance Tal-Kin-Jeri, Rikina Inma from the APY Lands and from the Torres Strait, Baiwa Dance Company with Echo of the Drums.

Frances Rings and her sister Gina will also present their choreographic talents with Leigh Warren and Dancers in Songlines.

The festival will move to Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute from



Tandanya chairperson Troy Anthony Baylis and Spirit Festival creative producer Gina Rings launched the festival during a Survival Day event in Adelaide last week.

21-27 February.

Highlights include a full production of Kurruru's *Min Min* an Indigenous perspective of the Min Min lights, and an exhibition by Tennant Creek artist Dion Beasley, who is famous for his Cheeky Dog caricatures of life as a camp dog with *A Dog's Life*.

Organisers say that since its inception in 2008, the Spirit Festival has developed into South Australia's premiere showcase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture.

In 2009 more than 15,000 people attended the two-day event.

They say the move to the Adelaide Fringe provides a unique opportunity for Spirit Festival artists and audiences and Tandanya and the Adelaide Fringe welcome this partnership.

For more details, go to www.thespiritfestival.com



DAN SULTAN

cultures, nations and protocols, family & kinship systems; discrimination, myths and stereotypes and the impact of colonisation and how this has affected contemporary Aboriginal peoples and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Mercure, 818-820 George St, Sydney. Details: visit www.wdp.org.au/component/content/article/117

Western Australia

9 February-5 March: Lucy Ward and Loongkoonan, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks. Featuring the work of senior Ngarinyin painter Lucy Ward and senior Nyikina artist Loongkoonan. All welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay Street,

increase economic opportunities for Indigenous artists. Free and all welcome. Held at 45downstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9662 9966 or email vaa@fortyfivedownstairs.com or visit www.indigenousartawards.com.au

Northern Territory

Until 13 February: Pmere Arntamtareme – Watching This Place, an Aboriginal art exhibition featuring the works of more than 20 artists across a variety of media, painting mental sculpture and video works that captured the layered realities of inter-cultural Alice Springs, which sees artists and custodians both watching country. Free and all welcome. Araluen Arts

Linfox in drive to supply jobs

ONE of the Asia Pacific's largest supply chain companies has been given a funding boost of \$4.5 million through the Government's Indigenous Employment Program.

Linfox Australia will use the funds to pursue its goal of employing 500 Indigenous Australians by May 2013.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib joined with Linfox last week to congratulate 12 new Indigenous employees.

He said companies like Linfox were to be congratulated for their commitment to employing Indigenous Australians, and were a great example of what could be achieved when Government and the private sector worked together.

"The Indigenous employees are provided with accredited training and work-placement programs in warehousing, logistics and forklift areas, and have access to ongoing mentoring," Senator Arbib said.

"The staff have an opportunity to work inside one of the Asia Pacific's largest supply chain companies, with links to many of Australia's leading business."

Linfox Logistics CEO Michael Byrne said the company was grateful that the Government was supporting the program.

"Linfox began the journey to employ 500 Indigenous Australians in mid-2010," he said.

"Since then we have employed 102 Aboriginal and Islander employees and we've achieved an outstanding 93 per cent employee retention rate."

Mr Byrne said Linfox had developed a specific training program to help Aboriginal and Islander employees integrate into



Linfox CEO Michael Byrne, Linfox employee Allan Kelly and Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib.

its workplace culture and work processes.

"It is important for new employees to grasp Linfox's focus on safety, customer service and operational excellence and we are committed to the successful development of our employees' careers," Mr Byrne said.

"Through this program we have identified some very talented new employees, from administrators of complex logistics operations to

skilled drivers. And our Indigenous work colleagues have much to teach us about our environment, which we care deeply for, our Australian culture and the lives we share at work."

Senator Arbib said the Linfox National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy was supported by a \$4.5 million grant through the Government's Indigenous Employment Program. "Linfox signed up to the

Australian Employment Covenant to employ 500 Indigenous Australians by May 2013. This ambitious target is well on the way to being met and I look forward to returning and meeting Linfox's 500 Indigenous employees during the next two years," he said.

"By working with the Government, organisations like Linfox are helping to close the gap on employment between Indigenous and non-Indigenous

Australians. The Government is committed to providing jobs for Indigenous Australians, but we can't do it without the support of the private sector."

The IEP is part of the Australian Government commitment to close the gap on Indigenous employment.

The Government has a target of creating more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018.

It's your guide to employment

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Aboriginal Family Worker Families NSW

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality (documented)
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Demonstrated experience in child protection
- Ability to provide accurate reports through use of Micro Soft Office programs, either Word or Excel
- Experience in Aboriginal communities engagement and consultation.
- Demonstrated experience in communication, negotiation and time management skills and ability to work as part of a team.
- Proven ability to network and form partnerships with other key stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement policies and strategies.
- Ability to facilitate support groups for Aboriginal families
- Current NSW Licence
- Understanding of O H & S legislation.

Desirable Criteria

- Tertiary qualifications in child care or relevant human service field and experience.

Job Notes: The position is 38 hours per week. The position has been classified under the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Industry Award 2010 and is funded by NSW Community Services.

Salary Package \$41,190 - \$45,452. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants should include two recent referees/ contact details in the application.

Enquiries and information pack contact Natasha Laurie Administration 02 6648 3680. admin@abcare.org.au.

Applications should be addressed to the Chairperson Abcare P.O. Box 521 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 and marked "Confidential"

Closing date 4pm Friday 18 February 2011.



Health
Western NSW
Local Health Network

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Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Trainee

Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network, PFT, Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer – Non-Graduate: \$43,610–\$64,231, **Recruitment No:** 12392, **Enquiries:** Nicola Yates, (02) 6360 7936 or Nicola.Yates@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au, **Close:** 18/02/11.

- Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

ALLIED HEALTH

Bourke

Aboriginal Health Worker Safe Families

TFT (jobshare considered), up to 29/06/12, **Salary:** Aboriginal Health Education Officer: Non-Graduate: \$835.80–\$1,231 pw, **Recruitment No:** 9968, **Enquiries:** Sue Burke, (02) 6363 8020 or Sue.Burke@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au **Close:** 11/02/11.

- Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For an Application Kit or to apply online please go to <http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.



Human Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Southern Region, Weja Branch
Nowra
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 11/HCS_0055

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,899 per annum includes a salary range \$58,249 pa to \$64,249 pa plus leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description:

The position plans, coordinates and delivers in home support services to the frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers. The position provides leadership, supervision, support and training for Care Workers who deliver the services.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality, current Driver's Licence and own vehicle.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home & community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of the frail aged, their carers, specific disability groups and specific cultural groups and experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications.
- Understanding of quality service principles.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Demonstrated ability to support and supervise staff.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiations skills.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation/maintenance of client & staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information & ensuring accurate records & billing processes.

Job notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period up to June 2011 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must obtain the Information Package which contains complete details of the position and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Contact for Inquiries and Information Packages: Sharon Bloxsome (02) 4421 0947

Information Package and to apply online visit: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6122 3520 or post application to: NSW Businesslink, Southern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Closing Date: Friday 18 February 2011

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Academic and Global Relations Division The Wollotuka Institute

PROFESSOR/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES AND DIRECTOR

Vacancy No. 1583

The University is seeking a dynamic person for appointment as either Professor or Associate Professor of Aboriginal Studies with responsibility also as Director of The Wollotuka Institute at the University.

You will play an integral role in the leadership and ongoing development of Indigenous teaching and research, and will contribute to the strategic directions of the University in relation to Indigenous Collaboration.

You will ensure strong links and partnerships locally, nationally and internationally that complement the already strong reputation of Indigenous education, research and community engagement at the University of Newcastle.

The position is a five year full-time appointment.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Academic Level E \$141,993 per annum, plus a generous employer superannuation contribution of up to 17%.

Academic Level D \$110,232 to \$121,439 per annum, plus a generous employer superannuation contribution of up to 17%

Applications close: Monday 7 March 2011

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

Vacancy No. 1585

You will coordinate the functions of Indigenous employment, in line with the goals and priorities of the University's strategic directions and the Indigenous Employment Strategy.

The role will be responsible for activities across Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

HEW Level 7 \$66,494 to \$74,806 per annum, plus a generous employer superannuation contribution of up to 17%.

Applications close: Wednesday 23 February 2011

Necessary additional information about the position including selection criteria and application procedure may be obtained by calling **02 4921 5266** or from www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment. The University of Newcastle values equity and diversity.

www.newcastle.edu.au/futurestaff

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Opportunity for Indigenous Australian to care for Country

- Wangaratta
- Full time fixed term till 31 January 2013
- Salary \$42,305pa plus 9% Super

Parks Victoria is committed to maintaining the health of the natural environment of our parks and reserves, while providing a range of excellent visitor services - so that all Victorians can visit them to relax or exercise their bodies and minds – *Healthy Parks Healthy People*.

We have a great opportunity for an Indigenous Ranger to work in the Wangaratta Unit within the River Red Gum District. The position works as part of a team responsible for the overall management of parks and/or reserves, waterways and visitor facilities within the Ranger in Charge area. This includes providing guidance and support to Parks Victoria for protecting and managing all aspects of Traditional Owner country, based on appropriate Traditional Owner cultural requirements.

To succeed in this role you will have:

- Working knowledge and understanding of: general land and waterways management techniques; farm fencing, use of small hand tools, operations of small motors and small electrical tools, chainsaws, small mechanical equipment and general labour type duties including maintenance and construction of a range of park facilities including signs, toilets, fences and walking tracks.
- Working knowledge and practical experience in identification, protection and management of environmental and cultural places and customs.
- Ability and aptitude to work in administrative or business type roles if required.
- Be self motivated and be a self starter.
- Competent literacy and numeracy skills and some working knowledge of computers.
- Ability to work as part of a team and where required be able to work independently.
- Ability to represent a government agency and facilitate communication between Parks Victoria and Aboriginal communities.
- Proven extensive experience in natural, cultural and environmental management.
- A certificate or other tertiary qualification in a relevant area such as park management, conservation and land management, Aboriginal culture, business or tourism is desirable for this position and a willingness to undertake further tertiary and professional development study if required.
- A current manual Drivers Licence is essential.

To find out more about this position, please obtain a copy of the position description by visiting www.parkweb.vic.gov.au under 'employment'.

This position is an identified position for which Parks Victoria has Equal Opportunity Board exemption to advertise for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Application No: A126 / 2010.

Due to the nature of Aboriginal culture and the duties of this position, only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can successfully fill this role. Aboriginal women are strongly encouraged to apply. The successful candidate may be required to undertake appropriate training, relevant to the positions duties and responsibilities.

For further information please contact Geoff Barrow or Wendy Berick on **13 1963**.

To apply, please e-mail your application, to applications@parks.vic.gov.au. Your application must include the following information:

1. Response to selection criteria of Position Description
2. A current Resume (including two referees)
3. Completed Aboriginality Form
4. Cover letter

Applications close Friday 25 February 2011.

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Community Development Officer, Aboriginal Programs

SPV 08Z/11

Salary: \$64,292 - \$73,369 p.a + Super

Requirements:

- Tertiary qualifications or currently studying in a relevant area of the social sciences.
- Skills in community development, consultation and policy development.
- Social research skills and a commitment to social justice.

Enquiries: Erla Ronan on 9367 9149

Closing Date: Friday 18 February 2011

HOW TO APPLY: For an Information Pack visit www.lmc.nsw.gov.au/Positions-Vacant.html and follow the links or call the contact person for the position.

EEO Employer **www.lmc.nsw.gov.au**



Government of **Western Australia**
Department for Child Protection

Child Protection Worker

Country Services

Web Search No: 004953

Level/Salary: Level 1, Specified Callings \$53,665- \$73,578 pa

The Child Protection Worker works in the areas of child protection, children in care and family support is responsible for responding to concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of children, and taking legal action to promote the safety and wellbeing of children where necessary.

To Access Detailed Information: Please visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: (08) 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Angela Dey on (08) 9160 2400.

Special Notice: GROH housing and Attractive Regional Incentives available to eligible applicant.

Location: Port Hedland

Closing Date: Monday, 14 February 2011 at 5.00pm.

Aboriginal Family Worker

- **Early Intervention and Child Safety & Wellbeing**
- **Randwick location, with some intrastate travel**
- **2x positions**

Would you like to make a real difference to vulnerable communities?

We are currently looking for an Aboriginal Family Worker to work with and contribute to improving the outcomes for children and families with complex needs and strengthen the cultural capability of the team at the Red Cross Young Parents Program (YPP).

The YPP service supports families in the Sydney metropolitan, Central Coast and Nowra areas who are experiencing a range of psychosocial issues.

If you are interested in working for the world's largest humanitarian organisation, please visit our careers page at www.redcross.org.au

for further information and a position description.

For enquiries, please contact Anne King on 02 8383 7516 or nswjobs@redcross.org.au

Red Cross considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applications close 5pm Monday 7th February 2011.



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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

Solicitor

Aboriginal Identified, Legal Officer I-III, Grants Operations (Civil) Division, Head Office (Recruitment Action: GR11/022)

Total remuneration package valued up to \$102,088 pa including salary (\$62,399 to \$92,513), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description:

Assess process, determine and administer complex applications for grants of legal aid across three jurisdictions, within Commission policy and available funds to meet the intent of the legal aid program and delivery of high quality client service.

Notes:

• Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality Criteria of this position. Aboriginality is defined by decent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such.

• Please quote Job Reference No.: **GR11/022** in your application and in all correspondence relating to this position.

• Applicants must obtain an information package and must address each selection criteria as listed in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Alex Grosart on 9219 5887

Application/Packages:

Online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 19 February 2011



The Lyndon Community

The Lyndon Community is recognised as an organisation of excellence for the provision of alcohol and other drug services to Western New South Wales

Manager Bega Regional Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service

The Lyndon Community is establishing a new drug and alcohol service on the south coast of NSW. The Manager, Bega Regional Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service will work in close consultation with the Community Advisory Group comprised of local Aboriginal leaders and their representatives, a Practice Advisory Group and senior staff of the Lyndon Community to coordinate the establishment and implementation of the new service.

The Manager is responsible for leading the development, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the Bega Regional Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Service. This role includes the development of the service across the far south coast region in relation to identified community needs and preferences for community-based service provision. Applicants will have extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities within the health and community services sector including addressing problematic substance use.

Contact Craig Mills for more information on 02 6361 2300 or 0427 625 444.

Job application packages available from Lisa, phone 02 6361 2300 or by emailing lday@lyndoncommunity.org.au

Application close Friday 25th February 2011



Human Resource Manager (12mth contract)

This position is open to both Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal applicants

Awabakal Aboriginal Cooperative seeks a full time HR Manager for a 12 month contract. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, this newly created position will take responsibility for reviewing, developing and implementing consistent strategic human resources policies, systems and procedures for manager and staff. You will also provide support in all aspects of HR and oversee recruitment, performance management, training and induction and OHS.

The successful candidate will have relevant tertiary qualifications, extensive experience in all aspects of HR, be motivated, enthusiastic and driven with highly developed communication, planning and organising skills to complete complex projects to strict deadlines.

Aboriginal Tobacco Action Worker

Awabakal Aboriginal Cooperative seeks a full time Aboriginal Tobacco Action Worker to take an active role in reducing chronic disease by coordinating smoking cessation activities with local and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This role will promote awareness of the risks associated with smoking, encourage smokers to reduce the amount of tobacco smoked each day and encourage smokers to quit.

The successful candidate will be willing to complete training within a Cert III/Cert IV accredited course, be committed to working with ATSI communities, be able to develop and implement programs and activities, have well developed interpersonal, written and oral communication skills, the ability to manage workloads, determine priorities and achieve results within timelines, work within a team and have the capacity to exemplify non-smoking behaviours.

Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyle Worker

Awabakal Aboriginal Cooperative seeks a full time Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyles Worker to take an active role in reducing chronic disease by coordinating activities with local and regional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to improve levels of nutrition and increase participation in physical activity. This role will promote awareness of the risks associated with unhealthy nutrition, lack of physical activity and excessive consumption of alcohol.

The successful candidate will be willing to complete training within a Cert III/Cert IV accredited course, be committed to working with ATSI communities, be able to develop and implement programs and activities, have well developed interpersonal, written and oral communication skills, the ability to manage workloads, determine priorities and achieve results within timelines while working within a team.

Part Time Aboriginal Health Worker (21hrs p/week)

Awabakal Aboriginal Cooperative seeks a part time Aboriginal Health Worker (21 hours/ 3 days per week) to work with individuals and local communities to raise awareness of health issues. Working in partnership with other members of the Primary Health Team, the clinical Health Worker will see clients in the treatment room and outreach clinics taking basic clinical observations and assisting clients to address their health issues.

The successful candidate will possess relevant qualifications (minimum Cert III Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care), training and experience in the health field, experience in developing health awareness programs relevant to the needs of the local communities, excellent organisational and time management skills, good communication skills and highly developed liaison and advocacy skills.

Full Time Cert III Trained (or working towards) Child Care Worker

Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative is seeking two (2) committed, passionate and innovative Certificate III Child Care Workers to join their dynamic team. The Awabakal MACS (Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service) is a Long Day Care Centre specifically funded to provide Early Learning Opportunities for young Indigenous Children of the community in a culturally nurturing learning environment. The centre prioritises its care for children from vulnerable families, and at times, can be a busy and challenging environment.

The successful applicant will be a great communicator, have patience and work well within a team atmosphere; they will also be open to learning new documentation methods working with the Early Years Learning Framework.

If you think you have the enthusiasm to support our children please apply.

Full Time Trainee Child Care Worker

Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative is seeking a committed, passionate and energetic TRAINEE to join their dynamic team for a 12 month traineeship. The Awabakal MACS (Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service) is a Long Day Care Centre specifically funded to provide Early Learning Opportunities for young Indigenous Children of the community in a culturally nurturing learning environment. The centre prioritises its care for children from vulnerable families, and at times, can be a busy and challenging environment.

The successful applicant will be a great communicator and work well within a team atmosphere; they will also be open to learning new skills relevant to the industry and support the staff in delivering nurturing care and learning for the children in the community.

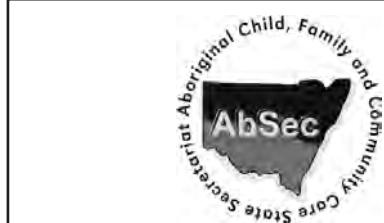
If you think you are able to work a fulltime load, and learn new skills, please apply.

Part Time Aboriginal Administration Assistant (25hrs p/week)

Awabakal Aboriginal Disability Support Program seeks a Part-Time Administration Assistant (25 hours per week). The Assistant will be based at our Wickham office within our Disability/Peer Support program. This role requires someone with a sound understanding and knowledge of office operations including computer skills, a good phone manner and some knowledge of the Disability Standards and Disability act.

All information packages can be obtained from Awabakal Administration by phoning 02 4969 4711 or emailing admin@awabakal.org

Closing date is 5pm Friday 25th February.



Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW (AbSec)

AbSec is primarily funded by Community Services (NSW) and is recognised as the peak Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home-care (OOHC) policy advice to the government and non-government sector in NSW.

An organisational review and expansion of AbSec services requires the creation of the following new positions.

Manager – AbSec projects

This is a senior management position within the organisation. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate exceptional advocacy and project management skills. The position encompasses the overall supervision of AbSec's Aboriginal foster care support and advocacy services as well as managing the provision of training to Aboriginal caseworkers employed by AbSec member agencies. A thorough knowledge of the OOHC and child protection sector is required to obtain best practice outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people, carers, agencies and communities. The successful applicant will need to be able to undertake some travel and will require a current NSW driver's licence.

Capacity Building Manager

(Full Time – 2 year contract - possibility of extension)

This role entails working with established Aboriginal agencies within NSW to assist them to grow their capacity to deliver Child and Family Services. The successful applicant would require extensive knowledge of the Aboriginal and non Aboriginal service delivery sector and a proven track record of Aboriginal community and agency engagement. The ability to work collaboratively is an essential requisite. A current NSW driver's licence is required and the ability to undertake extensive travel throughout NSW is a genuine requirement.

Training Manager

(Full time – 1 year contract – possibility of extension)

The position holder would be required to review, critique, evaluate and promote training packages developed for Aboriginal carers by external agencies. They would advise those external agencies on learning/training strategies/techniques appropriate to Aboriginal carers. They would also assist those agencies in sourcing appropriate trainers (and training packages) to deliver training to Aboriginal carers. It is envisaged that the successful applicant would hold work place training or adult education qualifications.

NSW/ACT

Bringing Them Home Counsellor

for the former residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girl's Training Home

This position holder would be required to provide services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families who have been affected by issues related to the Stolen Generations through a culturally safe, holistic approach. This position more specifically is to offer assistance to the former residents of the Cootamundra Aboriginal Girl's training home. This position will aid the facilitation of health and related services to the former residents by continued, effective and positive human relationships with the clients, relatives, community, colleagues and other stakeholders in the field, including Link-Up. It is envisaged that the successful applicant would hold counselling qualifications or be willing to undertake.

Over award and competitive salary packages (including salary sacrificing) are available for these positions and are commensurate with the experience required to undertake these roles. If any further information regarding the scope of these positions is required contact Gail on the details below. Before applying for this position, applicants will need to request an information package containing the selection criteria and other relevant information from execasst@absec.org.au or by phoning (02) 9264 0088 and speaking to Gail.

Applications close 4 March 2011.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of these positions and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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HUMAN RESOURCES UNIT – MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

UC Level 7 Salary Range: \$68,611 to \$74,332 pa, plus Super*

This is a 12 months fixed term position with the possibility of permanency

Vacancy Reference No: 11/2015

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

UC Level 8 Salary Range: \$77,084 to \$85,980 pa, plus Super*

This is a continuing full time position

Vacancy Reference No: 11/2016

Due to expansion of our team we seek Organisational Development (OD) professionals passionate about staff development and internal relationship building.

The OD Team use the University's bold strategic direction to create a range of staff development initiatives designed to inform and engage. Responsibilities may include workforce planning, equity and diversity initiatives, training needs analysis, policy writing, training design and development, facilitation and contract management.

For further information about this position please contact Natalie Bowman, Manager Organisational Development, on (02) 6201 5155.

CLOSING DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 2011

REMUNERATION & BENEFITS CONSULTANT

UC Level 6 or 7 Salary Range: \$62,264 –to \$74,332 pa, plus Super*

This is a 12 months fixed term position with the possibility of permanency

Vacancy Reference No: 11/2017

HR SYSTEMS OFFICER

UC Level 6 or 7 Salary Range: \$62,264 to \$74,332 pa, plus Super*

This is a 12 months fixed term position with the possibility of permanency

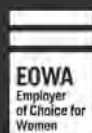
Vacancy Reference No: 11/2018

Due to an ambitious project agenda we seek payroll and systems professionals who excel at making complex concepts easy for customers and using technology to make work easier.

Can you explain payslips, superannuation concepts and use systems to create change? Responsibilities may include answering staff and HR processing team queries, data integrity checks, training staff to use Online tools, testing new system enhancements and mapping business processes.

For further information about this position please contact Robin Austin, Manager HRMIS, on (02) 6201 5188.

CLOSING DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 2011



The University is an E0 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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**Aboriginal Identified, Legal Officer I-III, Grants
Operations (Family) Division, Head Office
(Recruitment Action: GR11/021)**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$102,088 pa including salary (\$62,399 to \$92,513), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description:

Assess process, determine and administer complex applications for grants of legal aid across three jurisdictions, within Commission policy and available funds to meet the intent of the legal aid program and delivery of high quality client service.

Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants for this position must satisfy the Aboriginality Criteria of this position. Aboriginality is defined by decent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such.
- Please quote Job Reference No.: **GR11/021** in your application and in all correspondence relating to this position.
- Applicants must obtain an information package and must address each selection criteria as listed in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Alex Colquhoun on 9219 5116

Application/Packages:

Online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 19 February 2011

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**Human Services
Housing NSW**

Director

**Senior Officer Grade 2
Sector Contracting and Performance
Community Housing Division
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 11/HNSW_0077**

Total remuneration package valued up to \$172,068 per annum (Salary: \$146,085 pa - \$156,384 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Director Sector Contracting and Performance provides a centralised system wide data analysis, reporting, and compliance function with robust contracting and performance management processes that increase confidence, drive improvement in community housing delivery, support the community housing regulatory framework and underpin the Housing NSW relationship with providers.

The Director oversees the Divisional budget, financial management for the Division and activities ensuring strong alignment and linkage with the corporate finance area.

The position oversees the funding and resourcing programs for community housing providers including the payment of grants to community housing providers. The Director is also responsible for setting up a new contracting framework to respond to key reform directions.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience in working with outsourced service provision in human service environment
- Excellent track record in building and maintaining key relationships and partnerships with stakeholders
- High level experience in managing funding allocation programs
- Strong knowledge of government procurement and contracting policy and practice
- Extensive knowledge of business management and drivers of good performance
- Strong consultation, influencing, negotiating, conflict management, presentation skills
- Highly developed leadership skills and ability to set strategic direction
- Tertiary qualifications in management or related discipline

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Leonie King on (02) 8753 8690 or email: Leonie.King@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or 1800 203 966

Closing Date: Friday 18 February 2011

APPLY ON-LINE

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Eastern Area Tenants Service

Tenant Advocate

**Eastern Area Tenants Service seeks a full-time
35 h/p/w (Mon - Fri) tenant advocate.**

The position involves providing advice and advocacy to tenants, phone advice, ongoing casework and representation in the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal including Duty Advocacy. The worker will also provide community legal education and participate in reviews of policy and legislation in tenancy related issues.

Contact Mea Protey on

(02) 9386 9145

**or email at eats_nsw@clc.net.au for Job Package.
Essential for application to address essential criteria.**

Applications close:

5pm Monday 14th February 2011.



The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council is the peak Aboriginal health organisation in NSW representing Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. We are currently seeking applications for the following position which is located in Surry Hills, Sydney.

Project Officer / Program Coordinator (Chronic Disease) Fulltime, fixed term (12 months)

The Project Officer (Chronic Disease) is responsible for supporting and implementing the AH&MRC Chronic Disease Program whereas the Program Coordinator (Chronic Disease) is responsible for coordinating and implementing the AH&MRC Chronic Disease Program.

This is a linked position. The linked position comprises (a) the range of duties at the lower level and is titled Project Officer and (b) the range of duties at the higher level for the Program Coordinator position.

** Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

Applications close on:

Monday, 21 February 2011.

For further information on these positions or other positions within the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in NSW, ring 02 9212 4777 or visit: www.ahmrc.org.au/employment.htm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health Network

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.

Child Family Health Nurse

Permanent Full Time

Wallsend

Ref ID: 14527

Child Family Health Nurse

Permanent Full Time

Wallsend

Ref ID: 14481

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Registered Midwife

Permanent Part Time 20HPW

Wallsend

Ref ID: 14560

For above three positions

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part time and casual positions.

Applicants must be female. This is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1977).

Enquiries: Jennifer McDermott, 02 4924 6595

Closing Date: 20 February 2011

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



Applications are sought from suitably qualified persons for the following full time permanent vacancies. These are Aboriginal Identified positions.

Student Support Officer
Aboriginal Education and Training Unit
Grade: Clerk Grade 1/2
Salary: Total remuneration package of up to \$62,506 pa, including salary (\$52,104 - \$56,644 range pa) employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.
Job Ref No: W 11-04
Status: Permanent full time
Location: negotiable within North West
Inquiries: Rod Towney on 6883 3470/0418 611 572
Closing Date: 5 PM, 11 February 2011

Aboriginal Community Consultant
Aboriginal Education and Training Unit
Grade: SEO
Salary: Total remuneration package of up to \$110,274 pa, including salary (\$97,517 – \$99,932) employer's contribution to superannuation
Job Ref No: W 11-05
Status: Permanent Full Time
Location: negotiable within North West
Inquiries: Rod Towney on 6883 3470/0418 611 572
Closing Date: 5 PM, 11 February 2011

Application Form:
Download from: www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/jobs



Development Manager

Clerk Grade 11/12
Assets Division
Sussex Street, Sydney
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 11/HNSW_0087

Total remuneration package valued up to \$131,481 per annum (Salary: \$103,026 pa - \$119,149 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
Formulate and drive asset development projects specifically leading and overseeing project planning, development and financial control. Building effective development and delivery models and processes that facilitate desired urban outcomes.

- Selection Criteria:**
- Demonstrated significant project management skills relating to the development and delivery of asset related projects, including ensuring projects meet milestones, achieve objectives and are managed within budget.
 - Excellent oral and written communication, influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
 - Demonstrated capacity to provide expert advice and solutions to senior management regarding asset management.
 - Demonstrated effective relationship management skills including both internal and external stakeholders.
 - High level analytical thinking, strong problem solving skills and proven risk analysis and mitigation skills.

Job Notes: Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Paul Hunt on 9268 3484
Information Package:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers
Closing Date: Friday 18 February 2011

APPLY ON-LINE

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The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Norta Norta Program Coordinator

Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS)
Temporary Full-time position - Position Number: 155291
Aboriginal Education and Training

Total remuneration package valued to: \$116,535 p.a. (Salary \$97,543 - \$105,605) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Providing high level support to regions and schools in the state wide implementation of the Norta Norta program.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent teaching experience. Demonstrated experience in program development and program management. Demonstrated ability in analysing data and providing written reports. Excellent communication, problem solving and liaison skills. High level administrative skills including developing and maintaining databases, with the ability to set work priorities and meet deadlines. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.


Special Notes: Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

A permanent NSW government school teacher who accepts a temporary appointment to this position of more than one year's duration, must relinquish right of return to their substantive school.

Inquiries: Gloria Provest (02) 9244 5400
Email: gloria.provest@det.nsw.edu.au
Information Packages: Nikki Riley (02) 9244 5318
Email: nikki.riley@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:
Gloria Provest, Leader, School Programs, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, DARLINGHURST NSW 2010. You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs
Closing Date: 25 February 2011.

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Corrective Services**

Pilbara Youth Justice Services

We are seeking applicants for the following positions:


	Package	Location
Leading and managing staff:		
Manager	Up to \$122,900	South Hedland
Aboriginal Team Advisor	Up to \$109,800	South Hedland
Team Leader, Prevention and Diversion	Up to \$109,800	South Hedland
Working with young people and their families:		
Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator	Up to \$94,300	South Hedland
Prevention and Diversion Officers	Up to \$84,400	South Hedland x 3 Newman x 1 Roebourne x 1
Aboriginal Support Workers	Up to \$78,200	South Hedland x 2 Newman x 1 Roebourne x 1 Fitzroy Crossing x 1 Kununurra x 2
Aboriginal Support Officer	Up to \$67,300	South Hedland
Specialist positions:		
Education and Vocational Support Advisor	Up to \$94,300	South Hedland
Psychologist	Up to \$91,900	Fly-in from Perth
Community Work Officer	Up to \$67,300	South Hedland
Clerical and administration:		
Administration Officer	Up to \$75,900	South Hedland
Clerical Support Officers	Up to \$67,300	South Hedland x 1 Halls Creek x 1 Kununurra x 1 Roebourne x 1
Clerical Officer	Up to \$61,000	South Hedland

Recruitment Information Sessions: 6.30–7.30pm Tuesday 8 February OR 9.30–10.30am Wednesday 9 February. Pilbara TAFE, Room G1-23, Hamilton Road, South Hedland.

If you would like more information about the advertised positions, visit **www.jobs.wa.gov.au** (search using job titles or “Youth Justice Services”) or drop into the Community and Youth Justice office in the Justice Complex in Hawke Place, South Hedland, weekdays between 8am and 5pm.

Phone **Cheryl Mavor** on **(08) 9264 1064** during office hours for confidential discussions regarding these positions.

Applications close: 4.30pm Monday 21 February 2011





Education & Training

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Aboriginal Education Consultant

**Aboriginal Studies and Languages
Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)**

**Temporary Full-time position - Position Number: 123682
Aboriginal Education and Training**

Total remuneration package valued to: \$126,304 p.a. (Salary \$114,458) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Providing high level support to regions and schools in the state wide implementation of the Norta Norta program.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. High order skills and demonstrated relevant experience in Aboriginal Education and Training with particular reference to Aboriginal studies and Aboriginal Languages. Outstanding organisational skills and project management experience. Demonstrated high level leadership skills and proven experience in senior level negotiations and liaison, with the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities. Proven highly developed skills in the writing and preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches using a range of media. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Special Notes: Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

A permanent NSW government school teacher who accepts a temporary appointment to this position of more than one year's duration, must relinquish right of return to their substantive school.

Inquiries: Gloria Provost (02) 9244 5400

Email: gloria.provest@det.nsw.edu.au

Information Packages: Nikki Riley (02) 9244 5318

Email: nikki.riley@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:

Gloria Provost, Leader, School Programs, Level 14, 1 Oxford Street, DARLINGHURST NSW 2010. You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs

Closing Date: 25 February 2011.

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What do you like **best** about C&K?

Development & Support Coordinator

Torres Strait Childcare

Contract - Full time till 30 June 2012.

Applications close: 20 February 2011

Applicants who are from Torres Strait Islander and/or Aboriginal backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

For further information contact
Milissa Phillips on 07 3552 5333
or email m.phillips@candk.asn.au

**For more information or to apply
online please visit: www.candk.asn.au**

NOTE: It is an offence for a 'disqualified person' to sign a blue card application form.
For more information visit: www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

www.candk.asn.au

Where children come first

Youth Worker

Regional Service Delivery Operations

(One permanent full-time position and multiple casual positions available)

Communities

Salary: \$43 191 - \$45 862 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/DOC26352/11

Key Duties: Provide supervision of young people in detention and maintain the safety and security of the young people in detention.

Skills/Abilities: Open, positive communication, respectful, team player, can cope with physically challenging work environment.

Enquiries: (07) 4729 9000

Closing Date: Friday, 25 February 2011

www.jobs.qld.gov.au



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Accommodation Support Worker, (Aboriginal)

**Community Offender Support
Program (COSP), Nowra
Permanent Full-Time**

Vacancy Number: 00000BNL. Total remuneration package valued at \$83,722 pa, including salary range \$68,761 pa to \$75,870 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Supervise, support and case management of offenders in a residential setting.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Knowledge of legislation, policies and procedures relevant to offenders in NSW. Experience in the development and implementation of case plans. Awareness and appreciation of issues in relation to child protection, case management and Throughcare principles. High level oral and written communication and interpersonal skills. Ability to develop trust, empathy and cooperation with residents, colleagues and professional and community based organisations. Proven ability to carry a case load and work as part of a team dedicated to the well-being of the residents and safety of the community. Current Driver's Licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain within three months.

Job Notes: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Applicants should attach their resume including details of qualifications as a word document to their online application. Occupants of this position will be required to work a 38 hour per week rotating shift roster, appropriate shift penalties will apply. All staff will be required to attend onsite training at the commencement of employment at Nowra COSP including the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks and additional COSP specific training. Applicants are required to provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary vacancies at this location.

Enquiries: jennifer.blanch@dcs.nsw.gov.au
or 0408 288 567.

Closing Date: 20/02/2011

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**Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation**

POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

- National organisation based in Adelaide
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work
- Salary Range \$59K to \$62K (plus 15.4% Super)

The ILC assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic and environmental benefits for themselves and future generations. We are looking for an energetic, highly focused, strategic thinker to work in a challenging and rewarding team environment.

Reporting to the Manager Policy and Program Development, specifically, you will be required to:

- Write and edit a range of documents including guidelines for Indigenous clients, web content, submissions and reports;
- Use your problem solving abilities and research and analytical skills to develop policies and programs; and
- Provide advice and support to the ILC Board, management and staff to assist them to deliver the ILC's Land Acquisition and Land Management programs.

This is a broad, hands-on role requiring polished communication skills as well as initiative and creativity. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability to research information and write documents for a range of audiences, and knowledge of issues affecting Indigenous people and management of land.

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

In addition to the attractive salary you will also have access to other excellent conditions including superannuation and the opportunity to further develop your skills through our Studies Assistance program. For further information, please contact **Nerissa Walton, Senior Evaluation and Environment Officer on (08) 8100 7146 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the ILC website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on 18 February 2011. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Denise Jackson-Cook, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

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opportunity



HOMELESSNESS REGIONAL PLANNING & COORDINATION OFFICER ROLE—HERVEY BAY
PART TIME: \$68,088 - \$71,042 (PRO RATA) PLUS 10% SUPER
Make a difference for people experiencing homelessness in your local community!

QCOSS is the non-government peak agency for the social, community and health sectors. We work to influence the development of socially just policy, and provide a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty and inequality.

QCOSS has been approved to deliver the NGO Homelessness Planning and Coordination initiative, funded by the Department of Communities. We're looking for a Homelessness Regional Planning & Coordination Officer in Hervey Bay to coordinate non-government sector input and involvement in local homelessness community action planning. The project aims to improve outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in specific locations across Queensland.

What will you be doing?
In this role you'll work as a member of a team of 7 Homelessness Regional Planning & Coordination Officers based in the following locations across the state – Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Caboolture, Hervey Bay, Mt Isa, Cairns. You will develop, implement and monitor a homelessness community action plan for the local area in consultation with local communities, and government and non-government sector stakeholders.


This role will provide you with the opportunity to:

- Make a difference in your community.
- Grow as a person and professional.
- Work with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, agencies and communities to improve local responses to homelessness.
- Be a leader by bringing together a range of different stakeholders around homelessness to develop local solutions for tackling homelessness.
- Work in a great organisation which celebrates diversity.

If you are interested in finding out more about what you need to be successful in this position and how to apply, please contact Tanya on 07 3004 6900.

For information on what it's like to work for us you can talk to:
Kate – Project Support/Office Administration, Policy Team
Lisa – Multicultural Policy Officer, Policy Team
Anne – Project Officer, Sector Development Team
Closing Date: Monday 21 February 2011

QCOSS
queensland council of social service inc.
WORKING FOR A FAIR QUEENSLAND



Careers with Queensland Health

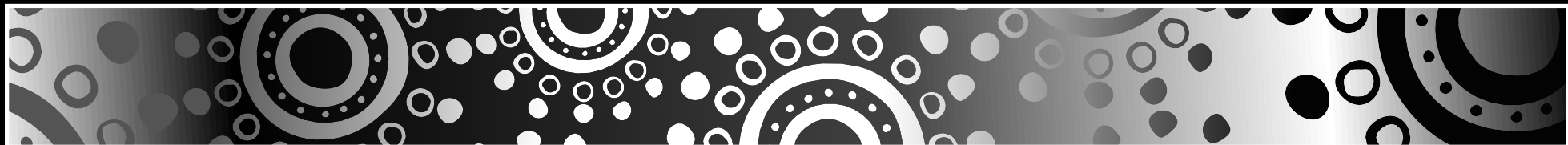
Senior Health Worker
Primary Health Team, Joyce Palmer Health Service, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$76 944 p.a., comprising salary between \$63 958 - \$67 438 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H11TV01382.
Duties/Abilities: Collaboratively lead and supervise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers in the delivery and evaluation of effective rural and remote based primary health care initiatives aimed at improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 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: Judith Sellen (07) 4752 5101.
Application Kit: (07) 4750 6771 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 21 February 2011.

Advanced Health Worker
Mount Morgan Hospital, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 - \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H11RK01550. **Duties/Abilities:** Coordinate the provision of primary health care services to individuals, families and community groups. Actively contribute to the planning and delivery of health initiatives aimed at improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. 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: Gordon Luck (07) 4912 5100.
Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus
Closing Date: Monday, 28 February 2011.

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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Assistant Hostel Manager

Shepparton

Geraldine Briggs Hostel

APS Level 2

\$312.44 - \$331.55 per week,
plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time, 15.20 hours per week.
- Operation of the hostel.
- Provide a quality service to our residents.
- Supervise staff.
- Manage a budget.
- Provide reports to Regional Manager.

Want to know more?

Contact Baydon Widdicombe on
(03) 5831 7258.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone
Maynard on (03) 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal
Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001
or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

This is a Transitional hostel.

Senior Finance Officer

Canberra

Central Office

Finance and Property Division

Finance and Office Services Section

APS Level 5

\$55,938 - \$59,363 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Be responsible for monitoring financial transactions and financial reports.
- Be responsible for the Central Office bank account and oversight the revenue account.
- Prepare and reconcile AHLs clearing accounts and be responsible for salaries reconciliation.
- Processing of accounts payable.
- Reimbursement of expenditure.
- Other duties as directed.

Want to know more?

Contact Luke Sikaloski on (02) 6212 2058.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jessica
Donnelly on (02) 6212 2065.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Recruitment Officer,
Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN
ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

Liaison Officer

Melbourne

William T Onus Hostel

APS Level 3

\$44,987 - \$48,319 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Liaise with the community, relevant agencies and other stakeholders.
- Provide support to residents and individuals seeking outreach services.
- Report on relevant activities.

Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on (03) 9642 2775.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone
Maynard on (03) 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Regional Manager,
Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G,
MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or email to
recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

This is a Transitional hostel.

Assistant Manager – Management Accounting

Canberra

Central Office

Finance and Property Division

Finance and Office Services Section

APS Executive Level 1

\$76,967 - \$86,210 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Oversee the preparation of month-end, year-end and annual reports and financial statement.
- Enhance financial management practices by encouraging a focus on continuous improvement in finance policies and procedures.
- Ensure integrity of financial information with effective internal control mechanisms.
- Provide leadership in the development of financial performance indicators and reports.
- Liaison with other divisions within AHL regarding financial management, internal budgeting and forecasting.
- Identify and facilitate staff training and development needs and exercise financial delegations.

Want to know more?

Contact Vrishal Raj on (02) 6212 2051.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jessica
Donnelly on (02) 6212 2065.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Recruitment Officer,
Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN
ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

Finance Officer

Canberra

Central Office

Finance and Property Division

Finance and Office Services Section

APS Level 4

\$50,665 - \$54,175 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Be responsible for entering supplier invoices into the accounting system.
- Be responsible for generating payment run file and responsible for uploading creditors payments into the banking system.
- Creating and maintaining vendor details in the accounting system and revenue account bank reconciliation.
- Assisting with debtor write-offs in the FMIS and maintenance of associated financial records.
- Other duties as directed.

Want to know more?

Contact Luke Sikaloski on (02) 6212 2058.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jessica
Donnelly on (02) 6212 2065.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Recruitment Officer,
Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN
ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

Special Project Officer (Expected Vacancy)

Canberra

Central Office

Finance and Property Division

Finance and Office Services Section

APS Level 6

\$61,626 - \$69,319 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Assist with the management of the Finance and Property Division in the provision of services for clients and customers.
- Undertake a range of duties encompassing IT Policy, Risk Management, Business Continuity Plan, Finance Manual, CommBiz Administration, Reservation Management System (RMS) Administration, Great Plains (Financial Management Information System) Administration and Cost Ledger Maintenance.
- Prepare reports, assist with staff training and development, and undertake special projects as and when required.

Want to know more?

Contact Vrishal Raj on (02) 6212 2051.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jessica
Donnelly on (02) 6212 2065.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the
selection criteria to Recruitment Officer,
Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN
ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 25 February 2011.

Residential Youth Worker

Hobart

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (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.
- 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.

Further inquiries: Natalie Hocking
on 0409867107

Selection documentation: Jamone Maynard
on (03) 9642 2775
or from our website at: 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, 25 February 2011** and
should be sent to: Regional Manager, Aboriginal
Hostels Limited, GPO Box 486 MELBOURNE VIC
3001 or email 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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Research Assistant.

Centre for Health and Society, Melbourne School of Population Health

An Exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

This is a key research assistant role, to work on two Indigenous health projects within the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit at the Melbourne School of Population Health. The role will involve working with the Australian Chief Investigators on an International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) Grant, Educating for Equity, as well as assisting with the coordination and implementation of key projects of the LIME Network.

The Educating for Equity project seeks to compare, build and share international research regarding the development of educational interventions for health professionals (starting in the tertiary sector) as a vehicle to achieving more equitable care and improved chronic disease outcomes for Indigenous populations. The Australian component of the grant is a collaboration between two of Australia's leading Indigenous health academic units, the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at the University of Western Australia, and the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit, The University of Melbourne.

The LIME Network is an initiative of the Medical Deans Australia and New Zealand and is hosted at the *Onemda* VicHealth Koori Health Unit, Melbourne School of Population Health. The aim of The LIME Network is to be a dynamic network dedicated to ensuring the quality and effectiveness of teaching and learning of Indigenous health in medical education and curricula.

Salary: \$54,588 - \$74,076 p.a. plus 9% super.

Job No: 0025610

For position information and to apply online go to www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers, click on 'Job Search' and search under the job title or job number.

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BINAAL BILLA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
LEGAL SERVICE (BBFVPLS)

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

We have a vacancy for a full time Principal Solicitor based in Forbes (Central West NSW) to provide outreach legal services to Aboriginal people in the Binaal Billa region.

Contact Program Coordinator – **Courtney Hodges** on
(02) 6851 5011

or courtney@binaalbilla.com.au for an Application Package.

Applications close:

4pm Monday 28th February 2011



Community Liaison Officer

La Pouse / Maroubra area.

Part-time role 14 hrs per week.

6 month contract with possibility of permanency.

Grade 4, SACS Award.

Working with local families, this new position will help set-up of a play group for children under 6 years of age in the La Pouse area. You will work with Aboriginal families in providing them links and referral services and ensure Eastern Respite's policies and procedures across all programs are inclusive for Aboriginal families.

Eastern Respite & Recreation provides a range of services to people with a disability and their families living in Eastern Sydney.

Applicants will have: Qualification in social work; welfare or community development; a current drivers licence and use of vehicle and experience working in partnership with Aboriginal families and their children.

To apply: either post your resume to the HR Manager, Eastern Respite & Recreation, level 6, 806 Anzac Pde, Maroubra NSW 2035; fax on 93494241, or email to jobs@easternrespite.com.au

This is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified position.

We will require "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young people Act 1998, and a Federal Police check prior to commencement of employment.

Application close:

25 February 2011

www.easternrespite.com.au



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health Network

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 Health Education Officer

Permanent Full Time

Wallsend

Reference Number 14567

Enquiries: Jennifer McDermott, 02 4924 6595

Closing Date: 20 February 2011

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Permanent Full Time

Wallsend

Reference Number 14076

Enquiries: Jennifer McDermott, 02 4924 6595

Closing Date: 20 February 2011

HASI 5A Project Officer

Temporary Part Time 20 HPW (up to 08/08/2011)

Waratah

Reference Number 15093

Enquiries: Barbara Stacy, 40335179

Closing Date: 27 February 2011

For above three positions

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part time and casual positions.

This is a specified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act. Confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions may be requested.

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.

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Access Coordinator Aboriginal Health Service

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The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence is seeking a

Casual Chef

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and experienced casual Chef!

Contact: Kerry Spencer on
(02) 9310 1033

or email: kerry.spencer@ymca.org.au

Applications close: 16 February 2011



SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
NOWRA, NSW



The South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation is a "not-for-profit organisation" providing Health and Wellbeing services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Shoalhaven area.

Sexual Health Worker

Full Time (Aboriginal Identified Position)

The Sexual Health Worker will be required to work as part of a dedicated health team and when required will work on an individual basis with clients to provide Sexual Health advice to Aboriginal people residing in the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Communities.

The successful applicant will be tertiary qualified, and have a sound understanding of sexual health issues as they apply to Aboriginal communities.

Contact Person: Jo Naughton 02 4428 6666

Aboriginal Health Worker

Full Time (Aboriginal Identified Position)

The Aboriginal Health Worker will be required to work as part of a dedicated health team and when required will work on an individual basis with clients to facilitate and provide a range of health services to Aboriginal people residing in the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Communities. The successful applicant will be tertiary qualified, and have a sound understanding of Aboriginal communities in the Shoalhaven area.

Contact Person: Jo Naughton 02 4428 6666

Out of Home Care Service Manager

Full Time (Aboriginal Identified Position)

The Out of Home Care Service Manager position under the direction of the Senior Manager, will be responsible for:

- Coordinating the Recruitment, Training and Assessment of Foster Carers.
- Supervising and Coordinating Case Management with caseworkers, and
- The day to day delivery of Aboriginal Out of Home Care Services for the Shoalhaven Region.

The successful applicant will be tertiary qualified, have experience in co coordinating Out of Home Care Services, and in managing a small team.

Contact Person: Iris McLeod 02 4421 8426

Project Officer, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Workforce Support Unit

Full Time (Aboriginal Identified Position)

The SEWB Workforce Support Unit aims to create and sustain a culturally appropriate and effective Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce based on the fundamental principles of community control and determination. The Project Officer will work in close collaboration with the Regional Substance Use Service to develop training and support plans for SEWB workers throughout the identified regions.

The successful applicant will have experience in, working with local Aboriginal Communities and relevant government organisations, managing projects with a range of stakeholders, and developing and delivering training programs in Aboriginal communities.

Contact Person: Carol Thomas 02 4447 8037

Coordinator, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Workforce Support Unit

Full Time (Aboriginal Identified Position)

The Coordinator will be responsible for the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Workforce Support Unit. This will include monitoring and coordinating support and training to OATSII funded positions including Bringing Them Home, Link Up, Mental Health, and Substance Use Workers in the ACT, Greater Southern and Illawarra Regions of NSW.

The successful applicant will have experience in, developing partnerships with local Aboriginal Communities and government organisations, project management, and managing budgets.

Contact Person: Carol Thomas 02 4447 8037

* *Aboriginal Identified Positions. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act. Proof of Aboriginality must be provided at interview.*

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: For an Information Package containing position description, selection criteria and an employment application contact Marnie Wilson on 4428 6666 or by email marni@southcoastams.org.au

Applications close: COB Wednesday 23 February 2011

Opportunity for Indigenous Australian to care for Country

- **Bairnsdale**
- **Full time ongoing role**
- **Salary \$42,305pa plus 9% Super**

Parks Victoria is committed to maintaining the health of the natural environment of our parks and reserves, while providing a range of excellent visitor services – so that all Victorians can visit them to relax or exercise their bodies and minds – *Healthy Parks Healthy People*.

We have a great opportunity for an Indigenous Ranger to work in the Bairnsdale Unit within the East Gippsland District. The position works as part of a team responsible for the overall management of parks and/or reserves, waterways and visitor facilities within the Ranger in Charge area. This includes all aspects of the delivery of on-ground works to protect the natural and cultural values and visitor facilities as well as to provide interpretation and promotion of the Indigenous culture of the park.

To succeed in this role you will have:

- Experience and/or knowledge of natural area and/or park management and a tertiary qualification in either are highly desirable.
- Practical experience in the management of relationships with both internal and external interest groups/stakeholders and Traditional Owners.
- Experience in assisting with the implementation of technical plans, programs and prescriptions in park management function, through an understanding of and empathy with the natural environment and knowledge of management techniques in flora and fauna, visitor, pest plant, pest animal, fire and cultural heritage resource management.
- Good communication and interpretation skills and the ability to relate to the public when providing information.
- Practical experience in the management of relationships with both internal and external interest groups/stakeholders and Traditional Owners.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise staff, seasonal staff, contractors and volunteers effectively and in accordance with Occupational Health & Safety and Equal Opportunity legislation.
- Demonstrated ability to work on and deliver concurrent projects and to manage and prioritise work to meet deadlines and budgets.
- Good computer literacy including experience in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Experience in the recording of Indigenous knowledge and the ability to help to integrate this information, where appropriate, in resource management, interpretation and promotion of the Indigenous Culture of the Park.
- A current manual Drivers Licence is essential.

To find out more about this position, please obtain a copy of the position description by visiting www.parkweb.vic.gov.au under 'employment'.

This position is an identified position for which Parks Victoria has Equal Opportunity Board exemption to advertise for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only. Application No: A126 / 2010.

Due to the nature of Aboriginal culture and the duties of this position, only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can successfully fill this role. Aboriginal women are strongly encouraged to apply. The successful candidate may be required to undertake appropriate training, relevant to the positions duties and responsibilities.

For further information please contact Jeremy Tscharke or Wendy Berick by calling **13 1963**.

To apply, please e-mail your application, to applications@parks.vic.gov.au Your application must include the following information:

1. Response to selection criteria of Position Description
2. A current Resume (including two referees)
3. Completed Aboriginality Form
4. Cover letter

Applications close Friday 25 February 2011.

Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer, with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.

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Learning Assistance Officer Gumurii Student Support Unit

Salary range: \$61,745 – \$66,011 per annum

Nathan campus

This is an identified position and the occupant must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under sections 25 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Closes: 17 February 2011

Reference: 492112



When applying:

Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4011 if you do not have internet access.

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Community Development Worker (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders)

Ref: 2010/1560

Position Status: Permanent Full Time

Salary: \$61,701.90 to \$67,600.25 pa

Contact: Anita Hanna, Coordinator Community Development on 9821 7756.

Closing Date: Monday, 14 February 2011.

This is a designated position and only people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent need to apply.

Visit www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/jobs.htm

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.

AOD Registered Nurse Piliyintinji-Ki Stronger Families

AHAC is seeking the services of a suitably qualified and experienced person to undertake the position of AOD RN within our Piliyintinji-Ki Stronger Families section to provide culturally appropriate support, information and education in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region and to encourage and develop social and emotional wellbeing. Qualifications and experience working with AOD is essential. The successful applicant will be required to contribute and assist with development and implementation of culturally responsive social and emotional wellbeing and AOD programs.

Public Health Registered Nurse

Join a progressive, multi-disciplinary team of public health professionals committed to health promotion and disease prevention in a culturally appropriate manner within the Barkly Region. You will be primarily responsible for assessing community health needs, and developing programs to meet those needs through research and consultation with the community, peers, resources and other strategies.

The advisory role of the position is of utmost importance to determine AHAC's future directions in Public Health.

Public Health Diabetes Educator

Anyinginyi Health is committed to supporting General Practitioners in the provision of Primary Health Care and Disease Prevention and is seeking a suitably qualified person for the position of Diabetes Educator to work in our Public Health Section. The successful applicant will have tertiary qualifications approved for membership to Diabetes Educators Association of Australia.

This role is responsible for clinical and preventative strategies, implementation and evaluation of Diabetes Education services in the Barkly area and surrounding remote communities.

This position will effectively manage people with diabetes in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team. This is a responsible position requiring strict confidentiality, initiative and innovation. This position supports the aims of AHAC and works towards the improvement of Aboriginal Health in Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region.

A generous remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidates including 6 weeks annual leave, sick leave, fringe benefits provision and superannuation. For further information regarding these positions please contact the HR Officer on (08) 8962 2633 or email: pam.lum@anyinginyi.com.au

All applicants are to provide checkable work referees

Successful applicant will be required to produce a Police Check and OCHRE Card

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Re-advertised Position

Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office

Expressions of Interest are sought for the 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 14th February, 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.

Family Caseworkers - Disability: Get a career that matters.

4 Caseworker positions (1 Permanent, 1 Contract to Jan 2012 & 2 Permanent Aboriginal Identified) Minto Location (On Call 24/7)

• 1 Permanent Caseworker - Extended Family Support Program - (Allowance provided for being on call 24/7) Medium term casework and coordination of support packages for high needs families with a child or young person with a disability.

• 3 Caseworkers (1 Contract to Jan 2012 and 2 Permanent Aboriginal Identified - vehicle provided free of charge for being on call 24/7) Intensive Family Support Options Program (IFSO) - assists families with a child or young person with a disability, who is at risk of out-of-home placement or family breakdown.

Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications with at least 3 years casework experience with children and families.

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(Relocation assistance to Perth if required)

We are seeking a motivated and informed senior level professional to support and manage our Newmont Social Responsibility initiatives. Based in our Perth office, you will implement projects to SR teams on various sites, as well as liaise with site management.

Your strong leadership skills and expert advice will be required to guide functional and operational areas on complex SR issues, including defined planning and managerial procedures. You will be an effective communicator, vital to strengthening relationships with both internal and external stakeholders, ensuring our work in community and business development programs remain a key focus.

The successful candidate will ideally have a degree in Social Science, Political Science or a related field, with at least five years experience in the corporate SR sector at a senior level. Mining experience is also desirable.

You will work within a dynamic team of professionals enjoy flexible working arrangements, an excellent salary package, medical benefits and free undercover car parking in Subiaco.

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We are a non-religious organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs. Fostering Young Lives works with children and young people in general foster care and relative/kinship care. It is an innovative and evidence based Out-of-Home Care program and we are currently looking for passionate people to join us as:

Case Manager (Hurstville) Case Work Assistants (Hurstville & Macquarie Park)

For more information about each position, including the position description and how to apply visit our website. **Applications should be received by Monday 28th February 2011.** Interviews will be conducted on 7th March 2011.

We offer a \$16,050 tax free salary component which means more in your take home pay. You will also benefit from ongoing support and training (including a comprehensive orientation), and great flexibility including a monthly accrued day off for full time employees.



PaCE Programs Manager and 4 x PaCE Project Officers

AFL (NSW/ACT) is expanding its Indigenous programs with the delivery of the Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) program. An exciting opportunity has arisen for motivated and dedicated individuals to join the team in the role of PaCE Programs Manager and PaCE Project Officers.

The AFL PaCE program is a community driven program. It focuses on the development and implementation of innovative approaches to improve the educational outcomes of Indigenous school students through enhancing Indigenous parental engagement with schools and education providers.

The position of PaCE Programs Manager is responsible for overseeing the direct program delivery and development and managing four PaCE Project Officers. They will be accountable for the quality, effectiveness cost and timeliness of the program.

The four PaCE Project Officer positions (Western Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Coffs Harbour and The Illawarra) are responsible for direct program delivery and development for Indigenous parents, communities and school children.

To view the position description and apply please visit www.afl.com.au/careers
Please direct any enquiries to Kylie Storer on (03) 9643 1896.

Closing date: Friday 18 February, 2011

Counsellor Bringing Them Home

*** Competitive remuneration circa \$55k!
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Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation has an exciting opportunity for a full time **Bringing Them Home Counsellor** to provide counselling to those affected by Stolen Generation issues in East Perth. **Attractive remuneration circa \$55,000 plus great benefits!** Applicants are required to be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent as an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is identified under Section 50(d) of the EO Act. **Applications close 16th Feb 2011.**



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Cultural Education Support Worker

Permanent Full Time – 37.5 hrs per week
Location: Main Road, Ballarat

The Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative is seeking a highly motivated, enthusiastic, well organised individual with sound knowledge of Aboriginal Culture. The role will participate in a range of activities including assisting the Cultural Education Officer in the development and delivery of education programs and assisting the Stolen Generation community.

The successful applicant must have experience in education, public speaking, understanding of school curriculum, the ability to liaise and communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, current Victorian Drivers license, must have a current working with children and police check's or the ability to obtain one.

Key duties include:

- Assist in preparation and presentations of Cultural Education Events
- Assist with marketing and promotional materials
- Statistical records and evaluation
- Participate in museum education networks

For further information please contact Vicki Peart, Cultural Education Program Manager, for selection criteria contact Renee Bray on (03) 5331 5344 or email: RBray@badac.ballarat.net.au

Closing date:
21 February 2010



**Department of Environment, Climate Change
and Water NSW**

Catchment Officer (Aboriginal Communities)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Wagga Wagga
Permanent Full Time

Job Reference No: CMA2011/005

Total remuneration package valued at \$95,451 per annum (includes salary \$78,142 pa - \$86,498 pa).

Job Description: Provide advice and assistance to indigenous groups and CMA staff to maximise Aboriginal involvement in natural resource management activities, including funding programs. Act as a primary point of contact for Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal heritage issues with regard to CMA activities. Initiate and maintain local networks and partnerships across the catchment. Liaise and negotiate with staff, other agencies and stakeholders to facilitate input by Aboriginal communities into CMA activities. Deliver cross-cultural training and training and information sessions on Aboriginal heritage issues to CMA staff and stakeholders.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues and ability to deal with cross-cultural issues.
- Well developed written and oral communication, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops.
- Demonstrated ability to manage projects and organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines.
- Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework.
- Good analysis, research and problem solving skills and ability to work cooperatively as part of a team.
- Current driver's licence.

Inquiries Name: Michael Dunn

Inquiries Phone: (02) 6932 3242

Information Packages: Please send an e-mail to cma_infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 005 in the subject line. This is an auto response.

Applications: Please apply on line at jobs.nsw.gov.au or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124

Closing Date: 20 February 2011

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ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

Lake Tyers Community Renewal Project

\$40,771 - \$52,357 plus superannuation **Position No DJ4329**

We are currently seeking an Assistant Co-ordinator to support and work with the Coordinator to assist in the successful delivery of projects and initiatives under the Lake Tyers Community Renewal Project.

This 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. The successful applicant is required to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Koori community and the ability to communicate sensitively.

**To apply online and for further information on position
descriptions and selection criteria visit**

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is
Friday 25th February 2011

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GANDANGARA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

ACCOUNTANT

Sydney Aboriginal Services Ltd (SASL) is an Aboriginal joint venture, not-for-profit company created by Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council in Liverpool, servicing Australia from Sydney's South West. SASL currently services the operational needs of no less than four Local Aboriginal Land Councils and is rapidly growing into one of the largest Aboriginal management company's and service providers in Australia. An opportunity has opened up for an Accountant to join their finance and accounting team and help contribute to further expansion through providing additional expertise and knowledge.

Job Description

This is a pivotal role which will assist the management of the organisation which includes:

- Assisting in preparing operating budgets for the organisation and its various divisions and functions, including cash budgeting and management;
- Generating regular reports on the performance of the organisation relative to the budgets and forecasts and presenting them to senior management with recommendations;
- Assisting with the implementation, management and supervision of an overall risk management strategy;
- Supporting the senior management team in developing strategic plans which meet the corporate objectives of the organisation – including particularly its economic and business development and investment strategies;
- Assisting in the reviewing of investment opportunities and the financial capacity of the organisation to pursue these opportunities;
- Monitoring internal and external economic influences which affect the organisation to identify changes required to corporate strategies and policies;
- Providing business and investment decision support, and analysis of investment decisions;
- Demonstrating experience in preparation of statutory accounts, GST returns and ASIC reporting requirements.

The Successful Applicant

Ideally you will be an ambitious accountant who is CA/CPA qualified with previous experience within a fast paced environment. You must have excellent communication skills that will allow you to liaise effectively with all levels of the business.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.

If you would like to know more about this position please contact:
Jennifer Weatherstone, HR Manager on
ph: (02) 9602 9677 or via email on jweatherstone@sasl.org.au

Applications close at COB 18th February 2011.



New England Division of General Practice

New opportunities due to further expansion

**Are you interested in supporting and improving access to health care?
Then this could be the job for you!**

The New England Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation based in Armidale, Northern NSW. The Division's role is to represent and support the General Practitioners of the New England Tablelands and assist them in addressing the health needs of the local community more effectively. The Division invites applications for the following positions:

**Inverell Aboriginal Health
Worker (Female)**
4 days/week - \$46,447 - \$51,843
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Health Worker**
4 days/week - \$46,447 - \$51,843
(pro rata)

**Glen Innes Aboriginal
Health Worker**
4 days/week - \$46,447 - \$51,843
(pro rata)

**Aboriginal Community
Support Worker**
(Armidale, Guyra, Uralla & Walcha)
4 days/week
- \$46,447 - \$51,843 (pro rata)

ALL POSITIONS ARE IDENTIFIED FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

*Aboriginality and gender is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the
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These opportunities exist within the NEDGP Aboriginal Health Services team. We are looking for motivated and enthusiastic individuals who want to support and assist the Aboriginal community with access to primary health services, including those offered by the Division.

These are exciting positions that offer a variety of work, helping to make a difference to health delivery for Aboriginal people within the New England Region.

If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, please contact Natalie Green on (02) 6771 1146. The full position description and selection criteria can be viewed at www.nedgp.org.au. Remuneration will be negotiated based on qualifications, skills and experience. Applications can be emailed to sreed@nedgp.org.au or sent to PO Box 1321, Armidale NSW 2350.

Applications close 5pm 25th February 2011

**(Late applications and those which do not address the selection criteria
will not be considered)**



CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking the services of an experienced person to manage our Economic and Community Development Unit.

Cherbourg is situated in the South Burnett region of Queensland approx. 3 hours drive north of Brisbane.

The senior management role consists of managing existing operations such as Employment Services (inc CDEP), Farms, Retail, Building Services and identification and development of new enterprise opportunities.

An attractive wage is being offered.

A position description is available by contacting Ross Higgins on 07 41681866 or email at dceo@cherbourg.qld.gov.au or on the Council website www.cherbourg.qld.gov.au

Applications close on Thursday 24 February 2011.

Warren Collins
Chief Executive Officer
22 Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg Q 4605

Advanced Health Worker

- Excellent salary packaging
- Barcaldine based
- Full time, fixed term to 2012

Are you passionate about helping the most vulnerable?

We are seeking an experienced, competent and motivated person to promote good nutrition in the Central West district communities, involving primary prevention activities that support and promote healthy eating. The role will work closely with Queensland Health and local Community Nutritionists to deliver local services with Indigenous communities and work towards keeping the whole community healthy.

If you are interested in working for the world's largest humanitarian organisation, please visit our careers page at

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for further information and a position description.

For enquiries, please contact Anna Boyce on 07 3367 7217.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 16 February 2011.



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Shoalhaven Aboriginal Community Development Officer

**Full time – 38 hours per week (6 month contract
with possibility of renewal if funding available)**

**Attractive remuneration package in the range of \$47-54k
including motor vehicle to be negotiated**

Shoalhaven Safe Community Aboriginal Partnership (SSCAP) is an Aboriginal led collaborative partnership in the Shoalhaven area between Aboriginal communities and organisations, non-Aboriginal communities and organisations and all levels of government. The aim of SSCAP is to promote social equality, self determination and safety, health and well-being for Aboriginal communities in the Shoalhaven.

SSCAP seeks applications from suitably experienced and qualified persons for the position of Aboriginal Community Development Officer. The successful person will undertake a range of activities which support the goals of the SSCAP. This will require building strong working relationships with partners and communities, strategic and operational planning and administrative support to the SSCAP.

The person will be based in Nowra, employed by Healthy Cities Illawarra and be responsible to the SSCAP's Indigenous Steering Committee.

Applicants must obtain an information package which includes the selection criteria. Only written applications which address the criteria will be considered.

To request an information package or for any enquiries please contact Nicole Moore by phone on 02 4421 4581 or email sscapcoord@healthycitiesshoalhaven.com.au

Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 25th February 2011

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

This position is funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



Manager, Strategic Projects – Aboriginal Health Branch

\$93,740 - \$125,443 (+ superannuation)

Are you committed to closing the life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Victorians? Do you have a sound understanding of the strategic issues facing the health of Aboriginal people? Are you proactive, thinking and acting with a long term perspective? Do you have a good understanding of the Aboriginal community in Victoria?

The Manager – Strategic Projects will oversee the development and execution of processes designed to facilitate new initiatives in Aboriginal health, ensuring that it is everyone's responsibility.

The Manager – Strategic Projects is responsible for overseeing targeted strategic projects with a range of internal and external stakeholders, facilitating relationships and activities with the non-government sector and ensuring timely and accurate communications including policy briefings, presentations, correspondence and reports.

Do you have?

- the ability to identify and explore opportunities to further improvements in Aboriginal health?
- strong conceptual, writing, management and relationship skills?
- the ability to provide creative, culturally appropriate solutions to complex issues?
- a strong understanding of targeted communications to a wide range of stakeholders?

If this opportunity appeals to you, please contact Janet Laverick to discuss, on (03) 9096-7021

Please quote reference no DH/WICA/281805

16th February 2011

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DH recruitment practices.



Applicants need to be committed to the DH Values. DH is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
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Assistant Support Worker (Aboriginal)

**Community Offender Support
Program (COSP), Nowra, Permanent
Full-Time.**

Vacancy Number: 00000BNK. Total remuneration package valued at \$62,507 pa, including salary \$52,104 pa to \$56,644 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Primary Purpose of the Position: Provide support and assistance to the residents of the COSP Centre and facilitate effective and efficient implementation of the aims and objectives of the centre.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated ability to assist in case management work as part of a team. High level oral and written communication and interpersonal skills. Knowledge and understanding of the needs of offenders returning to the community from custody. Ability to develop mutual respect, empathy and cooperation with residents, colleagues and professional and community based organisations. Current NSW Drivers licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW. Current First Aid Certificate or willingness to attain within three months.

Job Notes: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Applicants must apply and address the selection criteria online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au Applicants should attach their resume including details of qualifications as a word document to their online application. Occupants of this position will be required to work a 38 hour per week rotating shift roster, appropriate shift penalties will apply. All staff will be required to attend onsite training at the commencement of employment at Nowra COSP including the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks and additional COSP specific training. Applicants are required to provide email addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary vacancies at this location.

Enquiries: jennifer.blanch@dcs.nsw.gov.au

or 0408 288 567.

Closing Date: 20/02/2011



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Aboriginal Targeted position
Castlereagh Local Area Command, Western Region, Field Operations
Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
Suburb: COONAMBLE
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/005

Salary Package:

\$62,507. Salary: \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Overtime, Shift and Remote Area allowances are available.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer position reports directly to the station supervisor and is within the overall management responsibility of the Local Area Manager. The General Administrative Support Officer provides support with the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support, including within the Court Process Office.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- The position will generally be rostered to perform work on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the 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:

- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine / minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system and maintain accurate filing systems.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including the working of local court systems.

Enquiries: Benjamin Salt on (02) 6828 6801 or salt1ben@police.nsw.gov.au

Information Pack: Natalie Dunstan on (02) 6828 6802 or duns1nat@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Benjamin Salt, A/Local Area Manager, Castlereagh Local Area Command, PO Box 312, WALGETT NSW 2832

Applications may also be submitted via: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 18 February 2011



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We want candidates with initiative and technical aptitudes that are team and safety focused.

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Enquiries to the Resource Development team on Ph: (07) 3407 6604 or (07) 3407 6670

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 28 February 2011 at 4pm.

ENERGEX values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply, including women and members of indigenous communities.

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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 prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/2066	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	113.86km²	119km SE'ly of Derby	Lat 18°06' Long 124°23'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/2067	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	107.15km²	102km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°28' Long 124°40'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1814	Universal Explorers Pty Ltd	112.04km²	112km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°39' Long 116°13'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1839	Shaw River Resources Ltd	285.05km²	130km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°48' Long 116°35'	Upper Gascoyne
20/759	Gascoyne Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	3.05km²	38km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°05' Long 117°55'	Cue
21/147	Michael Ashley Giles	24.32km²	10km SW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°29' Long 117°48'	Cue
25/461	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	8.8km²	54km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°07' Long 122°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/155	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	2.94km²	23km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/802	Breaker Resources NL	90.31km²	82km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 120°31'	Menzies
36/756	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	202.89km²	20km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°00' Long 120°52'	Leonora
36/766	Brutus Constructions Pty Ltd	181.38km²	38km S'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°14' Long 120°34'	Leonora
36/768	Enterprise Metals Limited	6.06km²	37km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°54' Long 121°04'	Leonora
36/769	Encounter Resources Ltd	48.82km²	88km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°17' Long 120°08'	Leonora/Wiluna
37/1073	Ishine International Resources Ltd	99.48km²	60km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°40'	Laverton/Leonora
37/1074	Ishine International Resources Ltd	78.03km²	39km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°44'	Leonora
37/1077	Wieslaw Wozniak	3.02km²	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°58' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/1089	Raymond John Francis				
37/1089	Afmeco Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd	78.21km²	46km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 120°54'	Leonora
38/2399-400	South Boulder Mines Ltd	282.52km²	81km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°37' Long 122°11'	Laverton
38/2490	Rubicon Resources Ltd	15.01km²	20km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°19'	Laverton
38/2510	Resource Assets Pty Ltd	210.97km²	34km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°26' Long 122°41'	Laverton
38/2511	Breaker Resources NL	155.39km²	124km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°14' Long 121°51'	Laverton
38/2512	Breaker Resources NL	213.09km²	104km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°20' Long 122°08'	Laverton
38/2514	Breaker Resources NL	211.11km²	49km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°21' Long 123°10'	Laverton
38/2516-7	Breaker Resources NL	230.26km²	17km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°55' Long 123°03'	Laverton
38/2520	Breaker Resources NL	213.38km²	99km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°09' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/2521-2	Breaker Resources NL	748.91km²	130km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°49' Long 122°55'	Laverton
38/2513 & 38/2529	Breaker Resources NL	551.75km²	59km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 123°26'	Laverton
38/2530 & 2532	Breaker Resources NL	693.55km²	92km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°25' Long 123°42'	Laverton
38/2533	JML Resources Pty Ltd	66.7km²	78km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°47' Long 122°08'	Laverton
38/2535	Michael Jeremy Ellis	42.45km²	50km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°46' Long 122°27'	Laverton
38/2536	Breaker Resources NL	190.72km²	84km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°57' Long 123°45'	Laverton
38/2540	Breaker Resources NL	218.86km²	181km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 29°01' Long 124°20'	Laverton
38/2541	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	9.14km²	100km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°10' Long 122°27'	Laverton
38/2543	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	9.01km²	24km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°38'	Laverton
38/2544	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	15.18km²	72km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°33' Long 123°26'	Laverton
38/2547	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	150.13km²	187km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°36' Long 123°58'	Wiluna
38/2549	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	12.26km²	210km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°29' Long 124°11'	Wiluna
38/2550	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	18.38km²	202km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°36' Long 124°12'	Wiluna
38/2551	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	591.7km²	220km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°32' Long 124°24'	Wiluna
38/2552	Northern Drilling Pty Ltd	3km²	54km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°52' Long 122°52'	Laverton
38/2553	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	168.43km²	177km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°37' Long 123°48'	Laverton/Wiluna
38/2555	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	15.28km²	157km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°51' Long 123°50'	Laverton
38/2556	Sasak Resources Australia Pty Ltd	97.71km²	176km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°59' Long 124°16'	Laverton
38/2563	Formula Resources Pty Ltd	3km²	32km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°40'	Laverton
38/2564	Formula Resources Pty Ltd	6.04km²	49km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°11' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/2565	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	211.39km²	59km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°13' Long 122°00'	Leonora
38/2570	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	600.99km²	110km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°06' Long 123°22'	Laverton
38/2571	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	440.25km²	138km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°48' Long 123°20'	Laverton
38/2573	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	210.61km²	50km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°54'	Wiluna
39/1617-8 & 39/1626	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	323.48km²	152km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°03' Long 122°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/
39/1620	Independence Group NL				Menzies
39/1620	United Orogen Limited	44.63km²	166km Se'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°47' Long 123°28'	Menzies
39/1624	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	20.87km²	102km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°32' Long 122°21'	Menzies
40/298	James Gregory Epis	20.95km²	37km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°15'	Menzies
	Glenn William Baker				
45/3677	Whim Creek Mining Pty Ltd	223.47km²	32km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°23' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara
45/3678	Whim Creek Mining Pty Ltd	223.56km²	20km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°20' Long 119°40'	East Pilbara
45/3679	Great Sandy Pty Ltd	128.14km²	34km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°57' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
45/3708	Geological Resources Pty Ltd	60.64km²	84km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 118°57'	East Pilbara
45/3756	Mithril Resources Ltd	224.25km²	54km S'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°48' Long 119°20'	East Pilbara
45/3771	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	6.35km²	111km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°54' Long 119°01'	East Pilbara
45/3772	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	3.17km²	112km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°53' Long 118°59'	Port Hedland Town
45/3786	Polaris Metals Pty Ltd	28.87km²	23km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°28' Long 118°45'	Port Hedland Town
45/3800	Atlas Iron Limited	3.19km²	69km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°21' Long 119°06'	Port Hedland Town
45/3801	Atlas Iron Limited	3.19km²	65km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°20' Long 119°08'	East Pilbara
45/3807	Central Pilbara South Iron Ore Pty Ltd	3.18km²	76km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°36' Long 119°10'	East Pilbara
45/3808	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	6.38km²	79km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°12' Long 118°59'	East Pilbara
47/2183	Atlas Iron Limited	34.65km²	28km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°15' Long 119°29'	East Pilbara
47/2184	Atlas Iron Limited	9.45km²	23km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°14' Long 119°32'	East Pilbara
47/2378	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	214.72km²	67km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°44' Long 117°08'	Ashburton
47/2459	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.15km²	27km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°10' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara
47/2466	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	70.22km²	105km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°11' Long 118°13'	Port Hedland Town
51/1469	Gascoyne Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	6.1km²	50km N'ly of Cue	Lat 26°59' Long 117°49'	Cue
51/1470	Gascoyne Mines Pty Ltd	91.73km²	58km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°49' Long 117°58'	Cue/Meekatharra
51/1472	Emu Nickel NL	48.83km²	55km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°05' Long 118°31'	Cue
51/1473	Emu Nickel NL	48.8km²	61km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°08' Long 118°33'	Cue/Meekatharra
52/2617	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	105.67km²	174km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°50' Long 116°55'	Upper Gascoyne
52/2632	Kumarina Copper Pty Ltd	15.61km²	119km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 24°25' Long 119°31'	Meekatharra
52/2640	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	94.18km²	58km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°32' Long 118°07'	Meekatharra
52/2649	Eastern Goldfields Mining Co. Pty Ltd	9.32km²	191km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 25°04' Long 119°54'	Meekatharra
52/2650	Snap Hook (WA) Pty Ltd	95.63km²	130km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°46' Long 117°34'	Meekatharra
52/2651	Snap Hook (WA) Pty Ltd	126.29km²	120km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°56' Long 117°32'	Meekatharra
52/2653	Eastern Goldfields Mining Co. Pty Ltd	6.21km²	190km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 25°04' Long 119°51'	Meekatharra
53/1556	Ivernia Australia Exploration Pty Ltd	9.19km²	72km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°46' Long 120°09'	Wiluna
53/1558	Ivernia Australia Exploration Pty Ltd	6.14km²	72km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°32' Long 120°07'	Wiluna
53/1559	Ivernia Australia Exploration Pty Ltd	3.07km²	74km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°30' Long 120°06'	Wiluna
53/1560	Magellan Metals Pty Ltd	24.56km²	84km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 120°00'	Wiluna
53/1561	Magellan Metals Pty Ltd	3.06km²	80km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°35' Long 120°02'	Wiluna
53/1592	Breaker Resources NL	158.67km²	103km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°06' Long 121°42'	Laverton/Wiluna
53/1594 & 1597-8	Toro Energy Limited	61.17km²	94km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°59' Long 120°01'	Wiluna
53/1595	Toro Energy Limited	3.06km²	92km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°56' Long 120°00'	Wiluna
53/1596	Toro Energy Limited	3.06km²	94km SW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°57' Long 119°59'	Wiluna
53/1602	Zeus Uranium Ltd	175.73km²	91km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°04' Long 120°08'	Wiluna
53/1604	Zeus Uranium Ltd	147.23km²	42km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°37' Long 120°25'	Wiluna
59/1710	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	20.92km²	17km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°17' Long 117°31'	Yalgoo
59/1730	West Peak Iron Ltd	3.01km²	54km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°32' Long 117°46'	Mount Magnet
59/1735	Westralian Iron Pty Ltd	27.07km²	34km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°36' Long 116°52'	Yalgoo
69/2674	Enterprise Metals Limited	432.64km²	43km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°45' Long 123°33'	Dundas/Esperance
69/2689	Enterprise Metals Limited	109.69km²	28km S'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°42' Long 123°50'	Dundas
69/2755	Salazar Gold Pty Limited	585.66km²	32km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°15' Long 123°37'	Dundas
69/2833	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	40.23km²	136km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°26' Long 121°19'	Wiluna
70/3559	Rulston Pty Ltd	94.25km²	44km NW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat 33°40' Long 118°33'	Kent
70/3750	Newmont Boddington Pty Ltd	116.81km²	39km E'ly of Pinjarra	Lat 32°32' Long 116°16'	Boddington/Murray/
	Saddleback Investments Pty Ltd				Wandering
70/3856	Strother Mining Pty Ltd	26.03km²	56km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°36' Long 119°25'	Kondinin/Kulin
70/3924	Lake Moore Gypsum Pty Ltd	71.29km²	74km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°55' Long 117°35'	Dalwallinu/
70/3968	Western Coal Pty Ltd	207.19km²	30km E'ly of Jurien Bay	Lat 30°18' Long 115°21'	Mount Marshall
70/3969	Western Coal Pty Ltd	25.68km²	22km N'ly of Margaret River	Lat 33°45' Long 115°08'	Coorow/Dandaragan
70/3987	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	224.83km²	32km NW'ly of Moora	Lat 30°25' Long 115°42'	Augusta-Margaret River/
70/3988-9	Richmond Resources Pty Ltd	652.21km²	15km NW'ly of Moora	Lat 30°28' Long 115°53'	Busseton
77/1780	Ausquest Ltd	594.78km²	119km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°55' Long 118°39'	Dandaragan
80/3986	Qualup Investments Pty Ltd	222.84km²	185km SW'ly of Balgo	Lat 21°40' Long 127°14'	Dandaragan/Moora
80/4446	GHL Resource Investments Pty Ltd	3.24km²	81km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°48' Long 127°12'	Yilgarn
80/4460	Piper Preston Pty Ltd	140.15km²	161km SE'ly of Balgo Mission	Lat 21°28' Long 128°36'	East Pilbara
80/4478	Ishine International Resources Ltd	126.81km²	26km E'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°09' Long 127°54'	Halls Creek
80/4490	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	19.56km²	79km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°35' Long 127°59'	Halls Creek
	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd				
80/4503	Anglo Australian Resources NL	71.4km²	43km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°33' Long 127°26'	Halls Creek
80/4504	Stansmore Resources Pty Ltd	181.53km²	101km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°50' Long 126°57'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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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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.

Closes 21 February 2011.

This is an Aboriginal identified position.



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Grafton Location

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Closing Date: 18 February 2011

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www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers



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Roads & Traffic
Authority

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Education & Training

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

Aboriginal Child Wellbeing Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8

Temporary Full-time positions

Position Numbers: 153588 & 153589

Senior Project Officer

\$76,424 - \$92,467 + 9% Super

Position No: DSE 801449

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to work in indigenous policy and native title matters? The Native Title Unit within the Department of Sustainability and Environment is seeking to recruit a Fixed Term Senior Project Officer for 12 months to manage and deliver a range of native title and indigenous policy projects.

In this position you will be required to manage the implementation of agreements with Traditional Owner groups, including the preparation of implementation plans, project briefs and related documentation; engagement with stakeholders internal and external to the Department; and managing the delivery of outcomes.

You will be given the opportunity to represent the Department in mediation of native title matters and claims, including the development of negotiating positions and participation in mediation meetings with other State agencies and Traditional Owner groups.

As the Senior Project Officer you will exercise leadership and innovation in developing and implementing indigenous and native title policy initiatives, and will provide expert advice to senior management. You will have strong relationship-building and negotiation skills, and will be a self-starter, able to seize opportunities and act upon them. You will use these skills to deliver quality outcomes.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 20 February 2011.

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NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (2 Positions)

Campbelltown Local Area Command, South West Region, Field Operations
Clerk Grade 3/4

Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months, CAMPBELLTOWN
Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/026

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 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. The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer 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:

- Temporary employment/appointment under *Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990* for up to 12 months.
- 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: David Mathias on (02) 4620 1186 or math1wil@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: The Local Area Manager, Campbelltown Local Area Command, 65 Queen Street, Campbelltown NSW 2560

Applications can also be submitted online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 18 February 2011

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 23 February 2011

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the form below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 23 May 2011. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **23 May 2011**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **24 May 2011**. After **24 May 2011**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council #7

Federal Court File No: NSD1732/2010

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 491/727810

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application is Lot 491 on DP727810 covering about 1.29 hectares, located on Port Stephens Drive in the vicinity of Taylors Beach as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Port Stephens Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT based on data sourced from and used with permission of the Public Sector Mapping Agency.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales



National
Native Title
Tribunal

Notification day: 23 February 2011

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves but, rather, they are seeking a determination that native title does not exist in relation to the area. The applicant has a non-native title interest in the area, set out in their application as described in the form below.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area.

PLEASE NOTE: A person who claims to hold native title rights and interests in the area may wish to file a native title claimant application prior to 23 May 2011. Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before **23 May 2011**, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA and **acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title.** The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

A person who claims native title rights and interests may also seek to become a party to the non-claimant application in order for those rights and interests to be taken into account in the Federal Court's determination. Other than filing a native title claim in response to this non-claimant application, this may represent the only opportunity to have those rights and interests in relation to the area considered. Any person who wants to become a party to this non-claimant application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 17, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000**, on or before **24 May 2011**. After **24 May 2011**, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.



Applicant's name: Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council #6

Federal Court File No: NSD1731/2010

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 1-2/1145824

Order sought by Applicant: The applicant seeks a determination of no native title.

Description: The area subject to this application is located approximately 20 kilometres northwest of Newcastle in the vicinity of Salt Ash. The application covers about 10 hectares and is over Lot 1 and 2 on DP1145824, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Port Stephens Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/453	Blackfin Pty Ltd	12963.96ha	107km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°06' Long 124°34'	Derby-West Kimberley
29/414	Jupiter Mines Ltd	6460.54ha	78km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°14' Long 120°24'	Menzies
47/1449	Domain Mining Pty Ltd	2936.08ha	70km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°55' Long 118°28'	Port Hedland Town

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: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 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
16/2707-10	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd	504.35ha	34km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
25/2200	Thomas James Giri	50.78ha	32km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2201	Aruma Exploration Pty Ltd	200ha	35km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°54' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3830	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	199.91ha	25km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie/ Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3829 & 31	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	395.77ha	25km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°58' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2052	Jabiru Metals Ltd	199.94ha	22km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2178-82 & 2184-90	Venus Metals Corporation Limited	2308.09ha	10km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°08'	Menzies
29/2191	Raymond John Francis Wieszlaw Wozniak	168.02ha	3km N'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°39' Long 121°01'	Menzies
30/1088	Eugene Gerald Lamont Mark Gerald Lamont	7.29ha	46km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 120°33'	Menzies
37/8004-5	Iron Wheel Pty Ltd	398.73ha	30km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°31'	Leonora
38/3941	Regis Resources Limited	10.41ha	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/3944	Regis Resources Limited	104.44ha	58km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°41' Long 122°24'	Laverton
51/2700	Jinka Minerals Ltd	47.44ha	46km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°58' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra
51/2705-6	Silver Swan Group Ltd	282.6ha	23km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°47' Long 118°35'	Meekatharra
51/2707	Silver Swan Group Ltd	183.56ha	24km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°47' Long 118°34'	Meekatharra
51/2708	Meeka Flats Pty Ltd	199.41ha	9km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°40' Long 118°30'	Meekatharra
59/1944	Shane John Calegari	74.81ha	2km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°42'	Yalgoo

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: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 23 February 2011



National Native Title Tribunal

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 23 May 2011**. After 23 May 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: LY & Ors v State of Western Australia (Yinhawangka Part A)

Federal Court File No: WAD340 of 2010

Date filed: 11 November 2010

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 4,711 square kilometres and is located around the southern area of Karjini National Park in the vicinity of Paraburdoo as shown on the locality map.

The area subject to this application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of Ashburton and Shire of East Pilbara.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Imogen Jeffreys on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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GENERAL MANAGER

ATTENTION: All keen, creative and driven MOB!

A RARE opportunity exists for a **General Manager** extraordinaire to lead the way for Indigenous Arts in Victoria! ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY in North Melbourne is on the hunt for someone with passion, leadership and organizational skills to steer the company in a new direction. After a sell out season at last year's Melbourne International Arts Festival (Jack Charles V The Crown) and a new company rebrand being launched, Ilbijerri is ready for a new year of exciting projects and someone equipped to drive it!

Ilbijerri Theatre (now 20 years strong) produces original, innovative, contemporary works, which have resonated with Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences both nationally and internationally. Our aim is to support and empower Indigenous artists to tell our stories from our perspective.

So what's this role all about?

Working alongside Ilbijerri's Board of Directors and in close collaboration with the Artistic Director, the successful applicant will provide strong leadership and direction over the day to day management operations of the theatre company and its dynamic team, while maintaining a clear focus on the company's long term visions and strategic growth.

What's required?

- A strong understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and culture.
- Experienced in the areas of project management, marketing and development, production, or previous experience as a General Manager.
- A good understanding of the artistic process and the demands of a "theatre company" or similar artistic field.
- Strong negotiation and communication skills with a variety of stakeholders (such as government, philanthropy & industry peers)
- Good financial management practices and skills

What are the conditions of employment?

We will offer the successful candidate a competitive salary package which includes laptop and flexible family friendly working hours. Ilbijerri Theatre Company has a strong commitment to the training and development of its Indigenous employees in all roles.

So, are you keen?

Well, you've got until **Monday 7th March 2011** to let us know that you're keen.

For a detailed job description and full selection criteria please contact:

Shauna Maguire (Office Manager) at Ilbijerri via: info@ilbijerri.com.au or telephone: (03) 9329 9097

Where do I send my application?

POST: CONFIDENTIAL Attn: Gavin Somers, President

ILBIJERRI THEATRE

Arts House, Meat Market, 5 Blackwood Street

North Melbourne, VIC 3051

FAX: (03) 9329 9105 EMAIL: info@ilbijerri.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants encouraged to apply.



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

General Administrative Support Officer

Aboriginal Targeted position

Deniliquin Local Area Command, Southern Region, Field Operations

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2

Employment Status: Temporary Full-Time up to 12 months

Suburb: DENILIQUIN

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/022

Salary Package:

\$62,507. Salary: \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The General Administrative Support Officer (GASO) position is a direct report to the Station Supervisor with the overall management responsibility with the Local Area Manager. The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force. The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with Part 9A, *Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Temporary employment/appointment under *Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990* for up to 12 months.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with Flexible Rostering Guidelines.
- Position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries, after reading the information package, please contact the 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:

- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management systems.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including the working of local court system.
- Understanding of the importance in maintaining confidentiality.

Enquiries: Vicki McEwen on (03) 5881 9417 or mcew1vic@police.nsw.gov.au

Information Pack: Gayle Beckton on (03) 5881 9401 or beck1gay@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: Local Area Manager, Deniliquin Police Station, 7 Hardinge Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Applications can also be submitted online at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 18 February 2011

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Indigenous Project Worker or Consultant 3 months

Queensland Shelter advocates for the housing rights of low and moderate income Queenslanders. We are seeking either a project officer or a consultant for a three month project to work alongside our Policy Team to further our recent work with Indigenous Community Housing Organisations (ICHOs).

The purpose of this project is to build on engagement with Indigenous housing stakeholders and create a Shape of Indigenous Housing Queensland Report – a vision of what the housing assistance system should look like in Queensland.

There is a project brief on our website www.qshelter.asn.au

For more information please contact:

Adrian Pisarski
Executive Officer
07 3831 5900
eo@qshelter.asn.au

Send your resume and expression of interest highlighting relevant skills and experience to Adrian Pisarski, Executive Officer, PO Box 214, SPRING HILL Q 4004 or email eo@qshelter.asn.au

Applications close: COB Friday 18 February 2011.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker NEWCASTLE

GP Access has a full-time contract position for an Indigenous Outreach Worker (until June 30, 2012) in our Closing the Gap - Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care Program. The role involves working with our Indigenous Health Project Officer to assist local Indigenous Australians to make better use of available health care services.

The role is non-clinical and duties will include community liaison, project support, general practice staff education, and provide assistance to clients to access mainstream general practice services, specialist services, and other primary health services. The Outreach Worker will actively participate in the promotion and delivery of culturally appropriate education and services.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Project Assistant NEWCASTLE

GP Access has a temporary full/part time contract position for an Indigenous Project Assistant (until June 30, 2011) in our Closing the Gap Project Team. The role of the position is to work with our

Indigenous Health Project Officer to assist local Indigenous Australians to make better use of available health care services.

This position will mainly focus on contacting and assisting Aboriginal patients and their families to access mainstream primary care services and provide individuals and communities with information on their health care entitlements. This position requires excellent telephone and verbal communication skills.

Application Criteria: positions are specifically Indigenous Australian positions; applicants must have good interpersonal skills; ability to communicate effectively & with cultural sensitivity and respect to Indigenous Australians; an understanding of the issues affecting health outcomes of individuals & communities; must be respected within the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as a responsible community member; and have a current NSW driver's licence and access to a comprehensively insured motor vehicle for work purposes.

Successful applicants will be provided with access to orientation training and will be supported to pursue further relevant vocational training.

Remuneration package includes salary of \$53,415 p.a., superannuation and generous salary packaging benefits. A position description and selection criteria is available at www.gpaccess.com.au

Applications must respond to the essential & desirable criteria; provide a resume outlining relevant experience and skills and a brief cover letter to Lisa Craig, Practice Support Manager, email lcraig@gpaccess.com.au. Enquiries to Helen Aldridge on (02) 4926 0586 or email haldridge@gpaccess.com.au

Applications Close: 18 February 2011.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER and MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER

These two positions are available with Australia's peak body for Indigenous communications.

AICA's membership includes representatives of Indigenous Radio Stations, Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services and Indigenous Broadcasters on Community Broadcasting Stations, the National Indigenous Television Service (NITV), National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), National Newspaper, Independent Film Producers and Information Technology Producers, Indigenous Training Organisations. AICA will also be developing a Youth Sector.

The CEO and the AICA Board on matters of policy and practice related to the provision of services to AICA members, providing proactive and timely advice to AICA membership about the full range of legal, regulatory, financial, technological and operational factors affecting the welfare, success and future prospects as community broadcasting stations, aspirants or groups and other members.

The Membership Services Officer, will be responsible to the Chief Executive Officer for providing appropriate advice to and support for prospective and current members of the Association on a wide range of activities appropriate to the establishment, management and continual development of Indigenous broadcasting groups and stations (both radio and television).

Please contact Patrick Malone for information on both positions
Tel: 02 62628677 Email: patrick@aicainc.org.au

Forward applications to:
CEO AICA, PO Box 4235,
AINSLIE ACT 2602
Fax: 02 304456

Applications close:
COB Friday 25 February 2011



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	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/22	Jupiter Mines Ltd	9633.32ha	83km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°12' Long 120°22'	Menzies

The purposes for G29/22 are: road, tramway, pipeline, power line, taking water, search for groundwater, communications facility, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility, storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, minesite administration facility, workshop and storage facility.

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: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 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
53/1373	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd Linger and Die Pty Ltd	361392	275.43ha	73km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°14' Long 121°01'	Wiluna
	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd Linger and Die Pty Ltd	360559	180.40ha	73km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°15' Long 121°01'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/180	Gold Road Resources Limited	4421.77ha	68km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°06' Long 123°34'	Laverton

Search for Groundwater

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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. 9 June 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 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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 INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **RAISAMA LTD** (ACN 131 843 868) of 19 Richardson Street, West Perth, in the State of Western Australia is the registered holder of Exploration Licence (EL) 4632 and it proposes to undertake mining operations of an exploratory nature on said tenement incorporating the land described below:

EL4632 MOUNT ALICE – Approximately 50km north-west of Oodnadatta and bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 27.065°S and longitude 134.968°E, thence east to longitude 135.285°E, south to latitude 27.299°S, west to 134.968°E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA: approximately 810 square kilometres.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are expressed in terms of the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA94).

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation for various minerals, including that for uranium, and which techniques may include but are not limited to the following: electromagnetics, gravity and magnetic surveying, geochemical and biochemical sampling, auger, aircore, rotary air blast, reverse circulation and diamond core drilling.

THE PROPOSED OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORISED BY THE FOLLOWING TENEMENTS UNDER THE MINING ACT 1971 (SA):

EL 4632 which is held by Raisama Limited.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes any extensions, replacements, renewals, transfers,

assignments or other dealings with the said EL and covering any other exploration authority held from time to time in respect of the whole or any part of the area of the said EL and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relations to the Land to which this notice relates RAISAMA LIMITED may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations RAISAMA LIMITED and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)* for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the land.

Any person who holds or may hold Native Title in the Land is invited to contact RAISAMA LIMITED as set out below:

RAISAMA LIMITED
19 Richardson Street, West Perth,
WA 6005.
Telephone: (08) 9322 7702
Facsimile: (08) 9322 7705
Contact Person: Mr Robert Waugh



Kalwun Development Corporation Ltd

KALWUN S.E.Qld R.E. & F.S.S. are the provider for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Recognised Entity and Family Support Service for the South East Region.

Our services will operate across 9 Child Safety Service Centres. We are seeking expressions of interest for the following positions are located within the Gold Coast, Logan and Beaudesert areas:

Recognised Entity:

1 X **Child Protection Officer FTE** and

1 X **Child Protection Officer PTE** (Gold Coast)

(The above position is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupation and is authorized by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

Family Support Service:

1 X **Family Support Officer FTE** (Gold Coast Area)

1 X **Family Support Officer FTE** (Beenleigh/Beaudesert)
Tertiary qualification or higher is required

1 X **Administration Assistant FTE** (Located at Logan)

For further information please contact administration on

07 5220 8600

To express interest please forward a Cover Letter outlining experience and a Resume by C.O.B. 14th of February, 2011.

ATT: Manager, PO Box 3880, Burleigh Town Centre Q 4220 or Admin@aicca.com.au



KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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Aboriginal Engagement Project Officer

We need a person to develop & implement meaningful engagement between Council and the local Aboriginal community. We have funding for the position for up to 2 years on a part-time basis and the hours will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

For more information packs and application forms visit our website www.kiama.nsw.gov.au. Refer specific inquiries to Fiona Harris on Ph: 4232 0433.

Applications close 21/02/11. Ref - S40.007.310.

This position is designated for people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Michael Forsyth
General Manager

PO Box 75
KIAMA NSW 2533



Human Services
Housing NSW

Senior Policy Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10
Homelessness Unit
Policy & Strategy Division
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 11/HNSW_0088

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:

This position will play a key role in the Homelessness Unit in policy development and program implementation and reporting. This will include liaison with and management of key stakeholder relationships.

Selection Criteria:

- Extensive demonstrated experience in policy development and analysis in the human services sector.
- Demonstrated experience in project management in the human services sector.
- Highly developed oral and written communication skills, including demonstrated capacity to engage with a broad range of stakeholders.
- Highly developed research, analytical and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team in a high demand environment with competing priorities.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in public policy, social policy, or other relevant human services areas.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Sharon Gudu on (02) 8753 8460 or Email: sharon.gudu@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or 1800 203 966

Closing Date: Friday 18 February 2011

APPLY ON-LINE

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/100	Jupiter Mines Ltd	769.76ha	87km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°09' Long 120°22'	Menzies

The purposes for L29/100 are: road, pipeline, power line, conveyer system, taking water, search for groundwater, communications facility, minesite accommodation facility, bore field, water management facility, power generation and transmission facility, storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, minesite administration facility, workshop and storage facility

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 9 February 2011

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 **9 May 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 miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 9 June 2011**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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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).

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 eleven (11) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding eleven (11) 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 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.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

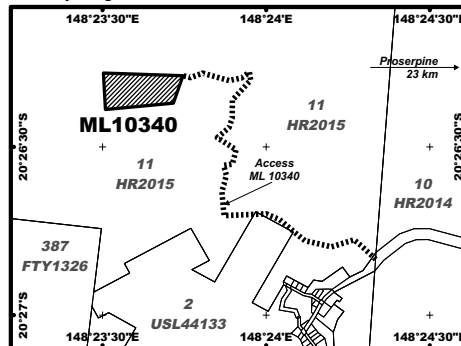
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 9 February 2011

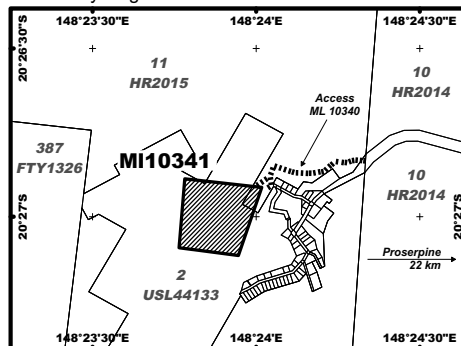


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Mining Lease 10340 sought by Loch Neigh Gold Pty Ltd, (97%), Rowan Barry Spruce (1%), Douglas John Wilson (1%) and Leslie James Wilson (1%) over an area of 6.85 ha, centred approximately 23 km West of Proserpine in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



Mining Lease 10341 sought by Loch Neigh Gold Pty Ltd, (97%), Rowan Barry Spruce (1%), Douglas John Wilson (1%) and Leslie James Wilson (1%) over an area of 13.96 ha, centred approximately 22 km West of Proserpine in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



Industry &
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EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION NO 4116

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an exploration licence..

An area of 12 units situated approximately 20 kilometres north of Barraba, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

P W English and Associates Pty Ltd is the applicant of Exploration Licence Application No 4116, for an exploration licence which would authorise the prospecting for Group 1 minerals and be granted for a term of 24 months.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done Steve Whan, Minister for Primary Industries, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained Further information may be obtained from Mike Jacques; Titles Program, Industry & Investment NSW, 49316454 or Fax: 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is 23 February 2011. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



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Attractive salary package includes:

Salary Level S.O. 1.1, access to salary sacrifice, district allowance, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

This position coordinates the day-to-day operations of the E&T unit, with a focus on supporting trainers achieve educational excellence within AQTF policies and processes. The manager will be responsible for the delivery of an accredited Business Training package.

For the application process, duty statement & selection criteria check the IAD website www.iad.edu.au

Further information can be obtained from www.iad.edu.au or CEO on (08) 8951 1320 or email human.resource@iad.edu.au

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close 18 February 2011



MALE FAMILY WORKER

- Exceptional opportunity for male family worker to engage in deeply rewarding and transformative work
- Based in Lismore within the Bundjalung Nation area of Northern New South Wales

Key responsibilities involve

- working with Aboriginal families and male clients to support their healing pathways
- assisting the Rekinding The Spirit organisation to reach its goals - both funding and holistic goals - including Dept of Corrections clients
- through example use your own personal abilities or skills and interests to help develop the programs in culturally sensitive ways.

The Salary Package includes some above-award conditions including flexible leave and hours. This position is targeted at a Grade 3 but highly experienced, qualified and leadership focused application may be able to negotiate increased responsibilities and conditions. Staff are provided with clinical supervision from a specialist, plus strong support from the team and managers.

The following essential criteria are necessary:

- Cert 1V in Drug and Alcohol Work / Degree
- Counseling Qualifications / Facilitation Experience
- Driver's License

For further information, please call Administration at Rekinding the Spirit Ltd on (02)6622553 or submit your resume to sm@rekindingthespirit.org.au

Applications for this role close on 3rd March 2010

Gender and being of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent are considered a genuine occupational qualification for this position as authorised by Section 31 & 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act



**Justice &
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NSW REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (TARGETED ATSI)

JAG11/0095

Clerk Grade 1-2

Chippendale, Permanent full time

Salary range: \$52,104 - \$56,644

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$62,507

Provides clients with a range of services including: certificate applications and amendments and change of name functions and procedures to maximise customer satisfaction in Client Services and Registration Services Divisions.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Ability to interpret Acts, legislation, policies and procedures;
- Good oral and written communication skills with an understanding of cross cultural communication requirements;
- Excellent keyboard skills;
- Demonstrated capacity to operate in a teamwork situation within an environment of competing priorities and frequent change;
- Mathematical skills necessary for assessment of Registry fees, cashing and balancing monies received;
- Organisational skills required meeting deadlines;
- Demonstrated experience in a call centre/client service environment.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

An Eligibility List will be created to fill all future permanent, temporary, full time and part time positions as they arise. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. Applications should be lodged electronically via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries:

Simon Winter (02) 9035 6447 simon_winter@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 25 February 2011

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NSW Central West Division
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*Delivering local health solutions
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Aboriginal Health Co-ordinator

Full-time

Based in Bathurst (with travel across the Central West)

NSW Central West Division of General Practice works with general practice to support improved health outcomes in our communities.

We are looking for an Aboriginal Health Co-ordinator who is passionate about contributing to closing the gap in life expectancy for Indigenous Australians, by improving access to culturally sensitive primary care services.

Attractive working conditions and salary in the range of \$65,000 to \$70,000 plus superannuation and other benefits. For an information package that details the essential and desirable criteria please go to www.cwdgp.org.au or alternatively call Sharron Carter on 6332 6646.

Interested and suitably experienced people of Aboriginal background are encouraged to apply.

Applications close:

5.00 pm Friday 18th February 2011



Children's Services

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Early Childhood Assistant (Child Care Worker)

SDN Children's Services is a not-for-profit organisation providing high-quality early education and care; strengthening families and communities through support programs; and addressing inequalities faced by children. Established in 1905, SDN is one of Australia's most experienced and trusted leaders in children's services, reaching more than 7550 children and 785 families each year through our centres and programs.

We currently have a vacancy for a full-time Early Childhood Assistant at our Redfern Children's Education and Care Centre. Our ideal candidate will possess a Certificate III in Children's Services and experience in a similar role.

For further information please contact Ms Frida Caris, Centre Director, SDN Redfern Children's Education and Care Centre on (02) 9699 3381 or visit our website. Applications can be sent to either careers@sdn.org.au or PO Box 654 Broadway, NSW 2007 and must be received by close of business, Friday 18 February 2011. Pre-placement medical and Working with Children Check applies.

Candidates from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

www.sdn.org.au

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

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 the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years.

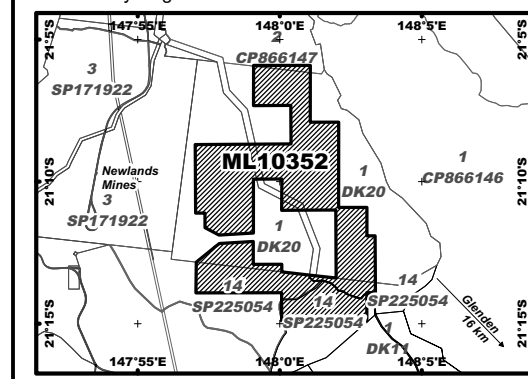
Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, QLD 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: gldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Mining Lease 10352 sought by Xstrata Coal, Queensland Pty Ltd, (55%), Itochu Coal Resources Pty Ltd (25%), Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited (10%) and ICRA NCA Pty Ltd (10%), over an area of 9222.68 ha, centred approximately 16 km NW of Glenden in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



Notification Day: 2 March 2011



Queensland Government

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF AN EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS

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 the Exploration Permit for Minerals shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of Act(s): The grant of an Exploration Permit for Minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* Qld, authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Exploration Permit for Minerals 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 Exploration Permit for Minerals, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit application may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 28 Peters Street, Mareeba, QLD 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4795.

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 Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: gldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

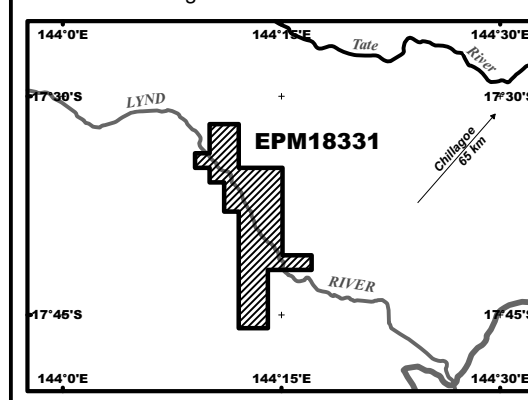
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 2 March 2011



Queensland Government

Exploration Permit for Minerals 18331 sought by Orion Metals Limited over an area of 137km², centred approximately 65km SSW of Chillagoe in the locality of Tablelands Regional Council.



Public Notice

Proposed CopperString transmission project

Application for approval as an infrastructure facility of significance

The Coordinator-General has received an application from CopperString Pty Ltd (CopperString) under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (the Act) relating to the CopperString Project, to have certain components of that project approved under section 125(1)(f) of the Act as an Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS).

CopperString proposes to develop the following infrastructure facilities (which together are the facility):

- a 330kV electricity transmission line from near Woodstock south of Townsville to Cloncurry (approximately 723km in length)
- a 220kV electricity transmission line from
 - Cloncurry to the existing transmission network near Cloncurry (approximately 4km in length) and to Mt Isa (approximately 100km in length)
 - Cloncurry through Common South Point (approximately 95km in length) to Cannington Mine (an additional 58km) and to Phosphate Hill mine (an additional 61km)
- development of related infrastructure including four electrical substations: near Woodstock, near Cloncurry on Dajarra Road, Hughenden and Mt Isa; eight controlled environment vault (CEV) huts; and permanent access tracks for construction, maintenance and operations purposes.

CopperString expects to make a final investment decision on this project this year.

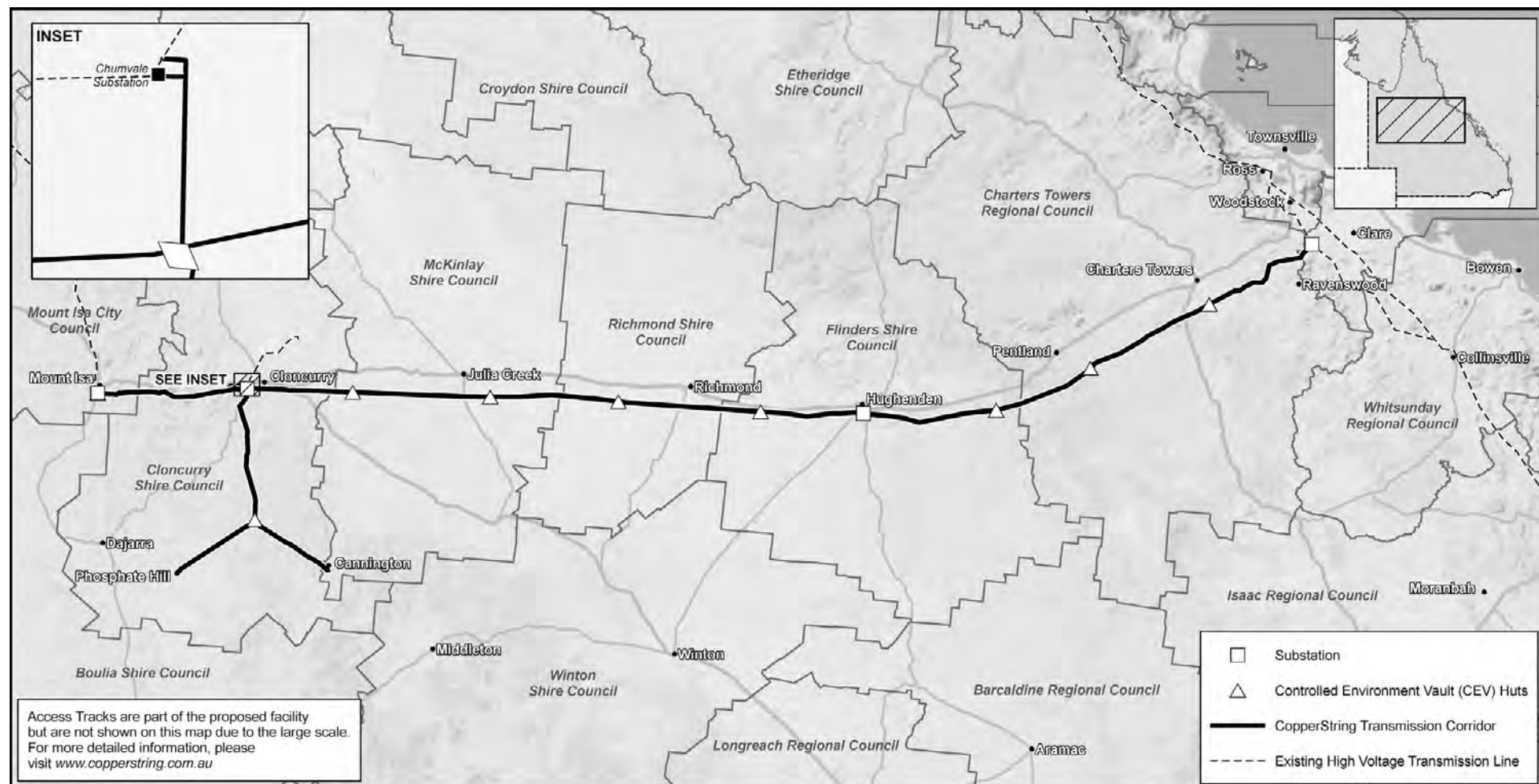
CopperString wishes to acquire land (or easements and native title) necessary and desirable for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the facility by consultation, negotiation and agreement with relevant landholders and native title parties.

Section 125(1)(f) of the Act provides that the Governor-in-Council may approve by Gazette notice that an infrastructure facility has significance, particularly economically or socially to Australia, Queensland or the region in which the facility is to be constructed. An approval by the Governor-in-Council represents the first step in a process under which the Coordinator-General may, to the extent he is lawfully able to do so, compulsorily acquire land (including easements) and native title for the facility should voluntary negotiations be unsuccessful.

These negotiations must meet the requirements of the guidelines made under the Act and, in particular, subsequent steps in the compulsory acquisition process, cannot be commenced unless CopperString is able to satisfy the Coordinator-General that reasonable attempts have been made to reach voluntary agreements with landholders or persons who hold or claim to hold native title.

Under section 125(2) and (3) of the Act, when considering whether an infrastructure facility would be of economic or social significance, the potential for the facility to contribute to community well being and economic growth or employment levels must be taken into account. When assessing this potential, the contribution the infrastructure facility makes to agricultural, industrial, resource or technological development in Australia, Queensland or the region is a relevant consideration.

The map shows the approximate location of the CopperString transmission corridor, CEV huts and substation sites (the affected land).



To construct and operate the facility, CopperString requires certain interests in the affected land. The affected land comprises a corridor approximately 120m wide for the 1041 kilometres of transmission lines. At seven locations, the proposed corridor is up to 500m in width. The width of the proposed corridor allows for minor variations to the route during planning and investigations for the facility. Following completion of all investigative and planning works, it is proposed that the actual corridor of land required for the majority of the facility will be 60m in width. The facility also includes access tracks of approximately 10m in width.

The primary interest required for the transmission lines is a nominally 60m wide easement. Additional tenures (either freehold or leasehold) may be required for associated infrastructure.

The affected land description is based on CopperString's preferred alignment and sites at the date of the IFS application. The final route and placement of the facility will be informed by landholder negotiations, cultural heritage, native title, ground truthing and geotechnical investigations and studies relating to the identification and management of impacts associated with the proposed facility.

The approval of the facility as an IFS does not constitute approval/endorsement of the proposed alignment under the environmental impact statement for the project, or approval/endorsement of the project.

The Coordinator-General is seeking submissions from persons who may be affected by the facility. Submissions must be lodged in writing by **5 pm Tuesday 1 March 2011** and addressed to:

The Coordinator-General
c/- Executive Director
Regional Development
Department of Infrastructure and Planning
PO Box 15009 City East Qld 4002 Australia
fax +61 7 3225 8282
CopperString-IFS@dip.qld.gov.au

Submissions will be treated as public documents unless expressly identified and marked as confidential. Copies of each submission will be provided to CopperString Pty Ltd for comment.

The IFS application and supporting material can be viewed at www.copperstring.com.au and a CD Rom is available on request by contacting the Project Manager, Regional Development on (07) 3224 2378.

Persons or groups with special communications needs who wish to make a submission about the proposed facility should contact the Project Manager to make alternative arrangements to those referred to above.

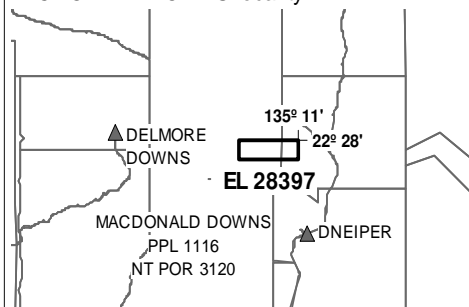
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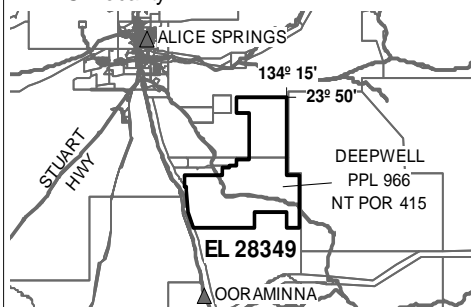
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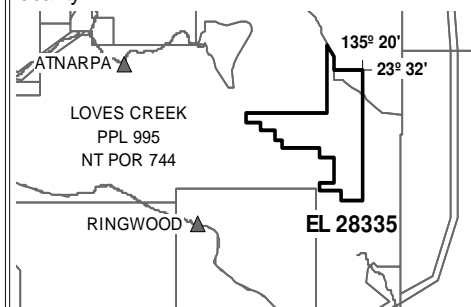
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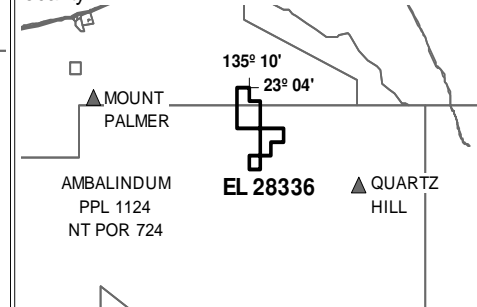
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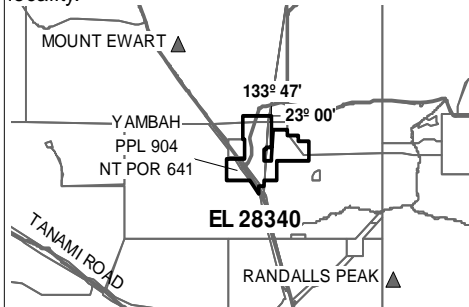
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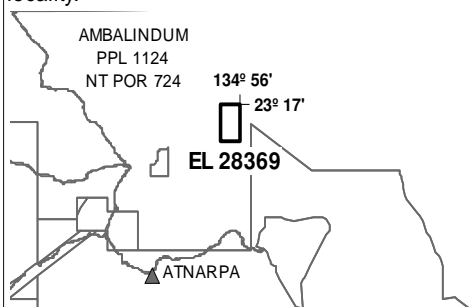
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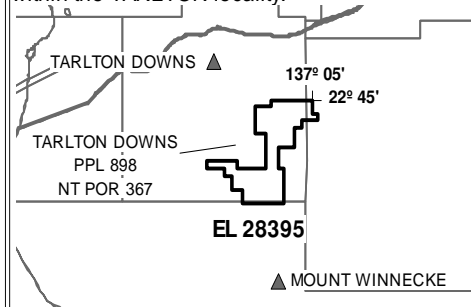
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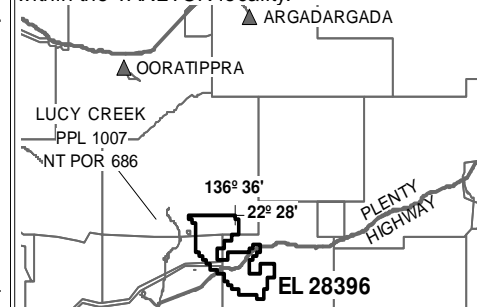
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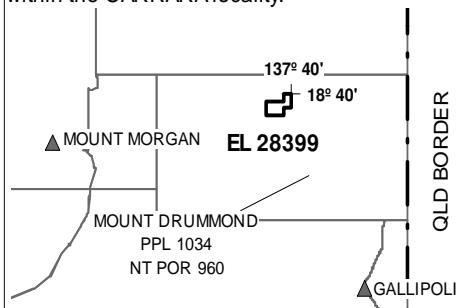
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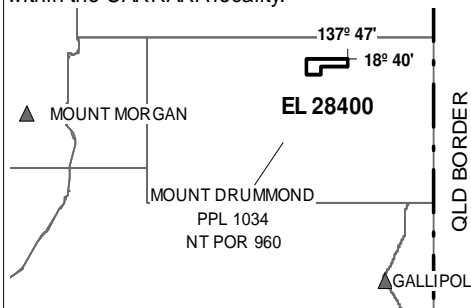
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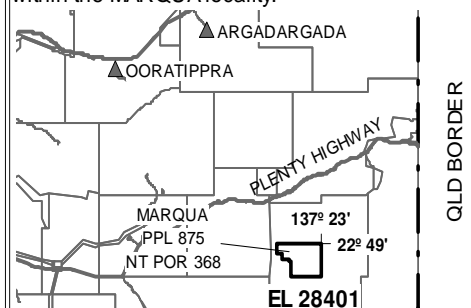
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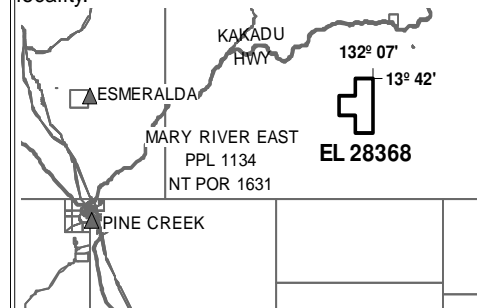
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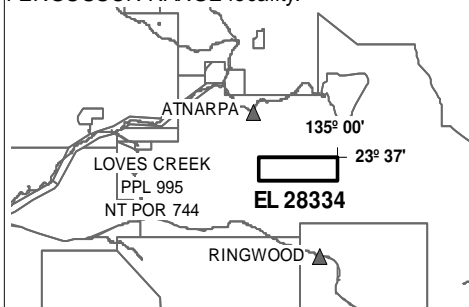
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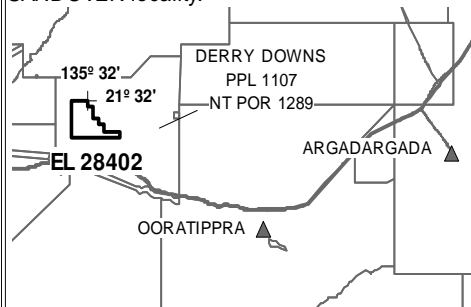
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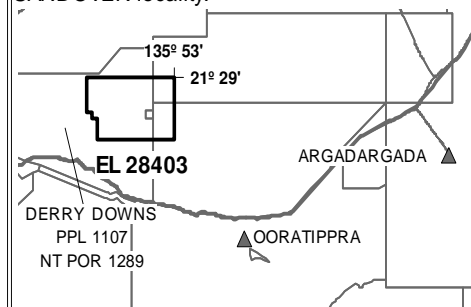
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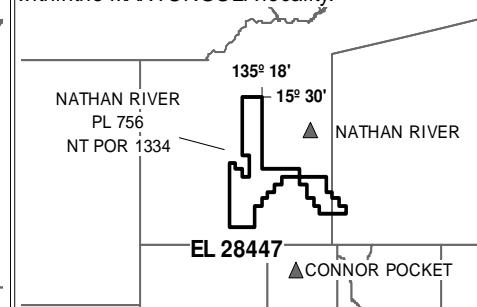
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Exploration Licence 28403 sought by RUM JUNGLE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 128 Blocks (409 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SANDOVER locality.



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Exploration Licence 28447 sought by TERRITORY EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 123 338 376 over an area of 96 Blocks (317 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MANTUNGULA locality.



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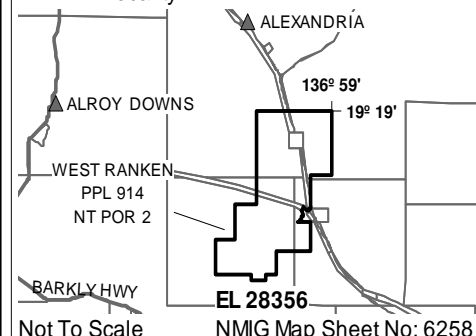
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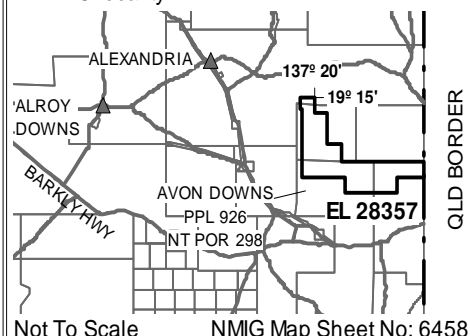
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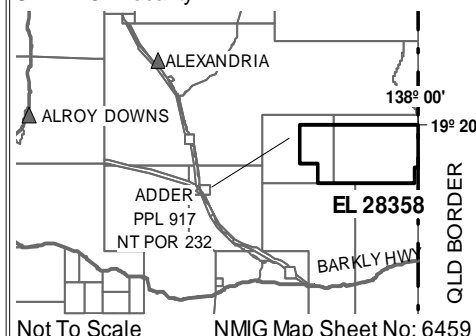
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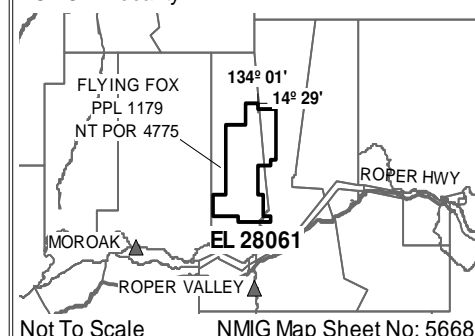
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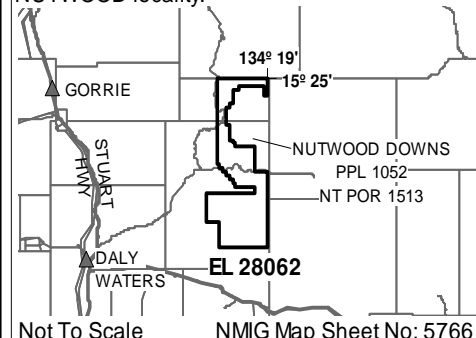
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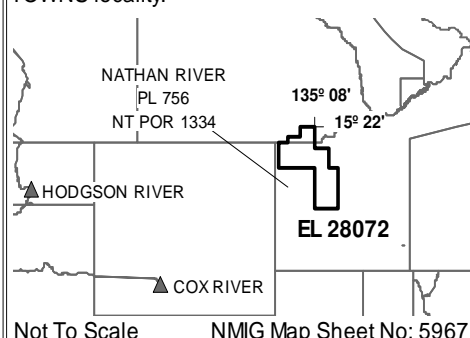
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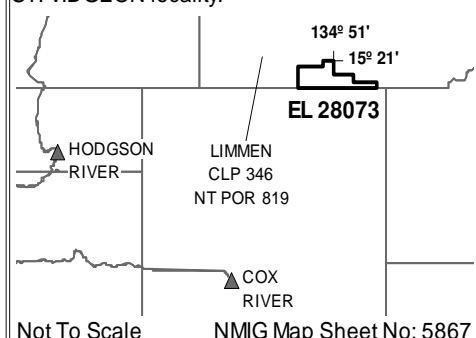
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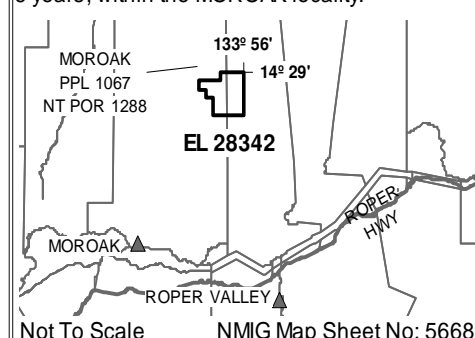
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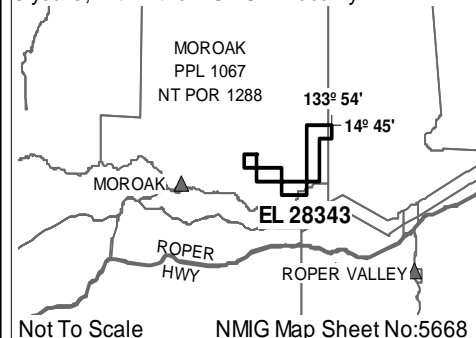
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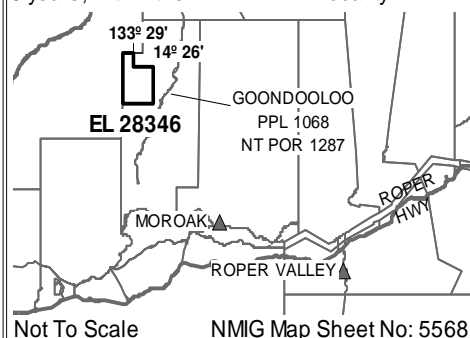
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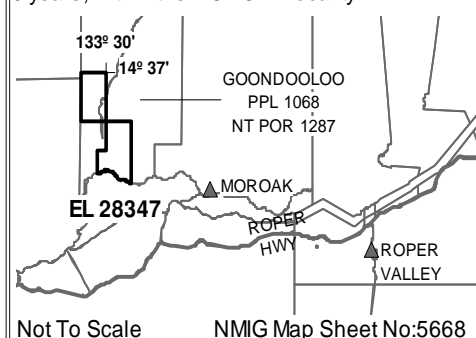
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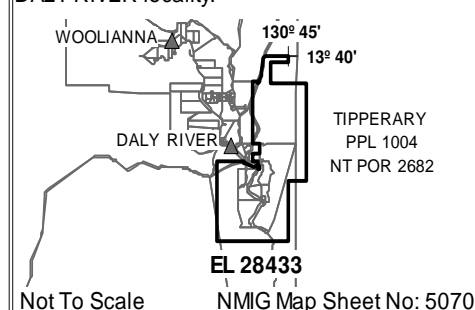
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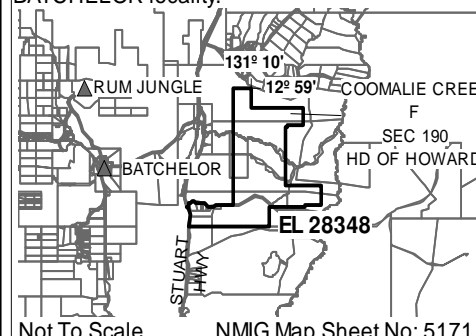
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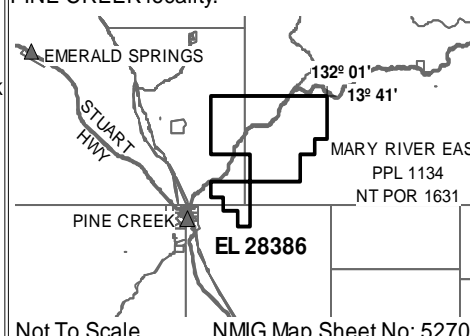
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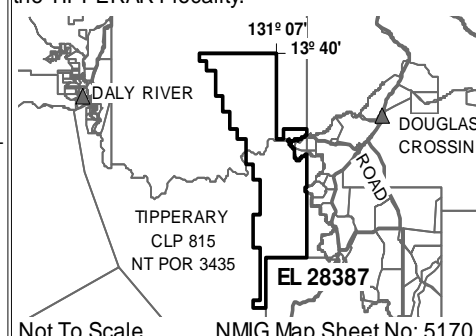
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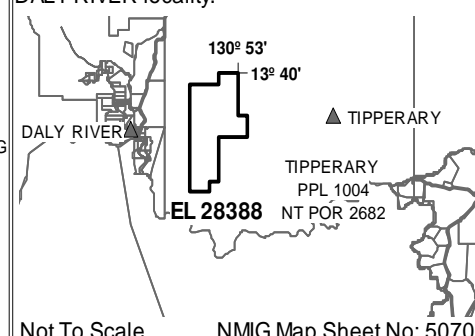
Exploration Licence 28386 sought by TERRITORY MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 121 200 299 over an area of 49 Blocks (164 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 28387 sought by TERRITORY MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 121 200 299 over an area of 185 Blocks (581 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



Exploration Licence 28388 sought by TERRITORY MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 121 200 299 over an area of 43 Blocks (144 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



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Rockhampton rugby league reconciliation carnival:

Crusaders win final in a canter

By ALF WILSON



THE Curacoa Crusaders scored a crushing 66-14 win over Gladstone side Goori United in the grand final of the fourth annual Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID) Indigenous Reconciliation Rugby League carnival at Rockhampton from 22-24 January.

The Crusaders consisted of players from Townsville, Palm Island and several from Rockhampton and was undefeated throughout the carnival.

A total of 18 men's sides competed at flood-ravaged Rockhampton, where, ironically, the airport was only reopened on the last day of the second biggest All Blacks carnival in Queensland.

It was a credit to organisers and teams that the carnival went ahead after such severe flooding.

Six withdrawals

Originally, 24 sides had nominated, but six withdrew.

In the semi-finals before large crowds at Rockhampton's Browne Park, Curacoa Crusaders defeated Ghungalu Knights 28-6 and Goori United beat Bundaberg Eels 12-10.

Carnival co-ordinator Walson Carlos said quality football was a feature.

"The growth and popularity of the Reconciliation Carnival since its inception in 2008 has been exceptional," Carlos said.

"The carnival is about promoting key health-related messages, celebrating Indigenous culture and encouraging the reconciliation process.

"The people embraced it and it is exciting to see new teams from throughout Queensland in the 2011 competition."

Crusaders won the game with a first-half charge which included three early tries, and the kicking game of champion five-eighth Nat Bowman was superb.

Prop Justin O'Brien scored the first try, then Palm Islander Darryl Pearson claimed the next two four-pointers.

Palm Islanders Josiah Geia, fullback Vernon Bourke and winger Fred Haines then scored tries.

Josiah Geia is a much-travelled footballer. He was a member of the Mua Rajorbacks side, which defeated Malu Kiai, from Boigu Island, in the final of last June's Island of Origin series on far away Badu Island, in the Torres Strait.

Former North Queensland Cowboy Obe Geia Jnr scored late in the second half, and at the break Crusaders had a match winning 44-4 lead.

Crusaders coach Telston Sibley was honoured for his effort in plotting his side's impressive win by being named as coach of the carnival.

Rocky Thunder beat Highlanders 32-16 in the Plate grand final.

In the semi-finals, Rocky Thunder scraped past Yeppoon Seagulls 6-4 and Highlanders rolled Torres Strait Islander side Wagadagam Storm 30-14.

In the women's challenge, CQID All Stars defeated Bundaberg 10-0.

Players named in the carnival All Stars side each received a commemorative jumper: The team was: 1 Vernon Bourne (Crusaders), 2 Anthony Raymond (Thunder), 3 Paul Oth (Thunder), 4 Sione Tongia (Goori), 5 Fred Haines (Crusaders), 6 Nat Bowman (Crusaders), 7 Josh Tanner (Eels), 8 Alan Rothery (Ghungalu), 9 Jesse Tass (Eels), 10 Buloo Bavui (Storm), 11 Nathan Parsons (El Parso), 12 Wally Saunders (Thunder), 13 Jarred Johnson (Goori), 14 Tristan Saunders (Thunder), 15 Justin Loomans (Storm), 16 Peter McLaughlin (Highlanders), 17 Ricky Morris (Crusaders), 18 Willie Munns (Storm), 19 Jardine Bobongie (Darumbal), 20 Andrew Dale (Ghungalu), Coach Telstan Sibley (Crusaders).

Best back, Fred Haines; forward, Nathan Parsons; player of the carnival and Ian Munns Memorial Award winner, Vernon Bourne.



● LEFT: The winning Reconciliation Carnival Shield team, the Curacoa Crusaders. They steamrolled Goori United (Gladstone) 66-14 in the final.

● BELOW: Koora the Kangaroo set the crowd alight with his rap dancing.



The CQID All-Stars, winners of the Capricornia Division of General Practice Women's Challenge.



● LEFT: Carnival founder Greg Major with carnival ambassador David Peachey.

● RIGHT: Winning Curacoa Crusaders captain Nathaniel Bowman accepts the Reconciliation Carnival Shield from Rockhampton league legend James White.

● FAR RIGHT: Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey made the trip to Rockhampton.



Battle of the Ashes

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS players from throughout north Queensland travelled to Charters Towers for the world's biggest cricket carnival – the Goldfield Ashes – from 21-23

January.

The carnival began in 1948 with just six teams and has grown so much that it is now recognised by the Government as an official Aussie sporting icon.

This year a total of 222 teams competed in five men's grades and one women's division.

Four teams were in A-1, ten in A-2, 30 in B-1, 130 in B-2, 42 in social men's grade and six in the women's division.

More than 70 grounds were scheduled to be used, although a few were waterlogged and some full-day games were reduced to half-dayers.

The *Koori Mail* was there and watched some of the action in the B-1 grade clash between Black Bream and Simpson Desert Alpine Ski Team on one of the many fields at the Charters Towers aerodrome.

Black Bream batted first and scored 127, and the Alpine XI replied with 157.

A Black Bream spokesman said that

Chris Taiters had scored a half-century and chipped in with a wicket, along with Joel Masso, Leroy Dallachy, Matt Masso and Thomas Watson. Joel also took two good catches.

At Blackheath and Thornburgh College, West Indigies, under the leadership of skipper Glenn Butler, took on a keen Western Star Pickets.

West Indigies looked the goods as they batted first and opener Jermaine Ross slammed a couple of massive sixes.

But West Indigies could muster only 103 and the Pickets replied with 178 to take the points.

West Indigies won one match of three.

'Good carnival'

Down at the Charters Towers Racecourse, young brothers Stannis and Ryan Agita lined up for Wanderers (2), which scored 102 to lose to Hornets Gold with 233.

"This is a really good cricket carnival," Stannis said.

On the nearby field in the middle of the racecourse, Mossman took on the Weipa Crocs and before play the two sides observed a minute's silence in memory

of Mossman player Wayne Burke, who died last year.

Top-order Mossman batsman Julian Harrold had travelled from the Indigenous centre of Bamaga, on the northern tip of Australia, for the carnival.

"I love cricket which is not played at Bamaga, where I work at the school, and I enjoy coming to Charters Towers for the Ashes," he said.

At the Junior Cricket Grounds, Hughenden side Ranbuild Renegades, which was organised by Indigenous couple Les and Kelly Carter, took on NACL, which included three generations – grandfather John Macdonald, 67, Steve, 44, and grandson Daine, 14.

"I have been playing at the Ashes since I was 14," said John, who was a top Australian rules footballer for now defunct Townsville club Garbutt Magpies.

Ranbuild won the game 221 runs to 197.

Mossman Eels, a side consisting of Aboriginal players from far north Queensland, took on Coen Heroes in a B-1 afternoon game at the Racecourse. Coen Heroes won 139 to 52.

"We have mainly young players and this is our first time at the carnival," said Eels captain Wayne Pitt.

Coen Heroes spokesman Ray Colgrove said that players in the team came from a wide area.

"We are from Coen, Cooktown, Laura,

Cairns, and the Herbert River region around Ingham," he said.

On a nearby field, Georgina Friend was getting plenty of work fielding for a local mining team.

"I lived in Kowanyama for many years," she said.

There are some strange rules at the Ashes. For example, batsmen who fail to score and fieldsmen who drop a catch have to wear a woman's dress, or a rubber duck outfit.

Carries over

The 'penalty' carries over from the previous Ashes and only when a team-mate fails to score or spills a catch does the penalty pass on to that 'culprit'.

At the Aerodrome early on day one, Ducken Useless XI fieldsman Damien McDonough was wearing a colourful dress and was happy to pose in the outer for a picture.

"He was the last one to score a duck in 2010 at the Ashes so will wear it until somebody else does this year," a team-mate yelled.

Winning teams were: A Fish Called Wanda (A-1), All Blacks Miandads (A-2), Hornets Gold (B-1), Georgetown Joes (B-2), Mad Hattas (social men) and Mount Isa (women).

Black Bream players and supporters.



West Indigies players relax under a tree at a local school ground.

Bamaga man Julian Harrold ready to bat for Mossman against Weipa Crocs.



Opener Jermaine Ross, for West Indigies, slams a cover drive against Western Star Pickets.

Black Bream batsman Gordon Santo Jnr with Jennifer Ryan, left, and Bina Dallachy.



– Queensland style

NACL player Bradley Baker, third from left, pictured with team-mates and three generations of the Macdonald family, from left, dad Steve Macdonald, grandson Daine Macdonald, 14, and grandfather John Macdonald, 67.



Mossman Eels XI were at the Ashes for the first time. Bush driver Eric Pitt is at far left.



Mossman Eels bowler Harry Cobb against the Coen Heroes.



Brothers Stannis and Ryan Agita played for Wanderers on day one at the Racecourse.



Georgina Friend was fielding at the Aerodrome.



Kelly Carter helped organise the Hughenden Ranbuild Renegades.



Ducken Useless XI fieldsman Damien McDonough signals a six on day one. He had to wear a woman's dress for scoring the last duck at the 2010 carnival.

League hits the road



THE National Rugby League Learn. Earn. Legend! All-Stars regional tour has been on the road, visiting the NSW towns of Batemans Bay, Condobolin, Wilcannia, Walgett and Moree.

It ended at Moree on 30 January.

The tour also was to have included the Queensland towns of St George and Roma, but because of the Queensland floods, these centres will be visited at a later date.

The tour built on rugby league's commitment to recognising and celebrating the game's links and community engagement with Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people. It was part of the build-up to the Harvey Norman Rugby League All-Stars game at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast, on Saturday night (12 February).

The tour was undertaken with the support of the Federal Government's Learn. Earn. Legend! campaign, which encourages Indigenous children to stay in school and aspire to good jobs.

It provided local Indigenous communities an opportunity to showcase their own programs in the areas of health, welfare, education and heritage.

Former rugby league player Ricky Walford was joined on the tour by Australian Rugby League (ARL) Development and Country

Rugby League staff and local Indigenous community leaders.

Meanwhile, the National Rugby League (NRL), in partnership with the Federal Government, is giving 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the opportunity to improve their career prospects through two new education and employment programs – the Learn. Earn. Legend! All Stars Youth Summit, and the Learn. Earn. Legend! State of Origin Job Experience.

Campaign

Both programs were developed with the support of the Federal Government's Learn. Earn. Legend! campaign.

The Learn. Earn. Legend! All Stars Youth Summit gave 120

Indigenous high school students the chance to travel from as far as Elcho Island, in the Northern Territory, and Derby, in Western Australia, to the Gold Coast for three days as part of the All-Stars celebrations.

From 10-12 February, Youth Summit participants took part in education, employment and personal development workshops and met some of the biggest names in rugby league at activities with the Indigenous All-Stars and the NRL All-Stars before joining the sell-out crowd at Skilled Park to watch the All-Stars match.

"The Learn. Earn. Legend! All Stars Youth Summit and Learn. Earn. Legend! State of Origin Job Experience are exciting additions

to Rugby League's Indigenous programs," NRL Chief Executive David Gallop said.

"These initiatives are just two of the many ways in which rugby league is working to improve the opportunities available to Australia's Indigenous peoples and they reinforce our genuine commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Later in the year, the Learn. Earn. Legend! State of Origin Job Experience will provide another group of students with an opportunity to get some hands-on work experience with some of rugby league's stakeholders in the lead-up to the Sydney Origin match."



At Condobolin, Indigenous All-Stars coach Laurie Daley, right, and former player Ricky Walford sign a local Indigenous artwork canvas that will feature centre-field at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast, before the 2011 Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game. Images courtesy NRL



Children from the Condobolin community join in the fun.



Condobolin children at the Learn. Earn. Legend! All-Stars Regional Tour.



Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs player Jonathon Wright meets members of the Walgett community.



All-Stars with Aunty Pat Anderson and the Bidwell Maap Shield.

Cricket played in great spirit



THE East Gippsland All-Stars and the Mallacoota Barracudas battled it out for the Bidwell Maap Cricket Shield at Mallacoota

on 26 January.

While the smoke from a traditional hangi drifted across the ground, Mallacoota batted first and were surprised by the All-Stars bowlers, despite some of them being decidedly aged.

Batsmen Cam Armstrong and Leon Ellis were the standouts for Mallacoota, who scored 116 at the end of 22 overs.

Jack Pascoe and Tom Bartholomew

were the best All-Star bowlers, while the wily Harry Terrick bowled well.

Clayton Harrisom was a surprise packet with the ball and in the field, while Alfred Solomon bowled good line and length to trouble batsmen.

It was hard to judge Billy King's form because he broke down after three balls. He continued to field well, however, and the man from Kansas City was a great inspiration to his team.

Early wickets fell

In the All-Stars innings, early wickets threatened to hand victory to Mallacoota, but swashbuckling innings from Jack Pascoe and Tom Bartholomew quickly erased the deficit.

Players were proud to have Pam Anderson, 'legendary' Indigenous health administrator, in the crowd, while Bidwell Maap Chairman Bevan Harrison presented the Shield to the East Gippsland Aboriginal All-Stars.

It was a fantastic and positive day of sharing fun, food, sport and music sponsored by East Gippsland Shire, Mallacoota and District Health Services and dozens of individual and business supporters.

The highlight, however, was a Mallacoota local discovering her Aboriginal identity, including an uncle and several cousins at the ground.

That capped off a celebration of great Australian spirit.



A dejected Mick Darcy leaves the crease.



The All-Stars celebrate.



Bevan Harrison congratulates Tom Reichelt on a game well played.



Jack Pascoe bowls one down.

A week to remember for children



CHILDREN from Sydney's western suburbs visited the Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous All-Stars camp in Sydney late last month.

Elite Indigenous footballers from across the country gathered in Sydney on Sunday 31 January for the biennial AFL Players' Association Indigenous camp.

The camp is designed to bring Indigenous players together from all 18 AFL clubs to discuss common experiences, learn new skills, and allow older players to establish mentoring relationships with newly drafted players.

The players also trained in preparation for the Indigenous All-Stars game against Richmond in Alice Springs, which was called off last Friday – just hours before it was to be played.

All-Stars captain and dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes said the camp was something to look forward to

during the pre-season.

"Now that we've coincided it (the camp) with the All-Stars game, I think it's a fantastic week that we get to spend together," Goodes said.

"Knowing that I've got nine days with up to 30 blokes is fantastic. We had 70 Indigenous boys in camp. It was a great camp. It's fantastic by the AFL and the AFL Players' Association to make it happen."

The arrival of the All Stars camp participants in Sydney also paved the way for locals to meet and interact with some of the biggest names in the game, including Lance Franklin, Aaron Davey, Daniel Wells and Travis Varcoe.

On Sunday 30 January, western Sydney kids played a game to remember against Hawthorn trio Buddy Franklin, Cyril Rioli and Shaun Burgoyne, while at Blacktown Olympic Park for a NAB Auskick clinic, Franklin, who became the first player to kick 100 goals in a

season since Tony Lockett achieved the 'ton' in 1998, said one highlight of the week was interacting with the fans of the game.

"The significance of the week is getting around the community – especially in western Sydney where there's a lot of Indigenous people – so to come out and see a lot of the kids and have a kick and have good fun with them is what it's all about," Franklin said.

Record numbers

The arrival of the Greater Western Sydney Giants in the national competition has resulted in a record 86 Indigenous players on AFL lists in 2011.

Typically, the rigours of Australian football and the competitive nature of the sport have made it challenging for players to interact between clubs – although the Indigenous All-Stars camp helps bring players together for the very first time.



Curtly Hampton, from the Northern Territory, now with the SWS Giants. Playing for the Indigenous All-Stars was to be a new experience for the 17-year-old, and he was looking forward to playing on his old home ground in Alice Springs last Friday night. The game was cancelled on Friday morning.

"It's good to meet the other guys from the other teams, the other Indigenous boys from the other side of the country," Franklin said.

"We don't get much of a chance to meet the other Indigenous boys, so it's a great opportunity to touch base with a lot of them and over the years most blokes will always come back to these camps and from there you build relationships."

One player looking to impress

during the camp was SWS Giants' young gun Curtly Hampton. The 17-year-old has made an immediate impact since signing with GWS in 2010, and was hoping his familiarity with the Alice Springs football ground would have played in his favour last Friday night.

"I played all of my junior footy (at Traeger Park) before I moved to Adelaide (for school)," Hampton said.

"It's a good oval."



Lance Franklin during a session with children at the Indigenous camp in Blacktown.



Hawthorn star Chance Bateman (left) with AFLNSW/ACT Indigenous Academies Manager Luke Penrith at the Indigenous players' camp in Sydney.



Clockwise, from top left:

- National Centre of Indigenous Excellence CEO Jason Glanville, right, is joined by Indigenous All-Stars captain Adam Goodes and NSW Governor Marie Bashir at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern for a barbecue during the AFL Indigenous All Stars training camp.
- Hawthorn players Chance Bateman, Lance Franklin and Shaun Burgoyne with some of the children at the Indigenous camp in Sydney.
- AFL Indigenous All-Stars captain Adam Goodes and some of the AFL under 16 Flying Boomerangs at the barbecue at the NCIE.
- Jay Watson and Tristan Challenger with Lance Franklin.
- Indigenous All-Stars coach Michael O'Loughlin, left, with Sydney Swans Star and Indigenous All-Stars captain Adam Goodes at the Indigenous camp. The All-Stars game against Richmond was called off on Friday morning – just hours before it was to be played in Alice Springs.
- Hawthorn star Shaun Burgoyne puts some of the children through their paces. The children visited the Indigenous camp in Sydney as the All-Stars prepared for their game against Richmond in Alice Springs last Friday night.
- Adam Goodes leads the Indigenous AFL players' war cry.

Sturt's boom young guns

By PETER ARGENT



NORTHERN Territory lads Joe Anderson and Cameron Stokes, NT Thunder team-mates

during the national under-age championships, will play for Sturt in this year's South Australian National Football League (SANFL) competition.

They will be high-profile recruits in the competition, regarded as the best outside the Australian Football League (AFL).

"I came down and played a couple games with Sturt before I was drafted to Hawthorn," Stokes, whose foundation club is the Darwin Buffaloes, said.

"We flew down from Darwin together and then drove across from Melbourne, getting through before just before the floods came in rural Victoria."

Injuries

Stokes was a rookie with the Hawks for three seasons, playing 20 games, but made just one appearance last winter, struggling with injuries.

Anderson, who has a brother at the Greater Western Sydney franchise, was drafted by Carlton in 2006, playing 17 games over four winters.

"We've both seen the SANFL as the second-best competition and that is why I've come across to play," the



Joe Anderson, left, and Cameron Stokes.

188cm, 86kg Anderson said.

"With the football landscape as it now, you never know what can happen.

"I'll be looking for a big season at the Double Blues and we'll see from there."

The management of the Sturt Football Club say they are delighted to secure such 'vibrant talents' to add to their senior squad.

"Joe and Cameron are outstanding young fellas, with the character of the person being important when recruiting players here to Unley Oval," Sturt Football Manager Dwayne Massey said.

"Joe is a strong,

hard-running defender noted for his athleticism and marking power.

"Cam is a creative small forward with football 'smarts', who can kick goals, but also play through the midfield.

Valuable

"With the retirement of a handful of senior players at the end of last year, this pair's experience at AFL makes them a valuable addition to the group.

"They are still young men, and with Cam just 21 and Joe at 22, so if they aren't redrafted, they have the ability to have long and successful careers with us."

Sturt has a special link with Indigenous players, starting with five-times premiership player Jack Oatey disciple Roger Rigney in the 1960s, and 282-game SANFL Hall of Famer Michael 'Flash' Graham being legends at the club.

Among the current Aboriginal team-mates at Unley Oval are key forward Jeremy Johncock and utility/defender Josh Cubillo.

With the enigmatic Charles Staples expecting a big year as well, there could be as many as five Aboriginal players as regular members of the Double Blues this winter.



Pathway the goal of SA netball plan

By PETER ARGENT



OAKDALE premiership player and 2009 team of the year selection Vanessa Wilson (pictured) and her sister Kelly have instigated a pathway for the next generation of Indigenous netball stars.

The pair is looking to hold a junior development carnival on 19 February at ETSA Park, Adelaide, to select elite Indigenous ten and under, 13 and under and 15 and under squads.

"The South Australian Nunga Netball (SANN) aims to create and develop sustainable pathways within the South Australian netball community," Vanessa Wilson told *The Koori Mail*.

"Our aims include increasing participation of Aboriginal people in netball and producing elite Aboriginal netballers and administrators.

"The programs will include junior development, elite enhancement program and a mentoring program."

Netball South Australia CEO Stephanie Greene says she is pleased to work with Nunga Netball in presenting a targeted carnival for the Aboriginal community.

"We hope this partnership has a long history that allows us to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal girls and women via netball," Greene said.

"Aboriginal Thunder Challenge is a targeted program to improve the quality of life for Indigenous girls and young women by promoting strong role models and healthy life choices via netball. A netball program complete with camps and carnivals will deliver powerful positive lifestyles messages."

The focus areas for the development carnival will include an elite hands-on program for the best young Indigenous players in the State, and one-on-one mentoring programs with South Australian State League players and coaches.

Vanessa Wilson is also looking to get involved in accrediting coaches and trainers.

"The ultimate aim is to have a graduate of this program in the Thunderbirds squad within five years," she said. "The carnival is in partnership with Netball SA and the major sponsor is Adelaide Aboriginal Community Sports and Recreation Association."

The girls' father and former Central District SANFL footballer Wilfred Wilson, will also be involved in the program in a mentoring role.

Indigenous name for cricket program



THE Victorian Indigenous Cricket program now has an Indigenous name – Noogal Toengorrt Tani.

The naming took place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Aboriginal Elder Aunty Joy Murphy, from the Wurundjeri people, joined with Cricket Victoria President Bob Merriman to announce the traditional Koori name given to the Victorian Indigenous Cricket Program.

Aunty Joy revealed the name of the program in front of a gathering of key stakeholders.

Aunty Joy based the name on the Woorurrung words for 'belong' (Noogal) and 'success/win' (Toengorrt Tani) to represent 'Indigenous Cricket Program'.

Cricket Victoria CEO Tony Dodemaide said that with the Wurundjeri people being the traditional owners of Melbourne, the MCG was an appropriate place for Aunty Joy Murphy to name the Victorian Indigenous Cricket Program.



AUNTY JOY MURPHY

"We are delighted that a person of such standing as Aunty Joy Murphy has accepted the invitation to be involved with cricket," said Dodemaide.

Cricket Victoria Community Programs Manager Paul Mullarvey believed the Indigenous Cricket Program would help develop cricket among Victoria's Indigenous population.

"The naming of the Victorian Indigenous Cricket Program is a significant step in fostering relationships with Indigenous communities to create further opportunities for everybody to be involved in cricket," said Mullarvey.

Noogal Toengorrt Tani is pronounced Noo-gal Too-en-gort Tarn-e.

Given that the MCG is widely regarded as the home of Victorian cricket, officials said it was appropriate to use the Woorurrung language of the Wurundjeri people to name the program, as they are the original owners of the land on which the MCG now sits.

Indigenous artist Treahna Hamm designed the logo to represent Victorian Indigenous cricketers. The logo is being worn by the Victorian Imparja Cup team and represents the Noogal Toengorrt Tani Cricket Program. The design has significant links to the members of 1868 Australian team, composed of Aboriginal men from Western Victoria, which toured England.

All-Stars rock!

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRSTON CAMPBELL

AC/DC is a term that brings to mind one of the world's greatest rock bands and an Australian icon.

After dinner with former Panthers and Illawarra halfback Doug Delaney last week, AC/DC for me will now always stand for Aboriginal Culture – Duty of Care.

It is a phrase that captures for me the true meaning of All-Stars week and why I have been looking forward to the week with great expectation despite the personal pain of having to withdraw from playing.

But at the start – before people start to think that two rugby league players have become philosophers – I want to credit one of our relatives with the phrase and what I believe it means.

Doug and I are members of the larger Campbell mob and Aunt Margaret – who I hope to meet for the first time later this year – first inspired Doug with the term.

For me, it is quite simple.

Duty of care

We all have a responsibility to not only better understand our own culture, but we also have a duty to pass it on to the next generation for whom we have a duty of care to look after not just in the physical sense, but also their spiritual life in terms of appreciating what it truly means to be Aboriginal.

AC/DC is a concept that rocks me far more than any of the great hits of the band that carries the same four letters.

And when you stop to think about it, it is what the All-Stars event and the Learn. Earn. Legend! programs that result from the week are all about.

It is about inspiring and mentoring our youth to not only dream, but to pursue their dreams through the power of education and to be proud of their Indigenous heritage.

How could I truly feel sorry for myself about not playing when I announced my withdrawal on the day that 20 Indigenous trainees began their post-school careers in full-time employment at the Gold Coast Titans?

The energy of these young male and female trainee inspire me, as does the fact that the program has little to do with sport as these young people work across

all parts of our business, including event management, information technology, community development, media production as well as game development.

That is why I have been looking forward to events during the week, including the Youth Leadership Summit, where 120 of our most talented youth have come together for a three-day event.

I also look forward to the Bumelah Festival, where the Learn. Earn. Legend! careers Expos will draw more than 1000 kids to an event that includes cultural displays and the best of local and national Indigenous talent in dance and song.

It is why I will be inspired by the crowd at Skilled Stadium on Saturday night as they stand and unite behind both sides as we commemorate the anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generations.

It was why I was inspired by Doug Delaney at dinner last week.

Without Doug's support, the Dreamtime team may not have played in the World Cup and the long-held dream of all Aboriginal players to play in a game like the All-Stars.

Doug has had his own personal ups and downs in life, but he has always bounced back to support programs like his Footprints initiative that helps kids in western Sydney improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Powerful belief

Doug has a powerful belief that if he contributes toward helping our youth, he will be rewarded in his own Aboriginal spiritual journey.

It is why both of us are drawn to the concept of Aboriginal Culture – Duty of Care.

I know it is that spirit that will create the bond that united last year's team and continues to inspire us off the field.

I will still be part of the team, but am happy to hand over the leadership to Johnathan Thurston as captain and

Scott Prince as the Learn. Earn. Legend! Ambassador.

I am also pleased that a young player like Anthony Mitchell will get to play on the larger stage of All-Stars as he attempts to cement his NRL career.

Look at how the careers of Jharal Yow Yeh, Travis Waddell and Joel Thompson blossomed after their involvement in last year's game.

I also think it is great that Matty Bowen will start at fullback after missing last year's game through injury.

It is why I am so excited as I write this article the night before I go into camp with my brothers.

All-Stars rock!

● Doug Delaney is the proprietor of Diz Homes, a successful building company in Sydney's south-west, covering Blacktown, Bankstown, Penrith and Campbelltown. In his rugby league days he played with the Penrith Panthers, Balmain Tigers and the Illawarra Steelers from the mid-1980s to the early-1990s.



Rod Silva (second from left), All-Stars winger Nathan Merritt (third from left), David Liddiard (fourth from left), Doug Delaney (front, centre) and All-Stars coach Laurie Daley (third from right) at the Diz Homes Footprints programs launch.



Doug Delaney being interviewed by Laurie Daley.

Football in perspective

THE disappointment of the players when last Friday's match between Richmond and the Indigenous All-Stars in Alice Springs was cancelled is nothing compared with the pain and suffering endured by the people whose lives have been affected by the recent floods and Cyclone Yasi.

Considering how far Alice Springs is from the major scenes of devastation in coastal north Queensland the cancellation of a game of footy is a minor event.

The game, which had already been relocated from Darwin due to heavy rain, was called off on Friday morning with Cyclone Yasi expected to bring strong winds and heavy rainfall to Alice Springs.

With heavy rains, damaging winds and flash flooding predicted for Alice Springs, there was no choice but to cancel the match.

While the fans were disappointed, the welfare of players and spectators had to come first.

Earlier on Thursday, the Indigenous All-Stars had cancelled their flights into Alice Springs while awaiting word from the AFL, and the Tigers, who were due to fly out Friday morning, had also put their plans on hold.

It is nevertheless a pity as the boys had been hitting the training track hard in preparation for the big clash.

They also worked on some foot skills of a different kind.

Before Friday night's game, they were to treat the Alice Springs crowd to a tribal dance inspired by a range of Aboriginal languages and dances from all over Australia.

The Flying Boomerangs under-16 side came up with

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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the 25-second war cry in 2009 and passed on their routine to their All-Stars mentors during last week's AFL Players' Association Indigenous camp in Sydney.

All-Stars forward Adam Goodes said learning the Indigenous dance was a powerful experience.

"It's the first time I've done any sort of traditional dancing," Goodes said.

"Even to learn a bit of language from up north was quite an honour. It was pretty powerful."

The game may have been called off, but the experience of the boys coming together will still provide lasting memories.

MEANWHILE, it was great to see Collingwood recruit Andrew Krakouer has made a blistering start to his career at the Magpies,

kicking four goals in the Magpies' intra-club practice match at Gosch's Paddock (see story at right).

The former Richmond player kicked all his goals while playing in the midfield and also won several centre clearances and drove the ball inside 50 numerous times in a performance that had onlookers, as well as team-mate Luke Ball, impressed.

"He's been terrific all pre-season," Ball said after the hit-out.

"He's played 100 AFL games and he's 28 years old, so he's been in the system and knows what it's all about, and it's fantastic to see him get a second chance."

Having spent the first phase of his AFL career as a forward, Ball said Krakouer had developed his endurance while at WAFL club Swan Districts, which had enabled a move further up the ground.

"I think going to Perth, and just getting a bit older and doing more and more pre-seasons, and playing on those big grounds over in Perth has helped him out," Ball said.

"I don't think there's any problems with him playing through the midfield now."

If Krakouer continues on this path, his story could be one to inspire many and I wish him all the best.

Meanwhile, the new first-round format of the 2011 NAB Cup, featuring three games being played in one night, will form the focus of the AFL community's support for the rebuilding of local football clubs affected by the recent floods.

As well as the triangular match-ups between three competing AFL clubs in each of the six round-one fixtures,

a series of fundraising activities, including special nine-a-side Legends and Celebrity matches, will be staged as part of football's response to the floods.

Like the cancellation of the All-Stars game, these events will be played in a totally different context to other years.

Events like the floods and the cyclone put everything else into perspective.

It is why we have seen such an outpouring of help for those in need.

The AFL is only like the rest of Australia as we all reach out to our fellow Australians in the true tradition of mateship.

BEFORE I finish, it is great to see that the AFL Community Camps and the NAB Cup will be used to help raise not only spirits across the country, but also to assist raise much-needed funds for the flood victims.

The Community Camps are now a tradition in the weeks leading into and during the NAB Cup, where clubs visit communities throughout Australia to conduct training sessions, visit schools, nursing homes, hospitals and conduct AFL Auskick clinics.

The camps provide opportunities for young up-and-coming players to get first-hand advice and benefit from the experience and skills of their sporting heroes.

The tremendous boost these camps give to regional communities, and the positive motivating effect they have on young people's interest in their sport will be even more important in the areas affected by the floods and the cyclone.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Andrew Krakouer during his time at Richmond.

Krakouer impresses for 'Pies



NEW Collingwood recruit Andrew Krakouer has impressed at the Australian Football League (AFL) premiers' internal hitout, kicking

three goals in an eye-catching performance.

Krakouer was one of the great football stories of last year, starring in the West Australian league after serving a 16-month prison term for a serious assault in Fremantle in late 2006.

He mainly played as a small forward in his previous AFL career at Richmond, but Krakouer spent plenty of time in the midfield last Friday and has clearly improved his fitness.

Small forward Brad Dick did not play in the intra-club match, but he has apparently also impressed during the pre-season as he returns from a shoulder reconstruction.

The Magpies have few injury worries as they start their premiership defence, with Alan Didak and Nathan Brown coming off shoulder surgery. — AAP



BRAD DICK

Imparja Cup reshuffle for Queensland

THE aftermath of Cyclone Yasi has meant a reshuffle of the Queensland Imparja Cup team for the national Indigenous titles being played in Alice Springs this week.

Glen Martin (Cairns) withdrew due to work commitments and Ingham batsman Trent Clemments was unable to travel due to the after-effects of the cyclone.

In their place is former Mt Isa all-rounder John Hay, now playing with Western Suburbs in Brisbane, and Redlands Tigers paceman Jake Kubunek.

Both players are making their debuts at the tournament

Queensland missed the Imparja Cup final last season for the first time in seven years after winning five titles previously.

The presence of Cyclone Yaris forced Queensland Cricket to cancel the annual match between the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander XI and the Queensland Academy of Sport that was due to be played today at Allan Border Field, Brisbane, last Friday.

With airports closed and a number of

players and coaching staff in the area affected by the wild weather, Queensland Cricket opted not to play the game, which was the main lead-in fixture for several players in the Imparja Cup squad.

● For full tournament information and daily scores and match reports, visit: <http://www.cricket.com.au/imparjacup2011>

● The 2011 Imparja Cup will be broadcast on NITV on Friday, 11 February and live on Saturday, 12 February. For full details, visit: <http://nitv.org.au/>

2 Badu teams set to join KRL

By ALF WILSON



TWO new teams from Badu Island could compete in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) competition on Thursday Island in the 2011 season, with an official confident it could be the most successful ever.

But it will depend on which clubs have paid their player insurance premiums by the deadline of 5pm on Monday 28 February.

Last season a number of fixtures were suspended because some clubs had not paid insurance, which must be paid under strict rules of the governing Brisbane-based Queensland Rugby League (QRL).

A KRL meeting was

held on Thursday Island on 13 January when delegates decided that team trial games will start at the local Ken Brown Memorial Oval on 12 March.

Round one of the competition proper is expected to start on 2 April, according to hard working KRL secretary L J Shibasaki.

Last year, four teams – Roosters, Knights, Gladiators, and Suburbs – competed in the KRL.

But the 2011 competition also could include Dragons and Mulga – two teams from Badu Island, to the north of Thursday Island.

"Six teams have expressed interest in vying for this year's competition, however the number of teams will depend on who pays their insurance by the set date," Ms Shibasaki said.

"The draft one draw for a



KRL Secretary L J Shibasaki

four-team competition is complete. Our registrar will also present a draft draw for a six-team competition at our next meeting."

In another major boost, a B-grade competition will be held, along with a women's division.

"There will also be a

junior's competition midweek. Delegates from the women's and juniors will hold further meeting to decide on structure of the competition," Ms Shibasaki said.

She said that KRL was going through a restructure as it presented itself as the peak body for rugby league in the Torres Strait.

"The KRL is holding two vacant positions to cater for electing outer island delegates as members on the board," she said.

"At this crawling stage, there are still more discussions to be held to make outer island rugby league stand alone as their own club – but for now, delegates hold two positions on the KRL board."

If a six-team competition comes to fruition, some games may be played at outer islands.

ACT gets in on the act



AN Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Indigenous women's team is competing in the Imparja Cup this week. Until now, only NSW had sent a State or Territory team to the Imparja Cup.

The Imparja Cup is the premier Indigenous cricket event on the Cricket Australia calendar and has now been running since 2001. It is a showcase of Indigenous cricket talent from across Australia.

An ACT Indigenous men's team – supported by the Lord's Taverners – has been going to the Imparja Cup since 2004 and has been positive in increasing the overall participation of Indigenous cricketers in Canberra competitions.

The presence of an ACT women's team in Alice Springs follows the announcement of a partnership between the ASG Group and the Lord's Taverners.

Women's cricket has been a rapidly expanding aspect of the sport in Australia over the past 20 years. ACT Cricket said this opportunity to highlight Indigenous women's cricket would contribute to the long-term goals to sustain a women's cricket team in the ACT.

Closing the gap

It said the ASG Group and Lord's Taverners recognised the link between participation in sport and the goal of closing the gap between Indigenous and other people in Australia.

ASG general manager Canberra Richard Everett said: "ASG is pleased to contribute to the development of women's Indigenous cricket. We are proud to help foster opportunity and encourage participation by supporting this exciting initiative."

ACT Lord's Taverners Chairman David Nicholls said: "The Lord's Taverners have a proud history of supporting Indigenous cricket."

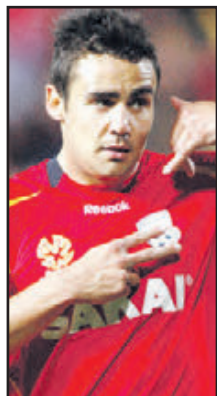
ACT Cricket CEO Mark Vergano said: "This is a new and exciting development in the range of cricketing options provided in Canberra and we are keen to work with the Indigenous community and the sponsors to develop a solid platform to move into the future for Indigenous Women in Canberra."

Sally Moylan, an ACT Meteor, said she was excited at the prospect of leading a team to Alice Springs in the Imparja Cup.

"Everyone knows about Indigenous football players, but we are also slowly contributing to a wider range of sports such as cricket at the highest level," she said.

"I am very much honoured to be part of this initiative coming out of ACT Cricket."

'I could stay at Reds': Dodd



TRAVIS DODD



ADELAIDE United captain Travis Dodd has counselled his agent for saying he is being forced from his A-League soccer club.

Dodd is considering an offer to join Perth Glory next season, with his agent scathing of Adelaide's role in contract negotiations.

Agent Buddy Farah accused Adelaide of trying to drive his client from the club, but they

were comments which surprised Dodd.

"I spoke to my agent after, had a chat to him," Dodd said.

"I wasn't aware that he had spoken to the media so we had a good chat... we're on the same page now."

While speculation has Dodd on the way out of Adelaide, the winger said he could remain with the Reds.

"There has been a lot said in the media, but I have spoken with the football department and the coaching staff and we just

keep working, keep trying to achieve the results each week," he said.

"We are all here for the same thing, to win a title, and that is not going to change.

"... I never had any intention of leaving before the season ended; that was never talked about.

"I want to stay here at this club and win a championship and hopefully I can stay beyond that.

"So that is something that we work towards each week, and the other stuff, that will work itself it out." – AAP

Next time, they'll play under lights



THE Mayor's XI improved its good record in the Australia Day clash against the Narrabri Shire Aboriginal XI at Collins Park on 26 January with a 71-run win, but organisers were looking to the future after stumps.

About 70 people attended in stifling conditions.

When next year's clash comes around, the new lights at Collins Park will have been in use for about 11 months. That means this fixture can become a day-night contest.

Narrabri Shire Aboriginal XI manager Les Knox was delighted with the twilight match, which returned after a year off in 2010.

"It's good to get kids participating. Hopefully we can

make this event bigger," he said.

"We were happy with the day, especially the crowd.

"It augurs well for when the lights are going."

The Mayor's XI batted first and posted 7-152 from its 20 overs before bowling the Aboriginal XI out for 81 (15.2 overs).

Narrabri Shire mayor Robyn Faber was delighted her side kept up its good record in the clash.

She instructed former Narrabri District Cricket Association President Tony Meppem to pick the cream of the association's young talent.

NDCA President Rob Packer led the youthful side.

"It's great to be here with Craig (Trindall – Aboriginal XI captain). We grew up playing cricket together and against each other. It's a great day."



Narrabri Shire Aboriginal XI captain Craig Trindall, Mayor's XI skipper Rob Packer and Aboriginal XI manager and event organiser Les Knox watch as Narrabri Shire's Australia Day ambassador Digby Moran, an Aboriginal artist from Lismore, tosses the coin.

Trindall said the day was about more than cricket. "Our little league recruits

(Kyle Adams, Dylan Baker and Blake Kelly), it's good to see them being interested in

promoting a reconciliation process," he said.

"It's quite unfamiliar territory for them, coming out here and instead of seeing a pair of goalposts, they've got some stumps in the ground. That was great."

Trindall said his side tried hard but the run chase faltered.

"We had a few young blokes and older blokes in form, but we just lost wickets. It's a great event played in good spirit," he said.

Trindall said he was impressed with his new-ball pair of Ty Baker and Blake Hilderson, who play in the Pilliga District Cricket Association, a competition that spans Burren Junction, Wee Waa, Pilliga, Merah North, Cuttabri and Yarrie Lake.

The 2009 clash between the two outfits was a tie.

Storm over Traeger Park



Storm clouds over Traeger Park, Alice Springs, during last year's Imparja Cup cricket tournament.



CRICKET Australia and Northern Territory Cricket last week resolved to continue with the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs despite the decision to stage the Australian Football League (AFL) All-Star match at Traeger Park just days before the opening match of the tournament.

But potential conflict was averted when the AFL cancelled the All-Star match just hours before it was due to be played last Friday.

Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland said that while CA was worried about the decision to play AFL on the eve of the Imparja Cup, organisers were determined

for the national Indigenous cricket carnival to go ahead.

"We were disappointed about the decision to stage an AFL match at Traeger Park just days before the first match of the Imparja Cup is scheduled," Mr Sutherland said.

"However, we are determined to do everything possible to allow the Imparja Cup to go ahead unchanged and we are continuing to consult NT Cricket and Traeger Park head curator Scott Allen as part of this process."

Rain main concern

Mr Sutherland said that despite the threat of rain, they were confident the ground would be ready for use come

the first match of the Imparja Cup last Sunday evening.

"But if rain causes damage, we will have to seriously consider the use of alternative venues and abbreviating the event," he said last week in the run-up to the Imparja Cup.

"Longer term, we need to consider the viability of staging all aspects of the tournament in Alice Springs beyond the current agreement that ends in 2012."

Test veterans

Into its 18th year in Alice Springs, the 2011 Imparja Cup was scheduled to begin with an ACA Masters v Black Caps match at 6.30pm last Sunday at Traeger Park.

Cricket champions Merv Hughes, Rodney Hogg, Greg Matthews, Richard

Chee Quee, Greg Ritchie and Jo Angel were to be part of the ACA Masters team alongside six of the best Alice Springs cricketers.

The Black Caps side consisted of the best players from the 2010 tournament.

More than 400 participants – spread across 28 representative teams – are in Alice Springs for this year's Imparja Cup.

The 2011 event has received a significant funding boost from the Federal Government through its Learn Earn Legend! initiative.

Learn Earn Legend! encourages and supports young Indigenous Australians to stay at school, gain employment and become a 'legend' for themselves, their family and their community.

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By PETER ARGENT



THE South Australian Southern Boomerangs are looking for continued improvement at this year's Imparja Cup. Selectors have opted for youth as they look to build on their previous two years of solid performances.

"We finished fourth in 2009 and third last year, so with natural progression, we'd like to make the final," long-term captain Peter Thomas said.

"Once you make it to the decider, anything can happen.

"Individually, it is about each player knowing his role and as a team, we need to execute our game plans.

"This team has plenty of youth, with 14-year-olds Ethan Ericson and Chris Schilling.

"There are four players under 18, with the other teenagers being 'keeper Marcus McGregor-Cassady, who played for the Northern Territory in the Under 17 nationals, and opening bowler Raymond Smith.

"Our focus has been on youth over the past couple of years.

"This has been driven through our State competition as well."

Both Southern Boomerangs vice-captain Dominic Croft and McGregor-Cassady also won national honours with an Indigenous tour of Papua New Guinea last year.

Schilling is an all-rounder, while Ericson is expected to bat in the top order.

Jamie McCafferty was the Southern Boomerangs' leading run scorer in the 2010 Imparja Cup and his captain is looking for another strong tournament from him, while perennial representative player, quick Willy Searle will lead the bowling attack.

Thomas also believes country cricketer Ken Karpany can give his side an X-factor with his aggressive style.

The Southern Boomerangs squad is: Peter Thomas (capt) – Pooraka CC, Dominic Croft (VC.) – Woodville DCC, Matthew Bedgood – Rose and Crown, Jordan Charles – Gepps Cross CC, Ethan Ericson – Woodville Rechabites CC, Peter Graham – Paralowie CC, Ken Karpany – Lyrup CC, Jamie McCafferty – Pooraka CC, Marcus McGregor-Cassady – East Torrens DCC, Chris Schilling – Callington CC, Willie Serle – Pooraka CC, Raymond Smith – Eastern Park CC, Kevin Thomas – Pooraka CC.

Focus on youth



THE emphasis is on youth in the Noogal Tonegorrt Tani (belong success/win) Victorian cricket team competing in the Imparja Cup at Alice Springs this week.

Selectors are looking to the future as they have opted for a much younger team this year.

Three players – Clayton McCartney, Ben Abbatangelo and Bodhi Walker – have come straight from the Victorian Pathway Championships, having represented their regions.

Abbatangelo, 17, captained the North East Falcons under 18 in the Victorian Commonwealth Bank Pathway Championships this year and also plays for Victorian Premier Cricket Club – Northcote. He is a right-hand batsman and right-arm off-spinner.

He is also undertaking a Sports Administration traineeship with Cricket Victoria.

McCartney, 16, is said to be adaptable to a number of roles in the Imparja Cup team – right-hand batsman, right-arm medium bowler, and wicketkeeper.

He represented the under 16 Southern Rangers in the Victorian Commonwealth Bank Pathway Championships.



The rising stars of the Victorian Imparja Cup cricket team, from left, Clayton McCartney, Ben Abbatangelo and Bodhi Walker – all Victorian Pathway Championship players.

He was to play in the State finals on Sunday 6 February before flying up to Alice Springs.

Bodhi Walker is just 14 and he will celebrate his 15th birthday during the Imparja Cup. He represented Gippsland Pride in the Victorian Commonwealth Bank Pathway Championships, making it to the semi-finals.

He is a left-hand batsman and right-arm fast bowler.

The Victorian Imparja Cup team played in a practice match on Sunday 30 January, defeating a corporate Twenty/20 side.

Pressure on Thurston



THE Indigenous All-Stars have been given even more motivation to beat the NRL All-Stars at Skilled Park on Saturday night following emotional skipper Preston Campbell's withdrawal last Wednesday.

The veteran utility, whose visionary All-Star concept proved a hit throughout last February, has succumbed to injuries to his ankle, knee and hamstring, denying him the honour of leading the Indigenous side in defence of its All-Star crown.

"We all know what this game means to Presto and how much he wanted to play for his people," said Johnathan Thurston, describing his elevation to captain as a 'massive honour'.

"None of us will want to let him down now."

While his teammates would have supported him playing at 80 to 90 per cent fitness, Campbell made an unselfish early call to allow coach Laurie Daley and Thurston ample time to prepare fully for the big showdown.

Instead, he's vowed to do everything he can to help get the players ready and the fans whipped up to support them.

"It's disappointing to miss out, particularly

because it's such a big game for me," said Campbell.

"I could probably play but it's only fair to have the strongest team out there on the field."

"I'll still be involved in all the great community activities that happen off the field during All-Stars week, which is just as important as the game, and I'll also be helping the players prepare."

"It's better to make the call early. They go into camp (soon) and they can get someone in to fill my position and prepare with the team."

Great opportunity

"It gives a young bloke (Anthony Mitchell) who's only played a few NRL games an opportunity, and he probably deserves it."

"I dare says he'd be pretty excited about playing."

Queensland and Australian halfback Thurston says the captaincy role carries a lot of pride and responsibility.

"Taking on the role of captain in a side that represents my people is very special and I'll be doing everything I can to live up to the high standard Preston set as the inaugural captain last year," said the Cowboys skipper.

Parramatta hooker Anthony Mitchell was named as Campbell's replacement in Daley's squad, while Warriors utility Joel Moon has been drafted in for Broncos forward Sam Thaiday, ruled out earlier with a groin problem.

"We are obviously disappointed that Preston has been ruled out of the game, he's a fantastic leader and a well-respected member of the team, said Daley."

"Preston is committed to playing an active role in our preparations and community events during the week."

"This is a well-deserved opportunity for Johnathan."

Melbourne Storm and Emerging Blues centre Beau Champion was another to get a call-up to the Indigenous All-Stars.

Champion, a member of last year's victorious side, replaces Greg Inglis, who was ruled out of the match as he continues his recovery from off-season shoulder surgery.

"It's always disappointing to lose players the calibre of Sam and Greg, but it presents a great opportunity for the players who come into the side," coach Daley said.

"Beau had an outstanding 2010 season and his involvement with the inaugural team last year makes him an ideal replacement."



JOHNATHAN THURSTON

Several new faces in NRL All-Stars

THE National Rugby League (NRL) All-Star side includes several new faces, including exciting young Canberra fullback Josh Dugan and Cronulla enforcer Paul Gallen.

Canterbury and NSW hooker Michael Ennis has also made coach Wayne Bennett's list of 20 which will again be led by Darren Lockyer.

The 2011 NRL All Stars team is:

Josh Dugan (Canberra Raiders), Akuila Uate (Newcastle Knights), Michael Jennings (Penrith Panthers), Jamie Lyon (Manly Sea Eagles), Brett Morris (St George Illawarra Dragons), Darren Lockyer (capt – Brisbane Broncos), Benji Marshall (Wests Tigers), Ben Hannant (Brisbane Broncos), Cameron Smith (Melbourne Storm), Matthew Scott (North Queensland Cowboys), Nathan Hindmarsh (Parramatta Eels), Gareth Ellis (Wests Tigers), Paul Gallen (Cronulla Sharks), David Taylor (South Sydney Rabbitohs), Ashley Harrison (Gold Coast Titans), Feleti Mateo (Warriors), Shaun Kenny-Dowall (Sydney Roosters), Michael Ennis (Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs), Petero Civoniceva (Penrith Panthers), Kurt Gidley (Newcastle Knights).

Can't get to the match or watch it live on TV?

THE Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars concept continues to deliver new ways for rugby league fans to connect with the game, with a ground-breaking livestream of the match to be made available online, via mobile phones and Telstra T-Box IPTV.

More than 53,000 fans voted online at NRL.com to help select the NRL and Indigenous All-Stars teams, and for the first time, viewers can vote for their Man of the Match online or via SMS while the game is being played at Skilled Park, Robina, on the Gold Coast.

Rugby league fans around Australia will be able to vote for the Preston Campbell Award in one of two ways:

- 1: Visit nrl.com/allstars during the match to cast their vote.
- 2: SMS their selected player and your name to 0439 46 46 46 during the

game. All eligible voters will all go into a draw to win \$1000 for their efforts.

There will also be a live chat during the match on NRL.com with Rabbitohs' English import Sam Burgess, who played for the NRL All-Stars last year, but was unavailable to play on Saturday because of a shoulder injury.

Full match stats will also be updating live as the game unfolds with NRL.com's live scoreboard application.

In the week leading up to the match, Manly's Indigenous All Stars player George Rose and One Community ambassador Wendell Sailor, who are in camp with the Indigenous team, are 'tweeting' about their preparations for the match and the All-Stars activities on the Gold Coast.

Fans can access Telstra's live streaming activity for the 2011 All-Stars game in the following ways:

- Visit nrl.com/allstars on Saturday, February 12, from 7.30pm AEDT for the live stream. This means Victorian, South Australian, Western Australian, Northern Territory, ACT and Tasmanian fans who miss out on Channel 9's TV broadcast can also watch the match live and vote for their Man of the Match.

- If you have a 3G-enabled mobile, simply purchase and download the NRL Action Pack to get the 2011 All-Stars game live-streamed to your handset. Customers with active NRL Action pack on their handsets will be able to watch the match live at no extra cost. For more information about NRL Action packs, visit m.nrl.com

- If you have a T-Box (Channel 404) or Samsung IPTV, tune in to catch all the action live. Check your EPG for details.

Women also get a guernsey



The women's Indigenous All-Stars squad at a training camp on the Sunshine Coast.

THE All-Stars rugby league action at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, on Saturday 12 February won't be confined to men only – there also will be an All-Stars women's match.

It will be between the Indigenous All-Stars and the Australian All-Stars.

The 23-strong Indigenous squad has drawn women together from Sydney to Cape York and Darwin, and from throughout NSW and Queensland.

Indigenous All-Stars Coach Rob Brough has seen more than 500 women trial for positions in the squad.

They have had two training camps in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast and he is excited at the prospects for his team taking on one of the best

teams in the world – the Australian All Stars – consisting of players who make up the current Australian team.

The Indigenous All-Stars will be led by captain Tracey Thompson and vice-captain Eunice Grimes. They have a wealth of experience.

Yvonne 'Pearl' O'Neill, Paddy Fraser and dual international champion Bo De La Cruz are in the side, as well as energetic youths such as Kaitlin Moss, Julie Young and Newcastle's 17-year-old Candice Clay.

The Indigenous women's All-Stars team will go into camp today and will attend events alongside the Indigenous men's All-Stars team in the lead-up to the big game on Saturday night.



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AFL's All-Stars game scrapped



THE Australian Football League's (AFL's) planned pre-season clash between Richmond and the Indigenous All-Stars in Alice Springs last

Friday night was cancelled just hours before it was due to be played.

The match had previously been the subject of venue and time changes due to expected hostile weather.

It was originally meant to be played in Darwin on Saturday night, before monsoonal rain made that location unsuitable, forcing the move to Alice Springs.

The threat of the remnants of cyclone Yasi causing 100km/h winds and heavy rain in Alice Springs prompted the AFL on Thursday to reschedule it for an earlier timeslot than initially planned to try to dodge the worst of the weather.

But on Friday morning, it was decided to scrap the game, with Richmond football general manager Craig Cameron saying the AFL had received updated weather warnings.

He said the Tigers were at the airport ready to fly out when the news came through.

"We were sort of milling around ready to board the plane and the phone calls started that the weather forecast the AFL

had received yesterday and the assurances they had received may have changed a little bit," Cameron told a Melbourne radio station.

"I think match manager Scott Taylor contacted some of the guys at the AFL and (AFL football operations manager) Adrian Anderson ended up making what is a pretty good call, I think, that the game shouldn't go ahead."

Cameron said there had been some previous discussion about a move to a third venue, possibly Sydney, but it was too late to organise that once the decision not to play in Alice Springs was made.

Little impact

He said it would not have too much impact on the club's preparation for the season, but would be a blow to the many players who had limited or no AFL experience in the squad Richmond was fielding.

"It was a good opportunity for them to get on a plane and travel and play," Cameron said.

"(Coach Damien Hardwick) has thrown down the challenge to some of them to put their hand up for round one, so it was a minor setback from that respect, but not in terms of the conditioning."

AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley said the decision to call off the game was the

right one. "We are immensely disappointed with the last-minute cancellation as we realise how disappointed the footy fans of Alice Springs will be," he said.

Frawley said the decision was worsened by the fact that a partisan home crowd was denied the opportunity to watch their hometown heroes such as of Juraah, Campbell, Taylor and Hampton play at Traeger Park.

For people in Alice Springs who bought general admission tickets and corporate tickets, AFLNT will refund all monies.

People who pre-purchased tickets need to return to the place of purchase for a full refund.

The AFL's loss could be Cricket Australia's gain, with the scrapping of the All-Stars football match in Alice Springs easing pitch concerns over the Imparja Cup Indigenous cricket carnival.

Organisers had feared that the the Imparja Cup, the national indigenous cricket tournament held annually in Alice Springs and due to start last Sunday, would have to be shortened or alternative venues found.

With the AFL match involving the All Stars and Richmond scheduled for Friday night, it was feared that if that clash was played in wet weather, the Traeger Park

surface would be left unplayable for cricket.

It is one of several Alice Springs venues for the Imparja Cup, and is scheduled to host the final on Saturday.

But after the AFL game was cancelled on Friday due to severe weather warnings, Cricket Australia game development general manager Damien Bown was hopeful the carnival would go ahead as scheduled.

The weather was still likely to play a part, though, with rain and storms forecast for Alice Springs the early part of this week.

"The cancellation of the AFL match due to the weather forecast has made the job of preparing a wicket capable of hosting the Imparja Cup a bit easier, although we still have a firm eye on the weather," Bown said.

"Our national Indigenous tournament is incredibly important to us and, as we have been from the outset, we are doing everything in our power to make it go ahead in its entirety.

"Unfortunately, given the potential for inclement weather, there is still a chance we will have to make modifications to the tournament fixture." — AAP

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Campbell ruled out



AN emotional Preston Campbell has been forced to withdraw from the upcoming rugby league All-Stars clash, handing over the captaincy of the Indigenous side to Johnathan Thurston. Concept creator Campbell

had been battling a hamstring injury in the hope he could lead the Indigenous All-Stars against the National Rugby League (NRL) All-Stars at Skilled Park on Saturday night.

However, he reluctantly made the decision last Wednesday that he could not play in such a special game when not 100 per cent fit.

"It's disappointing to miss out, particularly because it's such a big game for me," Campbell said.

"But I'm only about 80 per cent fit at the moment and because it's such a significant game for a lot of people, it's only fair to have the strongest team out there on the field.

"The positive thing is that I'll still be involved in all the great community activities that happen off the field during All-Stars week."

Thurston was 'honoured' to be given the job of replacing Campbell as captain.

"Taking on the role of captain in a side that represents my people is very special and I'll be doing everything I can to live up to the high standard that Preston set as the inaugural captain of the side last year," said Thurston.

Parramatta hooker Anthony Mitchell will replace Campbell in the squad, while Warriors utility Joel Moon has been called up for Broncos forward Sam Thaiday (groin) who was ruled out a week earlier. — AAP



All dressed up and nowhere to go... Preston Campbell, left, with Gold Coast Titans and Indigenous All-Stars team-mate Scott Prince at the entrance to Skilled Park, where the big rugby league All-Stars game will be played on Saturday night. Campbell was to lead the Indigenous All-Stars, but injury has forced him out.

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