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# From our Chairman

**T**HE story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia is a big one, and important for our nation.

That it has been able to be told for 20 years and through 500 editions of the *Koori Mail* is a matter of enormous pride and privilege for my Bundjalung people.

The *Koori Mail*'s first edition was just 24 pages, all black and white (except for the masthead), and read by about 25,000 people.

Today, the newspaper averages close to 100 pages, is alive with colour, and reaches more than 100,000 readers right around Australia every fortnight.

If it involves our mob, you'll find it in the pages of the *Koori Mail*. The highs and the lows, the joy and the despair. From the grassroots of our communities to the big end of town and national affairs.

But more than that, we also have a successful business that is owned and controlled by Aboriginal people.

I'm proud to say that every cent of profit earned by the *Koori Mail* goes to Indigenous Australians, either as sponsorships and scholarships or dividends to the owning community organisations\*.

The dividends received by the owning organisations help to keep us going – improvements for our properties, sponsoring trips for our kids, ensuring we meet cultural obligations ... the list goes on.

To be the chairman of such an organisation is something that's deeply satisfying.

But all this doesn't just happen. It's taken dedication and hard work to get where we are today.

So I'd like to thank my fellow Board members, past and present,



who have so ably represented the owning organisations and overseen the development of the *Koori Mail*.

Equally, my thanks go to the management and staff who continue to produce a newspaper we are proud to call our own.

And I'd also like to thank our readers for their ongoing loyalty and support.

Without you, none of this would have been possible.

Twenty years and 500 editions

is a real achievement, and something we're proud of. But rest assured we won't be resting on our laurels.

There's challenging times ahead for Indigenous Australia. Have no doubt the *Koori Mail* will be shining a light on them for another 20 years and beyond.

I said at the beginning of this message that the story of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia was a big and important one.

The *Koori Mail* Board is delighted that, with the help of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), we are now able to bring that story to life in digital form. It is our gift to the nation.

**RUSSELL KAPEEN**  
*Bundjalung man*  
**Chairman, Koori Mail**  
(since 1995)  
**Chairman, Kurrachee Co-operative**

**\*The Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal owned and controlled – is situated on Bundjalung country on the far north coast of New South Wales. Its shareholders are five small Aboriginal organisations – the Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore), Bunjum Co-operative (Ballina/Cabbage Tree Island), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino), Kurrachee Co-operative (Coraki) and Nungera Co-operative (Macleay).**

# From the Editor's desk

**T**HEY say that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Flicking through the *Koori Mail*'s massive archive to read of the things that concerned our mob 20 years ago, the adage rings pretty true.

Generally speaking, there's still much inequity between us and the rest of the country in terms of health, life expectancy, housing, education, employment and incarceration rates. We're still fighting for land and recognition. And our relationship with broader Australia is still very much a work-in-progress.

But there's also no denying that a lot has changed since the first edition of the *Koori Mail* hit the streets in May 1991. Back then, parts of the Indigenous affairs landscape looked distinctly

different. For example, the first national elected Indigenous representative body, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), was still around.

Many more of our heroes – people like Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Charles Perkins, Rob Riley and Mum Shirl – were with us.

While Aboriginal land rights had gained traction in state and territory jurisdictions including New South Wales and the Northern Territory, native title as a legal concept was still unheard of.

Cathy Freeman was a fresh-faced 18-year-old from the bush, questioning whether she had what it would take to represent the nation.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge had never been closed to allow more than



200,000 people to pass over it, as they did in the year 2000 in the name of reconciliation.

Most Australians had no awareness of the thousands of Aboriginal lives that had been shattered by removal policies. And the possibility of an apology to the nation's Stolen Generations hadn't yet formed.

The suggestion that

dozens of Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory might be exempted from protection under the Racial Discrimination Act could not have been imagined.

And the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous health and life expectancy had yet to be quantified, let alone seriously grappled with.

The *Koori Mail* has faithfully reported on all of this – Australian Indigenous community life in all its glory – and always from the widest possible range of Indigenous perspectives.

Of course, some of what has graced our pages has also been reported elsewhere but much of it not, and certainly rarely with as much insight. That's a big part of what sets us apart.

In May 1991, I was an impressionable young journalist, six months shy of becoming the newspaper's far north Queensland correspondent.

Now, looking back over our estimated 50,000 stories, columns, letters and poems, and hundreds of thousands of photographs is a truly humbling experience.

To attempt to adequately summarise them would be

folly, but it has been a thrill to read of countless firsts in our community; politicians, doctors, lawyers, teachers, elite sportspeople and journalists to name just a few.

As we look towards our 501st edition, I want to say what an honour it is to serve the *Koori Mail*'s Bundjalung Board of Directors, to work as part of a small but incredibly dedicated team of staff, correspondents, contributors and columnists, and to be part of the continually growing *Koori Mail* family.

But my biggest gratitude is reserved for you, our readers. Thank you for your support and for welcoming our humble newspaper into your lives.

**KIRSTIE PARKER**  
*Managing Editor,*  
**Koori Mail**  
*Yuwallarai woman*



# Your Koori Mail – then and now

**O**WEN CARRIAGE remembers kicking around the national capital a couple of decades ago. Staying at the iconic Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, the Walbunja man from the NSW south coast was well versed in the social, cultural and political differences between Aboriginal and other people.

Frustrations about skewed mainstream reportage of Aboriginal issues received frequent, spirited airings on the grassy lawns opposite Old Parliament House.

“Lyall Munro and gang were there and I stayed there for a while with them because I knew them all,” Mr Carriage recalls. “And they were saying ‘We wish we had our own newspaper because of all this negative stuff’.

“We talked about it virtually on a daily basis until I said I was going to do it and of course everyone cackled. And then they said ‘Well, maybe we should’.”

Soon after, Mr Carriage moved from Sydney to the NSW far north coast, settling in Lismore where he worked for the Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC) and an Aboriginal Legal Service.

“I moved because a change is always good,” Mr Carriage says. “It was a different lifestyle and I was fed up with Sydney. Having said that, many of the issues facing our mob in Lismore were the same as anywhere else. Different place, same shit, racism and all that comes with it.”

Spurred on to do something about it, Mr Carriage said to himself ‘Bugger it, I’m going to create that newspaper’ and sold his Sydney home to finance it. He came up with a list of possible names and gave it to his then 14-year-old daughter Christine and told her to pick one.

“She said ‘Dad, I like Koori Mail’ and that was that,” he says.

Mr Carriage’s vision, as spelled out in the first edition published on 23 May 1991, was for ‘an unbiased and non-political paper’.

“And as well as producing an Aboriginal paper, the paper provides information for people wanting a more comprehensive understanding of a culture often misunderstood by the majority of Australians,” it read.

Apart from current issues, it was envisaged the paper would carry a range of features, personality profiles highlighting Koori achievements, book and film reviews, children’s pages and sport.

Page one of the first edition carried a local Bundjalung perspective, expressed by Elder Frank Roberts, on the findings of the National Inquiry into Racist Violence in Australia. In the wake of the murders of three Aboriginal children at Bowraville, Mr Roberts said north coast Elders were considering a curfew for their young people and children, in order to



**The first Bundjalung Board of the Koori Mail, March 1992. From left, Vice-chairman Russell Kapeen (Box Ridge), Chairman Robert Cameron (Casino), Public Officer the Rev Charles Harris (Lismore), and Secretary Charles Moran (Goonellabah).**



**Koori Mail Board members in 1999, back, Phil Roberts (Lismore) and Don Daley (Cabbage Tree Island) and, front, Russell Kapeen (Coraki), Robyn Ferguson (Casino) Terry Randall (Maclean).**



**The Koori Mail Board today, from left, Lawrence Roberts (Bunjum), Pam Roberts (Bundjalung Tribal Society), Ron Randall (Buyinbin), Russell Kapeen (Kurrachee) and Trevor Kapeen (Nungera).**

keep them safe. “The level of racist violence and harassment presented in evidence to the inquiry, particularly against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, should be a matter of concern to all Australians,” the report read.

There was also a front-page photo of the only Aboriginal person to have graduated by then from Duntroon military college, Captain

Wesley Aird, at the official unveiling on the Gold Coast of the first memorial to Aboriginal servicemen and women.

With a recommended cover price of a dollar and just a smattering of advertising, 5000 copies of the first edition were distributed throughout New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. It proved so popular that, within four editions, the Koori Mail

had gone national.

It wasn’t all smooth sailing, though. Newspaper publishing is an expensive exercise and, despite much-appreciated support from the Lismore-based *Northern Star* mainstream newspaper, within six months the bold new enterprise had almost exhausted Mr Carriage’s cash reserves. He tried unsuccessfully to secure funding from ADC and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). Reluctantly, he made the decision to fold.

Enter Charles Moran, a senior Bundjalung man then living in Lismore. “I was down town one day and somebody mentioned that they were going to stop printing the Koori Mail,” the now 80-year-old recalled recently.

“It had some money problems and they wanted to stop printing. I got in contact with Pastor Frank Roberts and Pastor Charles Harris and said ‘Look, what can we do about this? This is an Aboriginal voice. We’ve got to do something’.

“The paper was important because it came from Aboriginal people,” Mr Moran says.

“Lismore back then was really bad for racism. You’d try to rent a house there and every time you’d show up at the house, they’d shake their head before you could even ask a question. That was how bad it was, and it was no different for Aboriginal people anywhere.

“We needed the Koori Mail to speak up for us.”

The three Elders met with management from the *Northern Star* regarding the paper’s debts and it was agreed that a group of local Bundjalung organisations would seek funds to buy the Koori Mail masthead.

The financial takeover of the fledgling paper was enabled by a grant of \$226,000 from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). In that process, the *Northern Star* held a 20 per cent interest in the paper while the rest was taken up by a parent company called Bygal Weaunhir – Bundjalung for ‘going forward’ – comprising five Bundjalung organisations.

The takeover was announced on the front page of the Koori Mail on 11 March 1992, and hailed as a step forward in self-sufficiency and self-determination.

“The paper is an important voice

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## Warning

**The Koori Mail advises that this special edition contains images of some Indigenous people who are since deceased.**



**Koori Mail founder Owen Carriage and first Editor Janine Wilson.**



**Todd Condie, the first Indigenous Koori Mail Editor.**



**Early NSW correspondent Paulette Whitton.**



**Wayne Quilliam began writing for the paper around 1994.**



# Then and now...

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for Aboriginal people, providing the best opportunity we have ever had to present true picture of Aboriginal issues and achievements," Pastor Frank Roberts was quoted as saying.

"As well as serving the Aboriginal people, it enables the non-Aboriginal population to get a proper perspective of the matters affecting Aboriginal people and their beliefs, as well as correcting the stereotypes and myths that have prevailed for the past 204 years. The paper marks a new era in Aboriginal self-sufficiency and self-determination."

Three years later, on the occasion of the *Koori Mail's* 100th edition, the *Northern Star's* General Manager John Howard had high praise for the vision of Frank Roberts, Charles Harris and Charles Moran.

"I was deeply impressed then, and still am, with the absolute conviction they held towards the continuation of the *Koori Mail*, to the detriment, I believe, of their physical health," Mr Howard said.

"They were not young men, but eminent persons of 'the old school', respected around Australia and parts of the world.

"The foundation laid for the *Koori Mail* to go ahead, in my opinion, came largely from the spirit they breathed into it."

Today, the five Bundjalung organisations that made up Bygal Weaunhir still own the newspaper. The Bundjalung Tribal Society (Lismore), Bunjum Co-operative (Ballina/Cabbage Tree Island), Buyinbin Co-operative (Casino), Kurrachee Co-operative (Coraki)



Koori Mail staff members, from left, sub-editor Rachel Scollay, Advertising Manager Stuart Corlett, Managing Editor Kirstie Parker, journalist Darren Coyne, advertising officer Chris Costello, advertising officer Theresa Dalton, Office Manager Sue Deegan, Business Manager Steve Gordon, accounts officer Grace Gordon, Sports Editor Graham Hunt and receptionist Sharnie Roberts.

and Nungera Co-operative (Maclean) each has a 20 per cent interest, making the *Koori Mail* 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned and controlled.

Independently audited, the newspaper sells about 9430 copies and reaches more than 100,000 readers per fortnight. It is available in almost 1500 newsagents across every State and Territory and has around 4000 subscribers throughout the country.

Charles Moran is chuffed when he considers those numbers. "When we first took over the *Koori Mail*, financially it was tough," he recalls. "Like most things, it was a steep learning curve but we found people who knew how to put it together and that helped a lot.

"We never knew quite how it would go. We thought we might get a get a fair hearing but it's all over Australia now. I feel really proud of it.

"People talk about reconciliation but it's only talk. Racism is still there, the stereotypes still exist and people still can't get houses.

"The *Koori Mail* puts issues out there. I say there's as much need for it now as when it started. There's a lot of stuff that Aboriginal people still need to talk about and good white people too."

As for the *Koori Mail's* founder Owen Carriage? He backs Uncle Charles' views.

"I'm so proud of this newspaper," he says. "It's even more important than it was two decades ago.

"The *Koori Mail* provides balance for mob across the country. With it, we have a paper that we can pick up and read to see what's happening around the country. We can see different communities, look at photos and talk about our people.

"And it has led to employment for a lot of people, directly and indirectly. I mean, can you imagine how many people got jobs they saw advertised in the *Koori Mail* since it started? It'd be thousands and thousands.

"The *Koori Mail* is good for our morale: I believe that, historically, its establishment was one of the major events in this country. It'll never be put aside. Our mob will cherish it, there's no doubt about that."



A young Katrina Power, Adelaide correspondent.



Early correspondent Anita Heiss.



A younger Kirstie Parker in her days as north Queensland correspondent. She's Managing Editor now.

# Our cartoonist one of the best



**S**HARP, funny, controversial and sometimes all of the above, cartoonist Danny Eastwood has been a stalwart of the *Koori Mail* for many years.

The Mt Druitt-based artist has attracted a swag of prestigious accolades throughout his career, including

NSW Artist of the Year in 1988, National Aboriginal Artist of the Year in 1991 and winner of the 2008 Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Prize. But he counts arts workshops with Aboriginal prison inmates amongst his most rewarding work. Danny, we salute you.



Aboriginal artist and *Koori Mail* cartoonist Danny Eastwood, pictured during NAIDOC Week 2007 at the unveiling of a CountryLink train mural he painted for Railcorp. Photo by AMANDA JAMES



# Looking back on 20 years

## Still a way to go

*I can't really remember the first issue of the Koori Mail because it seems like it's always been around, much like an old friend. And when it arrives every fortnight it's like that good friend dropping by. You look forward to it.*

*Over the 20 years the paper has been published it has certainly played a significant role in reporting and commenting on the many events and decisions that have affected Indigenous people.*

*I've always seen the Koori Mail as the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, a truly Indigenous national newspaper that's influential in presenting an Indigenous perspective, all the while simultaneously promoting and supporting reconciliation.*

*I like the content of the paper and the way it's set out. Of course, being a sports fan I enjoy reading the back section, but it covers the whole gamut*

*of Indigenous issues and covers them well. And I can say with some experience that it compares very favourably with national Indigenous papers I've seen in the United States and Canada.*

OVER the past two decades, the relationship between black and white Australia has certainly improved, although we still have a way to go. But we've managed to raise awareness and lift the level of cultural competency amongst non-Indigenous Australians, which makes us better placed than we were back then.

Two initiatives spearheaded by Reconciliation Australia that give me great encouragement are the Australian Reconciliation Barometer and the introduction of Reconciliation Action Plans. The Barometer tracks the relationship between Aboriginal



### Reconciliation

**MICK DODSON**

Co-Chair, Reconciliation Australia

and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians and provides a picture of just

where that relationship sits. And recent results show we're heading in the right direction.

The take up of Reconciliation Action Plans by organisations all around the country has been a triumph. From large corporations to small community groups, RAPs are enabling organisations of all kinds to turn their good intentions into real actions. The ripple effect can only get stronger.

In looking ahead, I think the real challenge is to defeat the tendency in public policy to simplistically look to assimilationist answers to what are complex and challenging matters affecting the lives of Indigenous Australians. With the NT Intervention, for example, you can see that the colonial project is well and truly alive and kicking, because the thinking's the same.

When it comes to such matters, it should be a process

of respectful negotiation, not hasty consultation. That's a directive from the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that we ought to follow.

Just a word on the Australian media. The Barometer findings indicate that just nine per cent of Indigenous people and 16 per cent of non-Indigenous people feel the media presents a balanced view on Indigenous issues. We need a media that is fair and objective, so I hope we can turn that around.

In the meantime, the *Koori Mail* remains a vital mouthpiece for our people, highlighting Indigenous enterprise, arguing against injustice and presenting stories that warm the heart and recognise our many high achievers.

I look forward to reading Edition 500, a wonderful milestone for all of us to celebrate.

# Voice for our people

REMEMBER the formation of the *Koori Mail* very clearly because my father Pastor Frank Roberts was its chairman and had talked about the idea for an Aboriginal newspaper for eons.

A young man called Owen Carriage started the newspaper but had been having a tough time because he couldn't get funding for it. Eventually, some local Bundjaung organisations from the northern NSW region came on board and, with some help from ATSIC, the birthing of a 100 per cent Aboriginal community owned newspaper was on its way.

My biggest memory of the *Koori Mail* is around the one-year anniversary, when an Aboriginal media conference was held. I was working in TV at the time and had recently done a story around how our women often had to go through mainstream legal aid in domestic violence and custody issues because their partners were black and Aboriginal legal

aid had a policy of not representing black on black.

It was a really hard story to do, showing our women to be disadvantaged in the legal system.

At the time, it was taboo to even admit we had such issues as domestic violence in our community. I presented the story I had run on TV to the forum and spoke about being a reporter who had to hold the middle ground and understand our code of behaviour and not take sides.

Two rows at the conference were made up of white academics and then, of course, there was our mob.

During my presentation, several very well-known Aboriginal men in the arts and media industry stood up and walked out of the room. The only man remaining in the room was my dad.

I remember standing my ground that women had a right to talk about this, but our men were furious. I was basically told



### Media

**RHODA ROBERTS**

Journalist and gallery owner  
Artistic Director Events,  
Saltwater Freshwater Festival

'How dare you air our dirty linen in front of white people'. 'You've told a story that will incarcerate more men', they said.

It all made me realise the power of the media. That

evening, there was a ball and I had decided not to go. I sat in the car crying as my dad drove me home and he put his hand on my knee and said 'Come on sis, you're tougher than that. Pick yourself up. If you don't go, you'll have agreed that you shouldn't have done the story'.

In the end, I went and circumstances were that I was asked and agreed to MC the ball. The keynote speaker that night was my father and it was the most honourable thing for me to introduce him on that important anniversary.

Even now, I can't find the words. I just stood there and was so incredibly proud. Everyone on the board at the time were my uncles, including late uncle Charlie Harris and Charlie Moran. It was wonderful to look around and see my Elders that I knew so dearly as the board of this amazing paper.

The next evening, my father passed away.

He had always said 'If we

had a paper, we'd have a voice that we could use to educate the broader community', so when my father passed, it was almost like he was saying 'I have done everything I set out to achieve'.

That's why the *Koori Mail* is so closely linked to my psyche. It still means the world to me and I love the fact that it's still in Lismore (northern NSW), it's national, it's sound and ethical, it's 100 per cent owned by the community and it has increased its readership and gone from strength to strength.

So many people read other things like the poetry in the *Koori Mail*, and then there are letters from prisoners. People have been genuine about it. It's a paper that empowers our youth especially, but virtually anyone can open it up and learn from it.

It's a really hard thing to be something to everyone but I feel the *Koori Mail* has achieved it. It shows that we truly have come a long way.

● You'll find more 'Looking back on 20 years' essays on Pages 6 and 15 of this souvenir



# Looking back on 20 years

# Stronger, smarter

*I READ my first Koori Mail around 1993, when I was living in Canberra and working on secondment in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I remember calling up to subscribe, thinking 'At last we're seeing a kind of media in which our people are front and centre'. That doesn't happen anywhere else. Often, all the other newspapers just seem to reflect the negative stereotypes.*

*What the Koori Mail has done is enabled us to see ourselves more positively. In many ways, it exposes the truth of who we are: Strong, smart, black and deadly.*



## Education

**Dr CHRIS SARRA**

**Executive Director  
Stronger, Smarter Institute  
Queensland University of  
Technology**

**B**ACK in 1991 when the *Koori Mail* started, I was just a young fella – about 21 or 22 – and working as the Aboriginal Education Officer for the Department of Employment, Education and Training in Bundaberg. It was a time when they were just starting to set up Aboriginal Students Support Parent Awareness (ASSPA) committees.

It's fair to say that, back then, we were still waiting around for a serious commitment to making a difference in Indigenous education. We were still waiting around for Aboriginal education to become everybody's business. It

was pigeonholed as something only for blackfellas, when the truth was that everybody had to own responsibility for making a difference.

At the same time, some of us were trying to explain why we were so far behind in terms of the data and trying to justify that circumstance when, in fact, we should simply have been demanding to be up there with everyone else.

I remember very well just how difficult it was even to have a conversation with someone like a regional director about wanting to improve Indigenous education.

And much of the literature, although well intentioned, was furnishing a perception that Indigenous kids were just so different, just so exotically different, that teachers forgot that at some level they were just kids in classrooms as hungry to learn and as inquisitive as anybody else.

Today, the tide of low expectations is changing, but clearly the results are still yet to flow. The rhetoric is saying what it needs to, but there's work to be done in converting it to reality. There's still too much room to question the extent to which Ministers of education, senior bureaucrats, school leaders and teachers are truly committed to making a difference.

In some ways, though, things are improving. I like to think there's no

place in any educational jurisdiction in any part of Australia where a teacher with low expectations of Indigenous children can hide. That, at some point, those people and those types of beliefs will be challenged and flushed out.

There is definitely a demand for higher expectations and quality education outcomes for Indigenous children, and even today's Prime Minister signals those demands. I think that's quite significant and it is important that we honour the contribution of people like Paul Hughes, Peter Buckskin, the late John Budby, and May O'Brien who worked tirelessly to lay a really solid foundation. There were many others too.

All of us have to move beyond the binary of having to choose whether we want our kids to be strong in terms of cultural identity or smart in terms of academic outcomes. We need to understand that there is no choice. We have to demand both. Strong and Smart.

The only way we'll deliver this is through quality teaching, quality school leadership and quality school community relationships anchored by high expectations.

# 20 years to be proud of

**T**HE year 1991 can be seen as a benchmark in the history of black Australia.

The launch of *Koori Mail* in that year is symbolic of the demand at that time for 'standards' concerning the rights of the Aboriginal people that had developed over the previous two decades.

In 1985, the collapse in the collaborative attempt for national land rights legislation spurred a new momentum to unite that generation.

Aboriginal political activism shifted focus to empower the people rather than continue reliance upon government intentions. From 1989, ATSIC took over the decision-making roles of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the Aboriginal Development Commission and certain other statutory bodies.

In 1991, the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody produced a damning indictment of the imprisonment and cruel treatment of Aboriginal people.

In 1992, the High Court

announced the Mabo decision, finding that the people of Mer in the Torres Strait continued to have valid title to their territories 'as against the world'.

It was at this time that serious steps were taken at the United Nations to develop a human rights standard for the indigenous populations of the world.

In 1989, the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention was formally adopted by the International Labour Organisation as ILO Convention No 169, but Indigenous Peoples delegations rejected this treaty because it did not recognise their rights to self-determination.

However, by 1993 the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations had completed the draft of the proposed Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the document was entered into negotiations within senior UN bodies.

Australian Aboriginal delegations participated in these international forums but it was with the advent of ATSIC that



## International representation

**LES MALEZER**

**Delegate, UN Committee of  
Indigenous Issues**

**Co-chair Elect, National  
Congress of Australia's  
First Peoples**

serious work occurred to conclude an international standard.

The *Koori Mail* was, at that time, the main medium in Australia for positively promoting the draft Declaration amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

From 2003, the negotiations at the United Nations on the rights of Indigenous Peoples were at their peak.

The critical issues of self-determination and lands and resources were being constantly debated.

Some States strongly resisted these specific rights and the concept of 'collective' rights held by 'peoples'.

These debates were reported by the *Koori Mail*.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population were being kept informed of the issues and, in particular, the strong opposition to rights being mounted by the Howard Government.

In 2005, ATSIC was abolished.

I am convinced that it was the international fight for rights that ultimately led to the

Government's decision to bring ATSIC into disrepute and end ATSIC support for the Declaration by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegations.

Thankfully, *Koori Mail* was there to record this and later parts of the history, as we remember Australia's vote against the Declaration at the UN General Assembly, and as Indigenous people took some satisfaction from the defeat of the Howard Government at the Federal election soon after.

*Koori Mail* was on hand to report the formal announcement by the Rudd Government, in 2009, that the Government was now in support of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We can be proud of this historical period.

The 20 successful years of the *Koori Mail* from 1991 to 2011 also represents a significant 20-year struggle in Australia for our inherent rights to finally become entrenched in a strong universal human rights standard.



# Images of our time



They say a picture says a thousand words. Certainly that's the case with many of the images featured in the pages of the *Koori Mail* over the past two decades. On the next four pages we present a selection of some of the best and most historic images printed during the past 500 editions.



A file image from about 1990 of the late Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, the Torres Strait Islander man whose campaigning led to native title and the overturning of the concept of *terra nullius*. He died in 1992.



Prime Minister Paul Keating with ATSIC chief Lois O'Donoghue and with other Aboriginal leaders outside Parliament House, Canberra, after the Mabo Bill was passed through the Senate in 1993.



● ABOVE: From our files, the crowd enjoying the Survival Day concert in Sydney on 26 January 1992.



● LEFT: Inquiry commissioners Sir Ronald Wilson, Marcia Langton and Mick Dodson were amazed at the Federal Government refusal to make a submission to the Bringing Them Home report into the Stolen Generations.

*Newspix image*

Black and proud of it ... this image of St Kilda AFL star Nicky Winmar is one of the most iconic in Indigenous Australia. It was his reaction to racist taunts during the St Kilda v Collingwood clash at Victoria Park in 1993.



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# Images of our time



Will we ever forget it ... Cathy Freeman comes into the home straight during her historic gold medal winning performance in the 400m at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Her stunning victory stopped the nation and won her national and international fame. Cathy has gone on to establish her own foundation. *Newspix image*



In 1997, the Sea Of Hands protest for justice and respect for Indigenous people is held outside Parliament House, Canberra. It was organised by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation.



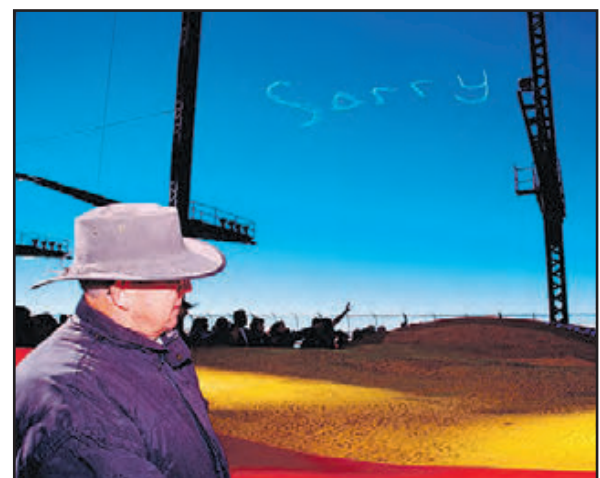
Prime Minister John Howard at the National Reconciliation Conference meeting in Melbourne on 26 May 1997 with Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Chair Patrick Dodson. *Newspix image*



Dancing for joy ... Gladys Tybingoompa, of the Wik people in Cape York, celebrates outside the High Court in Canberra after the ruling that native title and pastoral leases can co-exist. *Newspix image*



More than 200,000 people took part in the Sydney Harbour Bridge Walk for Reconciliation, held in 2000. *Images courtesy of AIATSIS, photographer Brendan Bell*





# Images of our time



ATSI was under intense pressure in the early 2000s. Pictured at left are ATSI Chairman Geoff Clark, right, and his deputy 'Sugar' Ray Robinson. But there were protests supporting the national organisation, like the 2004 Cairns one shown here. ATSI was officially abolished in 2005. AAP images



The death in custody on Palm Island of Mulrunji Doomadgee sparked a wave of protests in Queensland and around Australia.



The veterans of the 1967 referendum which recognised Indigenous people as citizens and gave the Commonwealth powers to make laws for Indigenous people gathered for this 40th anniversary photo in Canberra.



The Close the Gap campaign aimed at improving the life expectancy of Indigenous people gathered steam in Victoria in 2008. Tom Calma, then Social Justice Commissioner, is pictured at the launch.

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**National Indigenous Television**

would like to congratulate the Koori Mail on their 500th Edition and 20 years birthday celebration.

We wish the Koori Mail all the success for the next 20 years.

**NITV AND KOORI MAIL WORKING TOGETHER TO GIVE YOU YOUR NATIONAL VOICE**



# Images of our time



Prime Minister John Howard and his Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough announce the NT Intervention in 2007. They said 'emergency measures' would be taken in response to the 'Little Children are Sacred' report which resulted from an inquiry into the protection of Aboriginal children. AAP image



The Northern Territory Intervention sparked widespread concern, leading to the Convergence in Canberra protest in February 2008.



Then Labor National President Warren Mundine, mining entrepreneur Andrew Forrest, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Cape York Institute Director Noel Pearson, and Infrastructure Australia Chairman Sir Rod Eddington at the announcement of the Australian Employment Covenant at Coolum on the Sunshine Coast. The goal was 50,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians. Newspix image



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd won kudos from many Indigenous Australians when he gave a National Apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February 2008. He is pictured above with Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo, whose story he recounted in Parliament. Pictured below are four of the thousands of people who turned out in Canberra for the apology. Their shirts and smiles say it all. Photos by Wayne Quilliam.



● ABOVE: Preston Campbell celebrates the success of the NRL All Stars concept, with the best of Indigenous players taking on the rest. The Indigenous All Stars won the first game, played in 2010.

● RIGHT: In 2010, Ken Wyatt became the first Indigenous Australian elected to the House of Representatives. He is pictured in his ceremonial cloak with elder stateswoman Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue.





# Congratulations...

These messages of support and congratulations for the *Koori Mail*'s 20th anniversary have come from around Australia.

MY congratulations to the board, staff and supporting communities of the *Koori Mail* on the occasion of your 500th edition and 20 years' dedicated service as the voice of Indigenous Australia.



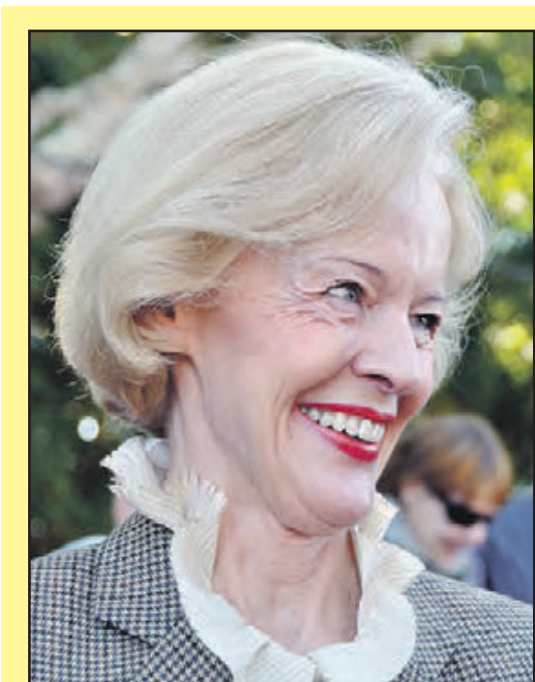
As an independent, 100 per cent Indigenous-owned paper, yours is a wonderful story of partnership – of communities working together to tell their stories to the nation. I applaud the *Koori Mail* for your commitment to consistently deliver a quality newspaper and to invest back into your own communities. Your story is an inspiration to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike. Congratulations on your achievement of 500 editions and 20 years in the newspaper industry and my best wishes for your continued success.

**Jenny Macklin MP**  
Minister for Families, Housing,  
Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs

CONGRATULATIONS on 500 issues of the *Koori Mail* – I hope we will see 500 more! Keep up the good work and excellent reporting.

**Senator Rachel Siewert**  
Canberra

IT is with pleasure that I send my best wishes to all those involved in the production of the *Koori Mail* on this historic milestone. The *Koori Mail* is an integral organisation that consistently reports and informs the community of local and national events. This newspaper has grown to become an important organ in providing comprehensive news and current affairs from the broader community to the Indigenous community of Australia. In providing comprehensive news and current affairs, the newspaper has effectively brought Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, local businesses and Australian society closer together; creating social unity and harmony. I would like to commend the Indigenous community for their ongoing efforts to actively participate and contribute



COMMEND you on this significant milestone, printing stories and writing copy that embodies the state of Indigenous affairs in Australia. During 20 years of publishing, you have displayed professionalism and vigour while highlighting issues of national importance; reconciliation, the promotion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, and the continued progress towards closing the gap. I praise and admire you for your valued, and continuing, contribution to our society; championing the voice of Indigenous Australians. I hope you have a wonderful celebration.

**Her Excellency, the Governor General**  
Quentin Bryce

to the broader Australian community. The sharing of Indigenous culture promotes the recognition of traditions and adds to the multicultural tapestry of NSW. I congratulate those behind the *Koori Mail* for their continued efforts in the community and the publishing of the newspaper's 500th edition on this 20th anniversary.

**Barry O'Farrell MP**  
Premier of NSW

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone at the *Koori Mail*. What a fantastic achievement – 20 years and 500 editions. I, like many others, have been an avid reader since your very first edition. It's the first place I go to read about Aboriginal news and views across the country and I so enjoy



looking at the wonderful photographs. Here's to the next 500 editions.

**The Hon Linda Burney MP**  
Sydney NSW

CONGRATULATIONS on your 500th edition, *Koori Mail*. You are a staple of information for so many Australians and a leading example of what can be achieved by Aboriginal people in terms of business. You have touched so many people's lives whether it be reconnecting with family or applying for a job that is found in your paper. I look forward to your next 500 editions.



**Adam Giles**  
Country Liberals  
Shadow Minister for  
Indigenous Policy  
Alice Springs NT



IN a spirit of respect and reconciliation, I warmly congratulate the staff and readers of the *Koori Mail* on the publication of the 500th edition of the newspaper and its 20th anniversary. The *Koori Mail* is an important source of news and information on the events that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. From the first publication in 1991, it has been recognised as a 'voice of Indigenous Australians', sharing Indigenous culture and history with all Australians, and speaking out on issues that demand public attention. I also commend the support you have given Australia's Indigenous population, via your newspaper, by directing profits towards sponsorships, scholarships and other worthwhile projects that assist in providing a better future for Indigenous people. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the paper every success in the future and extend my best wishes to all staff and readers of the *Koori Mail*.

**The Hon Julia Gillard MP**  
Prime Minister of Australia

THE 500th edition of the *Koori Mail* is a milestone of national importance. For 20 years, this iconic paper has been a source of news for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities throughout Australia.

*Koori Mail* represents a significant achievement for the Aboriginal community groups who began it years ago, and have built it in to an indispensable Indigenous and media institution. A pioneering media enterprise and a champion for Indigenous issues, *Koori Mail* has much to celebrate on this anniversary. I congratulate *Koori Mail* on its 20th year and 500th edition, and I look forward to their continued good work.

**Clover Moore MP**  
Lord Mayor of Sydney

CONGRATULATIONS on reaching your 20-year anniversary and publishing your

500th edition. I would like to extend my appreciation to all the staff, past and present, who have worked on the *Koori Mail*. You have contributed in making it a vibrant, informative and entertaining read that most importantly gives voice to Indigenous issues.

**Cr Fiona Byrne**  
Mayor of Marrickville  
Sydney NSW

NUMBERS have profound meaning to peoples across the world. Today we celebrate 20 years of publishing and 500 editions of the *Koori Mail*. On behalf of the National Board, staff and as First Nations people, we congratulate you. We know that many, many committed individuals have worked for what is one of the longest running records of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander struggle and survival. We believe you can proudly justify your claim as 'The Voice of Indigenous Australia'. Over 20 years, tens of thousands of stories have been printed on your pages along with strong, beautiful pictures of our families and communities. Without the *Koori Mail* these yarns and images, both amazing and at times tragic, would have otherwise been invisible and untold. Self-determination is a core belief for our people. The *Koori Mail* embodies the best that it can achieve – a newspaper Aboriginal-owned and run, profitable and respected. The Congress aspires to the same success and looks forward to the current generation of our members and the ones to come, enjoying the pride of seeing their voices and faces in the pages of the *Koori Mail*.

**Sam Jeffries and**  
**Josephine Bourne**  
Co-Chairs  
National Congress of  
Australia's First Peoples

CONGRATULATIONS on publishing 500 editions of the *Koori Mail*. Thanks for the extensive coverage of native title issues – through articles, columns and public notices – letting people know about achievements, changes to the law, native title claims and Indigenous land use



agreements. The National Native Title Tribunal recently registered the

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*I still call Australia home*

Qantas is proud to partner with the *Koori Mail* for the Twenty500 celebrations.

The Spirit of Australia





# Congratulations on

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500th ILUA, so we know what it is like to celebrate an important 500th event. All the best for the future.

**Graeme Neate**  
President  
National Native Title Tribunal

WE congratulate you and your team on your wonderful milestone – the 500th edition of the *Koori Mail*. Over the years, your publication has promoted many innovative teaching and learning programs of the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET), that aim to close the gap in opportunity and achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Along the way you have shared, with your readers, the many success stories of Aboriginal students in NSW public education and training. The NSW AECG and DET have forged a formal partnership agreement to strengthen the working together of Aboriginal communities and DET to achieve common goals set in consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal communities. We're pleased that the *Koori Mail* has recognised the pride we share in working to ensure the NSW public education and training system is one that values and promotes Aboriginal languages and culture, heritage and identity, and we look forward to your publication's ongoing support. Once again, congratulations.

**Michael Coutts-Trotter**  
Director-General of Education  
and Training  
Managing Director of  
TAFE NSW

**Cindy Berwick**  
President, NSW Aboriginal  
Education Consultative Group Inc

THE *Koori Mail* is deadly. I couldn't live without it – best source of news in Australia! Congratulations on your anniversary. I hope you keep going for at least the next 1000 years! Thanks for your great service.

**Dr Jakelin Troy**  
Director of Research,  
Indigenous Social and Cultural  
Wellbeing  
AIATSIS, Canberra ACT

THANKS for entertaining me, engaging me and most of all educating me – through the *Koori Mail*'s reporting on the stories, issues and events of the last 20 years. It has been and will always be a great read. Congratulations on the 500th edition landmark. Just keep on being the 'voice of Indigenous Australia'!

**Rod Stroud**  
Library Director  
AIATSIS, Canberra ACT

THE *Koori Mail* had been our voice for two decades. Keeping the issues on the radar and exploring them from virtually every



perspective has ensured that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people around Australia have had access to the information that impacts on us and the developments that have changed our lives. Article 16 of the Declaration on the Rights of



WHAT an amazing achievement. The *Koori Mail* sprang from the dreams and passions of a few and has spread the word to many. It has been a vehicle for the inspirations, aspirations and, at times, the complications of Indigenous life. Most sincere congratulations on 20 years and 500 editions. Enjoy well-earned good times at your gala dinner.

**Cathy Freeman**  
Catherine Freeman Foundation

Indigenous Peoples spells out clearly that Indigenous peoples have the right to establish their own media in their own languages and to have access to forms of non-Indigenous media without discrimination. The *Koori Mail* has been bringing this article to life for 20 years. I congratulate the *Koori Mail* on its 500th edition and 20th anniversary. I thank its team for their significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and look forward to the continued quality journalism of the *Koori Mail* for the next 500 issues.

**Mick Gooda**  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Social Justice  
Commissioner  
Australian Human Rights  
Commission  
Sydney NSW



RECONCILIATION Australia congratulates the *Koori Mail* on 20 years of outstanding reporting. Through your pages, you excel in breaking down negative stereotypes by promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander diversity, success, and achievement that all Australians can be proud of – key ingredients for reconciliation. You are the embodiment of a successful self-determining Aboriginal business and we wish you all the best with this, your 500th edition, and the many editions to come.

**Leah Armstrong**  
Chief Executive  
Reconciliation Australia

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in the *Koori Mail* as you celebrate not only the momentous occasion of your 20th

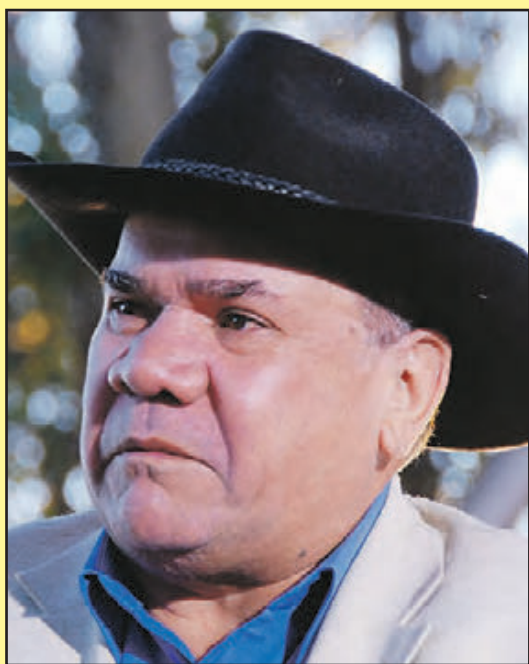
anniversary but also the publication of the 500th edition in May. Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) Melbourne wishes you well as you continue to get the real stories – and real truth – of our history out to your readers as so much of our mainstream media seems to operate under the motto of 'don't let the truth get in the way of a good story'. In light of this, *Koori Mail* has an increasingly important role to play not only in 2011 but also in the years ahead. Stay strong and keep delivering us the real news! We need the truth about the death of T J Hickey, the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee, justice for Mr Ward, and other Aboriginal deaths in custody. We also need the lifting of the political gag on inspirational freedom fighters such as Lex Wotton.

**Indigenous Social Justice  
Association (ISJA)**  
Melbourne

TWENTY/500 is indeed a milestone worthy of real congratulation. Your coverage over 20 years has kept us informed and entertained. Your black politics is renowned. Looking forward to another 20 years and 500 editions.

**Ray Jackson**  
President  
Indigenous Social Justice  
Association (ISJA)  
Sydney

THE Freedom Socialist Party sends hearty congratulations to everyone at the *Koori Mail* as you celebrate the publication of your 500th issue this May. This is indeed a wonderful achievement. Over the last 20 years as you have been reporting community news and movement battles, we have been on the front lines of these battles, including supporting land rights, working with the NSW Asbestos



Congratulations to the Board and staff of the *Koori Mail* on reaching your 500th edition and 20 years of publishing. You provide an opportunity for all Australians to learn more about the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the issues that are important to us. As a 100% Aboriginal owned and controlled newspaper with national coverage, you have truly become the voice of Indigenous Australia.

**Prof Mick Dodson**  
Co-Chair  
Reconciliation Australia

ex-Miners Aboriginal Corporation to demand compensation and health care for Indigenous miners at Baryulgil, standing shoulder to shoulder with Ngarrindjeri women to oppose the construction of the racist Hindmarsh Island bridge, demanding an apology with compensation for the Stolen Generations, agitating for a treaty, and opposing the NT Intervention and the BasicsCard. We appreciate many things about the *Koori Mail* including good news stories about both movement wins and Indigenous achievements, comprehensive news from around the country, a lively letters page, interesting feature articles, and coverage of community events including photo spreads. What we value most of all is your willingness to cover grassroots struggles and not just the pronouncements of politicians, bureaucrats and big names. May you have another 20 years and another 500 issues reporting on movement and community battles and victories! In solidarity.

**Alison Thorne**  
Melbourne Branch Organiser  
Freedom Socialist Party

ON behalf of the board and staff of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), I would like to congratulate you on your 20th anniversary and 500th edition – what a remarkable achievement! For 500 editions, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians nationwide have looked to the *Koori Mail* to keep them informed of the contemporary issues and news impacting their lives. As we reflect upon the success of the *Koori Mail*'s



past, we look forward to an even more impressive future; one where the successes and achievements of our people are given a voice through your publication. The entire Centre is wishing you all the best for the next 500 issues and beyond. Congratulations once again!

**Jason Glanville**  
CEO

**National Centre of Indigenous  
Excellence**  
Redfern NSW

ON behalf of the board, staff and members of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, we congratulate all those involved with the production of the *Koori Mail*, and celebrate with you. We are very proud of our Aboriginal controlled newspaper that provides us with very important news stories that affect our daily lives as Aboriginal people in Australia.



**Ricky Lyons**  
Chairperson  
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal  
Land Council  
Redfern NSW

ABORIGINAL Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd congratulates the *Koori Mail* on its great track record of presenting news and analysis on vitally important issues to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. We look forward to your efforts over the coming 20 years and state our desire to work co-operatively with you.

**Gary Oliver**  
Chairperson, Aboriginal Legal  
Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd  
**Gerry Moore**, Aboriginal Legal  
Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd  
Redfern NSW

IT'S with great pleasure that I write to congratulate all the hard-working staff at the *Koori Mail* for 20 years of dedication to telling our mob's stories. Five hundred editions is an incredible achievement and can only lead onwards to greater success. I wish you the very best in the future.



**Warren Mundine**  
Chair  
Australian Indigenous  
Chamber of Commerce

NTSCORP Ltd congratulates the *Koori Mail* on two decades of service to our community. We recognise your commitment to our people and to making sure our stories are heard. Here's to another 20 deadly years!

**Michael Bell**, Chairperson  
NTSCORP Ltd

WHAT a wonderful achievement of 20 years and your 500th edition of the *Koori Mail*. Cricket Australia congratulates you on reaching and celebrating these milestones but we also thank you ever so much for assisting the Indigenous cricket community across Australia to celebrate its successes through the pages of your wonderful paper. Sport and

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communities need support to get their messages out, and to help promote and recognise the great achievements of individuals, teams and communities – whether it be at International, national, State and Territory, or club/community level – and the *Koori Mail* has been doing this for 20 years. Cricket Australia is proud to be involved with the *Koori Mail*, and we look forward to our continued relationship through the next 20 years, and the next 500 editions.

**Neale Price**  
**Community Participation Manager**  
**Cricket Australia, Melbourne Vic**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS on your 500th edition and the many more to come. Thank you for supporting the community and the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA), specifically, by showcasing our kids as they shine. Through the *Koori Mail* we have reached much of our mob with the message that a healthy life can produce winners in every aspect of life in any part of the country.



**Charles Prouse**  
**CEO, NASCA**  
**Redfern NSW**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS and big thanks to *Koori Mail*. Keep strong and keep up the great work in bringing our black perspective to the world.

**Stephen Page and all at Bangarra**  
**Dance Theatre**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS on reaching 20 years and your 500th edition! The *Koori Mail* has played a vital role in making sure that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective is represented in the print media and in training our print journalists of the future. It's fantastic that an Aboriginal-owned and run paper has been supported for the last two decades. I look forward to the next 20 years, and keep up the great work.



**Rhianna Patrick**  
**Presenter/Producer**  
**Speaking Out, ABC Local**  
**Radio (national)**

**V**IBE Australia congratulates you on 20 years of publishing and 500 editions – it's a milestone that deserves celebrating! Of course, the celebrations are not just about today but about yesterday's struggles and triumphs. The journey from the beginning to now and a fortnightly readership of more than 100,000 people took time, dedication and hard work. The celebrations should also take into account the *Koori Mail*'s journey from the beginning when the Bundjalung community acquired the newspaper shortly after it began, making it wholly Indigenous owned and truly the voice of our people. Starting a newspaper requires effort, but sustaining and building it towards a number-one position is another matter. The *Koori Mail* is now no less than an Indigenous community icon and this is a tribute to its past and present staff and its Bundjalung community owners. The *Koori Mail* is a giver, not a taker – it delivers real benefits to the local Bundjalung community and to Indigenous people across Australia. The *Koori Mail* has been a friend to Vibe Australia – helping us to get the word out when the Deadly Awards are on and in promoting our many events and festivals for young people across Australia – and we are with you wholeheartedly in celebrating Twenty/500. Congratulations.

**Gavin Jones**  
**Managing Director, Vibe Australia**

**M**ETRO Screen congratulates the *Koori Mail* on 20 years and 500 editions. The *Koori*



**C**ONGRATULATIONS to all at the *Koori Mail*. We from the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) are thrilled at your achievements. The *Koori Mail* should be essential reading for all Australians, and we should encourage all Australians

to read our news. We and other members of the Stolen Generations will be attending the *Koori Mail* Twenty500 celebrations in Sydney and are looking forward to this milestone. We're also looking forward to reading many more

editions of this wonderful, 'mooditi' publication. Keep up the terrific work.

**Jim Morrison and**  
**Tina Louise**  
**Co-Chairs**  
**Stolen Generations**  
**Alliance (SGA)**

*Mail* is a living national treasure, having documented a stunning diversity of news, stories and ideas – providing a unique snapshot of who we are and what matters. The need for independent and constructive voices is as critical now as ever. We look forward to working with you over the next 20 years. Happy birthday.

**Metro Screen**  
**Sydney**



**I**T'S a blue sky day out in the heartland. I can't be with you there to celebrate the *Koori Mail*'s 20-year and 500-edition milestone but, as an old storyteller, I know that getting out the truth is a huge part of maintaining belief in custodianship, community and family, those values that will always sustain us. Congratulations, keep passing on the stories, and my love and best wishes to you all.

**Jeff McMullen**  
**CEO (Honorary) Ian Thorpe's**  
**Foundation for Youth**  
**Director AIME (Australian Indigenous**  
**Mentoring Experience)**  
**Trustee Jimmy Little Foundation**  
**Director Indigenous Engineering Aid**  
**Australia Summer School**

**I**'M writing to congratulate Kirstie and the team on reaching the amazing milestone of 500 editions. As the founding editor of the *National Indigenous Times*, I know from personal experience it's no mean feat. I'm proud to say I've been a *Koori Mail* reader for more than a

decade, much of that, admittedly, to find out what the competition was up to.

But that's the thing about the *Koori Mail* – you always kept *NIT* on its toes (and sometimes sat us on our arse). I've genuinely enjoyed watching the *Koori Mail* grow from strength to strength – I'm a lover of newspapers, competition or otherwise.

I hope to be able to congratulate you on edition 1000 some day.

**Chris Graham**  
**Managing Editor**  
**Tracker magazine**  
**Sydney NSW**

**U**NIVERSITY students from Queensland's University of Queensland, QUT and Griffith are grateful to the *Koori Mail* for sharing its knowledge in how to cover Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. The commitment to be representative of the people for the people and honour the code of journalism professionalism at the same time is evident in this publication. The *Koori Mail* is a flagship newspaper, the voice of the people, and should be celebrated. Here's to the next milestone. Supported by a fantastic, committed editorial team, the paper is in good hands for the future. Congratulations.

**Heather Stewart**  
**Indigenous Voice Project Leader**  
**University of Queensland**  
**Brisbane Qld**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS *Koori Mail*... here's to another 20 years to come... and your 500th edition. You have given us inspiration and insights to our modern and historical Australia through your stories from the hearts and eyes

of other Murris, Kooris, Yolngu and Noongar nations – a message stick for us. Too deadly and thanks again.

**Z&M**  
**Mackay Qld**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS, *Koori Mail*, on your achievements over the past 20 years and our best wishes for the future as you embrace the challenges of electronic media communication into the future. I am especially proud that Nungera Co-operative is one of the shareholders of the *Koori Mail*. Nungera Co-op, of which I was the founding Secretary Manager, was itself formed 36 years ago this May under a tree at Hillcrest in Maclean. I have just re-read the final sentences of the first annual report I wrote for Nungera in 1976. Perhaps its sentiments can be applied to the 20 years of the life of *Koori Mail* too: "There has been a lot of hard work, some difficult times and some sad times... But let us look frankly at our considerable achievements, let us remember the good things we have done, the good times we have had and most of all that nothing worthwhile is achieved without a struggle."

**Joyce Clague MBE**  
**(with Colin and the Clague family)**  
**Yaegl Lands**  
**Clarence Valley NSW**

**H**APPY Twenty/500 birthday *Koori Mail*. I have been an avid reader of the *Koori Mail* since its first edition. It's good to see an independent publication showcasing Aboriginal people, communities and our culture in a positive light; something that is not often repeated in most other Australian publications. One of the Aboriginal cultural perspectives that *Koori Mail* provides is information on the Aboriginal kinship system in that it shows



Aboriginal family groups and where they come from.

You look at photographs, read the surnames and know exactly what part of the country they're from and who their families are. It's also a great way to catch up on what is happening around the

country with the current events information as well as individual stories. I am happy and proud to say that I, and members of my family kinship, have been represented in the *Koori Mail* on a number of occasions.

Keep up the good work, the stories, the photographs and the advertisements. My great grandchildren will be reading the *Koori Mail* with pride in many years to come and looking for their photo in your newspaper.

**Norma Ingram**  
**Wiradjuri woman**  
**Chairperson, Wyanga Aboriginal Aged**  
**Care Program**  
**Redfern NSW**

**H**APPY 20th Anniversary and 500th edition to the deadliest newspaper in Australia – the *Koori Mail*! Forget about pushing a button, clicking a mouse or turning a dial for news... when you can sit back, put the feet up and open the bold pages of the *Koori Mail*, for the best stories, insights and photography on the issues that matter to our people.

**Kristy Masella**  
**Sydney NSW**

**C**ONGRATULATIONS! As a worker in rural Aboriginal communities, I rely on the *Koori Mail* to keep me informed of both state and national events. Keepin' us connected.

**Rhonda French**  
**Aboriginal Project Worker**  
**Tumut NSW**

I AM sorry that I will not be able to attend this celebration of a wonderful media service. I have never been a newspaper person, but after seeing a few of the early editions of the *Koori Mail* I decided that here was a truly responsible, newsworthy paper. It covered everything – sport, art, music, humour, politics

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and people's views in letters to the editor in a very unbiased way. That is why I was a contributor for so long, even though I have slowed down considerably and became involved in many other things these days. I'm sure this Aboriginal-owned news provider will continue to expand as time goes by. Congratulations and good travelling for the future.

**Harold Hunt JP**  
85-year-old descendant  
of the Maliangaapa people  
of far western NSW  
Totem: Gnaamba (Bony  
breem fish)

WELL done on the achievement of surviving 20 years as a proud newspaper and so many thousands of years as a proud race! From all in the west fighting to protect rock art.

**Friends of Australian  
Rock Art (FARA) Inc**  
West Perth WA

CONGRATS Koori Mail, for your 20th anniversary and 500th edition. Take care and stay deadly.



**Shaun  
Choolburra**  
Comedian  
and  
performer

WHAT a great achievement. I can still remember the very first edition of the Koori Mail and have received every edition since. I believe that the Koori Mail has told, and continues to tell, the real story of the First Australians and the issues that they confront, not just the negatives or the warm fuzzy stories like the national media. There's an old saying 'seek and you will find' and the Koori Mail is a great source of information. The range of articles – from national headlines to sport, letters to the editor, views on every subject from leading and outspoken community



**Rhonda Dixon/Grovenor and her daughter Nadeena.** Photo by MICHELLE BLAKENEY

ON behalf of the Dixon/Grovenor family, thank you to the staff of Koori Mail and the Bundjalung nation for giving us – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – the opportunity to share our stories. I can remember when the newspaper first came out – it was just so deadly to have our own newspaper. My father Dr Charles 'Chicka' Dixon lived for his people. He

travelled the world talking about the plight of the Aboriginal people, advocating for human rights and social justice. He was an avid reader of the Koori Mail and contributed many articles to it. Over the years, four generations of our family – my father Chicka, myself, my daughter Nadeena Dixon and my grandson Marley Dixon/Grovenor (aka Tweek) – have all

been part of the Koori Mail journey and I'm sure our fifth generation will also contribute. For the past 20 years, you have made it possible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share their stories and have a voice. Congratulations. You're just too deadly.

**Rhonda Dixon/Grovenor  
and family**  
Sydney, NSW

members – are a great education. Back in 1991 when the first edition was published, I was the Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Carr Opposition and in 1995 I became the Parliamentary Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs. Over 14 years in Aboriginal Affairs, I learned so much information from visiting Aboriginal communities throughout NSW, talking to Elders and communities members and reading the Koori Mail. When I finished in Parliament in

March 2003, I made sure that this great publication was delivered to my home every fortnight, enabling me and my family to keep up with what's happening in Aboriginal Australia. The Koori Mail has proven what can be achieved with a dedicated team. Congratulations to everyone involved in its production and distribution over the past 20 years. I hope you continue to report on issues without fear or favour, bring great joy and prompt discussion and

debate not only in your communities but in the broader community.

**Colin and Melissa  
Markham**  
Figtree via Wollongong  
New South Wales

I AM Torres Strait Islander person and have two kids and am studying at the University of Sydney. I am writing to congratulate the newspaper as it is a reminder for all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people how Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people have gained knowledge and access on communications and media since the arrival of white settlement.

The newspaper is very informal, has brilliant editing and reviews and inspires a lot of people to related messages on perceptions, ideology and concepts in Indigenous communities. I have enjoyed your services and am proud to tell my children about the newspaper and what it offers for our people. Thank you for

your service and many blessings for the future.

**Fetina Lotoaniu**  
Sydney NSW

WHAT a change it is for me, a mainstream reader, to read the Koori Mail and find some real stories about Aboriginal people and others. Keeping on doing what you do and may you go from strength to strength.

**Kate Marshall**  
Media Adviser  
Australian Red Cross  
Sydney NSW

WHAT would I do without the Koori Mail? It is my main source to digest information about Aboriginal Australia which I then work into articles on my website, which many students visit to learn about Aboriginal culture. Thank you so much for publishing about contemporary Aboriginal Australian life.

**Jens-Uwe Korff**  
www.CreativeSpirits.info

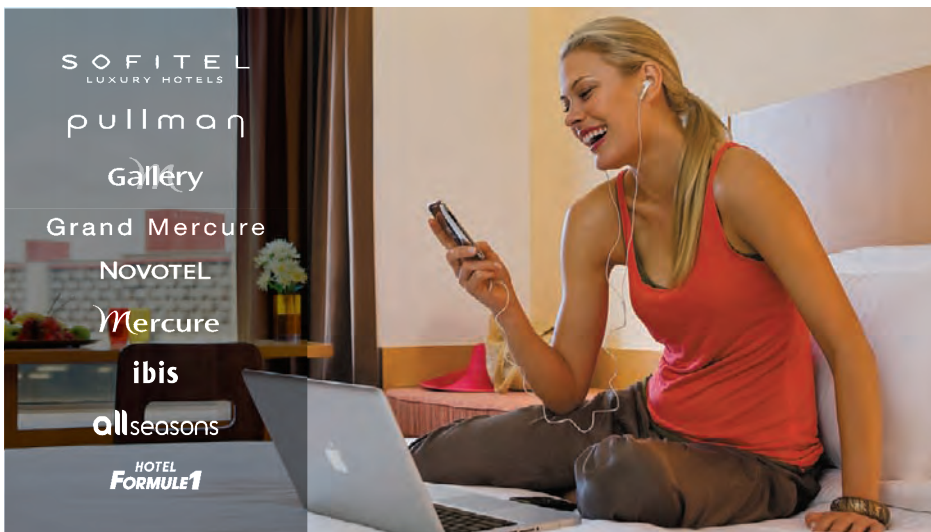
CONGRATULATIONS on your 20th anniversary, Koori Mail. What a great forum it has been for our entire mob. From city to country and way out bush, you have kept us in the know, given us moving and amusing stories, challenged us to think about who we are and made us feel proud of the achievements of so many of our mob at all levels. Best wishes for the next 20 years. Well done!

**Kay Gehan**  
Darwin NT (ex Tassie)

GOOD on yas! Growing up in the 'bad old days' in northern NSW, I never thought such an action would happen. 'What? What! Aboriginal people running their own newspaper?' So proud of you mob. Many more editions to come, I hope to live long enough to see it.



**Kaye Mundine**  
Sydney, NSW



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# Looking back on 20 years

## The key to our future

*I REMEMBER reading my first Koori Mail many years ago. I thought it was one of the most exciting things to happen to Aboriginal people for a long time. Editorial reflecting the issues of the day, from our point of view? It was incredible, really.*

*In other newspapers, we were hidden. You'd see everything about mainstream society and, if you were lucky, a smattering of Aboriginal issues. But, in the Koori Mail, our stories are told as they are, they're not fabricated, and that's really good.*

*I know that every time copies of the newspaper hit the newsagents, they go, they don't stay there. Even whitefellas buy it.*

*The Koori Mail has made a profound impression on our community.*

I'm a Christian and at a very early stage, I learned that the creator – we call him Mirriarl – was prominent in our communities. Everywhere you go, he's there. I learned, too, to regard the land as 'my mother'.

I always saw land as getting our families back together, giving a future to our children and giving us pride and dignity.

I still hear old people saying 'which country do you belong to? Not 'this is private property, keep out, I own this bit of land, it's mine'. That's not a true concept Aboriginal people think about. Country owns you, and that's what I grew up with.

The situation facing our people in NSW back in 1991 – and today – hangs off the fact that we lost more than we gained when the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 was passed.

We lost our hunting and gathering rights and our rights to minerals below the earth. And they handed us all of these dilapidated facilities... not just the houses, there were no sewerage or treatment plants. That's what they gave over to us to handle and to manage. It really was a masterstroke on the part of the government.

We took over the houses because we were happy to be getting the land with them, but the new Act was a sell-out because the preamble said we didn't have land and they gave us compensation that was never inadequate for the total population of Aboriginal people in New South Wales.

They needed to compensate



### Land Rights

#### Pastor OSSIE CRUZE

**Yuin and Monaro Elder, land rights campaigner (NSW), and former NSWALC chairman**

the fact that they stole all our land in the first place and give us total responsibility for our communities.

I'm not saying that we haven't gotten anything out of the Act. It did deliver NSWALC's capital

investment fund and there are people who've been helped by the housing.

But the compensation paid to us was never 'fair and just'. Instead of the sunset clause in 1998, there needed to be at least one per cent of national GDP forever, in perpetuity. That would have given us permanent access to the taxation system and continued to grow our own capital investment instead of making us reliant on the rise and fall of the markets like we are now.

And, whereas they gave us houses, they never gave us what was required to manage or service them.

After being involved in national and international affairs for years, I became the Chairperson of NSWALC in 1996. Back then, the organisation was very fragmented. There were problems because for the first time in history we were managing this mammoth task that we weren't entirely prepared for. And it is fair to say that some people hadn't done the right thing by the organisation. At the same time, other people were working really hard to make things work.

This has been our land since time memorial but many people

are benefiting from it in the private sector to the extent of being multi-millionaires while the people who own it are still living in poverty.

The Koori movement always maintained governments need to apologise for the illegal taking of our homeland and to make things right. I think that's now more urgent than ever. I think there's an invisible stress that is imposed on the whole nation; the stress of European people knowing in their hearts and minds that they are living on someone else's land and the stress on our people knowing that we are aliens in our own land.

The Federal Government is spending millions of dollars on closing the gap, but they will never succeed while we're still treated as living under terra nullius, people who don't have full citizenship in this country. Its laws are made without our free and informed consent and that is destroying our country every day.

I have always been dedicated to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ to work for the betterment of our people and to leave a better legacy for our children's children. That has always been my life.

# Righting a wrong

*I FIRST read the Koori Mail 20 years ago. It started off as a very small and humble newspaper and I guess a lot of people didn't expect it to be successful. Today, it is a huge success and has answered those critics.*

*The Koori Mail gives Indigenous people around the country an opportunity to associate with an Indigenous paper. It's a good read and people are proud of it and look forward to getting their copy every fortnight.*

*I believe that many non-Aboriginal people read it too and find it interesting, not only for the political and sporting stories but also the human interest stories.*

*The Koori Mail is a credit to the board and the people who have come up with the content and collated it over the years. So I'm patting you mob on the back.*

AROUND the time the Koori Mail started in mid-1991, I was the Executive Director of the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association Inc at Katherine. But

for the seven previous years, I had been director of the Northern Land Council (NLC).

In 1987, the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 was amended in a couple of ways. A sunset clause was introduced, which meant no further claims could be lodged under the Act after 1997. And Aboriginal people in the NT lost the right to veto mining on their country if they'd previously said yes to exploration.

This slowed things down a little bit but back in those days you had miners warehousing their mineral leases until they were more viable and they could activate them as quickly as they liked.

At the land council, I was heavily involved in co-ordinating staff in their preparation of land claims to go before land commissioners before the sunset clause kicked in. And I was responsible for ensuring that we had the resources to win as many of those land claims as we could.

The legislation gave Aboriginal people in the Territory an



### Land Rights

#### JOHN AH KIT

**Jawoyn Elder, land rights campaigner, former NLC Director and the first Indigenous Minister in an NT Government**

opportunity to express their feelings and sense of ownership of country, and express their

common spiritual responsibilities and their primary spiritual affiliations. These were the main things you had to prove to the land commissioners.

And in many cases, claims were successful. By 1997, as much as could be done under the legislation to get people their land back had been done. Land was coming back to traditional owners and the land councils had begun to concentrate more on land management responsibilities.

Successful land claims gave people, in a white man's way, paperwork that acknowledged them as the real owners of their country. It recognised their culture, attachment and spiritual connection to the land. A lot of our people were relieved, and rightly so. It was about the government of the day righting a wrong. As a consequence of people getting their land, the opportunities for them have grown.

Because the Act has been around for quite some time, many people in the Territory, both black and white, have come to

understand it and live with it. They realise that it's not going to go away and developers, entrepreneurs and anyone else who wants to put up proposals understand that there's no use trying to circumvent the ALRA. And that's good for the legislation and the NT traditional owners.

There are a lot of good ventures happening now, with employment and training opportunities. This kind of activity on Aboriginal land is good for Territory tourism, good for mining and good for traditional owners to derive additional benefits such as employment, training and royalties, and good for country.

Today, the main challenge for Aboriginal people in the NT is to utilise their land in a manner that they can benefit from it, and also to protect their cultural and sacred sites and stories. Essentially, to use the land in a way that provides additional benefits that can support a better way of life.

This common denominator should be extended to all Indigenous people of Australia.



# Black, deadly, online – global

**T**WENTY years – more than 35,000 pages – of an Australian publishing icon will be available online from this week, thanks to a unique project undertaken by the nation's premier Indigenous research organisation.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra has partnered with the *Koori Mail* to digitise the newspaper's back archive\*.

The massive online collection will be officially launched in Canberra today, also marking publication of the *Koori Mail*'s 500th edition.

The collection features 20 years of stories, photos and cartoons published in the *Koori Mail* – dating back to the very first edition in May 1991.

AIATSIS Chairman Professor Mick Dodson said the *Koori Mail* online collection would be a stunning resource for all Australians, but especially Indigenous people who'll be able to look back and reflect on their history, their events and their lifestyle over the past two decades.

"What it reflects is a treasure trove of the social and political history of Aboriginal affairs in this country," Prof Dodson said.

He praised the AIATSIS library digitisation team for completing the task with the help of partners CAVAL, an Australian not-for-profit company established to provide library services to libraries in Australia, New Zealand and Asia, and the State Library of NSW who had provided the metadata from years of indexing the *Koori Mail*.

AIATSIS Digitisation Manager Gerald Preiss said it was the first time in Australia's history that a complete run of an in copyright national newspaper had been made available free online.



AIATSIS staff including Library Manager Rod Stroud (back, centre) and Digitisation Manager Gerald Preiss (far right) immersed in the Institute's hard copy archive of the *Koori Mail*.

"For this we have to thank the *Koori Mail* Board of Directors and management for allowing this to happen," he said.

Mr Preiss said AIATSIS believed the website would prove enormously popular.

AIATSIS Library Manager Rod Stroud, who initiated the project with *Koori Mail* Managing Editor Kirstie Parker, said the availability of the CAVAL digitisation facility had been of enormous help in getting the project over the line.

"Going online means that people the world over can search and browse issues by keywords, name, subject date and issue number," he said.

"All photo captions are searchable.

"While it has involved a great deal of time and effort, this project has been particularly worthwhile.

"It has also been different and exciting seeing the range of issues covered by the *Koori Mail* over the past 20 years

and 500 issues.

"As the colour scans have mainly come from the original well-printed issues in good condition, rather than microfilm, there has been little need for text correction and most photographs have reproduced to a very high standard."

Under the digitisation project, the *Koori Mail* retains full copyright of its material. Formal permission is still required to reproduce the collection's content.

*Koori Mail* Chairman Russell Kapeen said the newspaper's Bundjalung board of directors had been pleased to support the digitisation project.

"The *Koori Mail* began in 1991 and was Australia's first wholly Indigenous-owned fortnightly newspaper," Mr Kapeen said. "Initially we circulated only in NSW, Queensland and Victoria but we are now a truly national newspaper, read by an estimated 100,000-plus

people each fortnight.

"To have all of our editions available online is groundbreaking. We believe the wealth of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander opinions and viewpoints expressed in the *Koori Mail* makes an important contribution to the national landscape.

"The collection will be an important research tool for Indigenous people, students and anyone interested in a truly rounded perspective on national debate.

"We thank and commend AIATSIS staff for their efforts in this important initiative."

The *Koori Mail* online archive will be available via the AIATSIS website at [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au).

**● Reflecting the *Koori Mail*'s ongoing subscriptions, the online collection's content will lag four months – eight editions – behind the newspaper's publishing schedule at all times.**

## Passages 1991-2011

**S**ADLY, Australia lost many of its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leading lights during the past 20 years. Other Indigenous Australians died in tragic circumstances, which saw their passing noted in media or the public domain. And some staunch, valued non-Indigenous supporters of our people also passed away. This list, while by no means exhaustive, seeks to honour them all.

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## He's got the Byron blues



Looking deadly, sounding deadly ... Aboriginal performer Buddy Knox on stage at this year's Bluesfest, held near Byron Bay on the far north coast of NSW. Get the full story and more photos on Pages 32 and 33.

Photo: JOSEPH MAYERS

## Congress co-chairs appeal to the critics

# Give us a fair chance



THE first elected co-chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples have appealed for a fair go amid criticism from some

Indigenous leaders.

Les Malezer and Jody Broun both told the *Koori Mail* the fledgling Congress had the potential to reshape a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But its first major goal would be to raise its profile and increase its membership base to become as representative as possible.

The pair was forced to defend the organisation amid attacks from Indigenous leaders including academic Marcia Langton and former National Labor Party President Warren Mundine.

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# My FAMILY

**ROS LANGFORD-ATKINSON, Yorta Yorta woman and now living in Tasmania**



● Langford-Atkinson family members, back, Josh, Ruth, Ros, Tasman and Daniel and, front, grandchildren Barry, Hayley and Kanina.

**T**HIS is a photo of me, with my four children and some of my eight grandchildren, celebrating my recent art school graduation exhibition.

For me, the exhibition was a celebration of Yorta Yorta identity and my identity with Tasmania's palawa people.

We came to Tasmania to see my now former husband's parents with our first-born. That was in 1969.

When I was younger, I worked for Uncle Doug Nichols and the Save the Children Fund raising money for education scholarships for Aboriginal children. All my life I have been surrounded by or involved in the rights of our people.

Coming to Tasmania, my ex Jeff and I saw the injustices that were happening to our Aboriginal people here in Tasmania and we became very involved in the establishment of the Aboriginal movement in Tasmania.

A sense of justice is something we have instilled in our children and grandchildren, whether it be for people or the environment, and the importance of their heritage, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

To fight for justice in the white system,

you need education and knowledge; it's a way of freeing your mind and also your people. The driving force behind me getting through university was to hold a light up to my family – 'if Nana can do it, your mind's young, so much more alert, you can do it, whatever you strive to do'.

Yorta Yorta women tend to be matriarchal and very strong. I grew up in Mooropna, Victoria, with five brothers. I was the only girl.

My children have been brought up in the Tasmanian Aboriginal community; over the years we fostered about 20 Aboriginal children, we were all one family, maybe not through blood, but through something that is deep.

We have two families, one is our Yorta Yorta family and our Yorta Yorta identity, our second family is the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Next year I am hoping that my children and grandchildren will be able to have a reunion with all their aunties, uncles and cousins still living in Yorta Yorta country in Victoria, and be able, as a family to walk the land and have that strong connection of where that Aboriginal heritage comes from. It's very important to me.

## Share your family with our readers

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

# OUR CHILDREN



YOUNG Indigenous Australian Air Force cadets taking part in the Townsville Anzac Day march this year. Turn to page 35 for more coverage. Photo: Alf Wilson

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# Savage wit just too deadly

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



FOR 25-year-old Tristan Savage, his first foray into stand-up comedy certainly paid off when he was named the winner of the Deadly Funny grand final last month, garnering a cheque for \$2000.

Now in its fifth year, Deadly Funny is a development initiative of the Melbourne Comedy Festival which sees established professional comedians travelling to Indigenous communities to help budding comics fine-tune their jokes and yarns into a stand-up routine.

The finals, held at the Melbourne Town Hall, saw seven Indigenous Australians from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and Queensland take to the stage.

However, Savage wasn't part of the Deadly Funny mentoring process. He came through the mainstream comedy competition and said the first time he got up on stage as part of the Brisbane heats he felt very nervous.

"I didn't know what was going to happen, whether my material was any good," he said. "I just got out there and did it without any fixed expectations in my mind."

With connections to the Kalkadoon people on his



Deadly Funny 2011 winner Tristan Savage (centre) with second place-getter Derek Nannup, from West Australia (right), and Justin Mulcahy, from Victoria.

mother's side, Savage said his routine started out with some observational humour, before launching into some political

jokes half-way through. "I do some jokes about me being of mixed race, and caught in between all these political

issues," he said. Last year Savage developed a one-man theatre show called *Australian Ghost* which he

described as being 'in the comedy genre' as part of his honours degree in theatre at James Cook University.

"It was about racism," he said. "And there were three different characters. I developed the script and then performed it."

"I took it to the Festival of Australian Student Theatre in Brisbane. People really loved it down there."

Savage said a memorable moment for him as part of his Deadly Funny experience was getting to meet British stand-up comedian Stephen K Amos, who told him he was 'hilarious'.

"Well actually he told me I was f'ing hilarious," Savage said.

He is currently the recipient of a Youth Arts Queensland (YAQ) mentorship which is funding him to develop a new show, but Savage said he's still keen to pursue comedy.

"It's a lot easier to get into than theatre, I find. When you go for an audition for an acting role, it's not enough to be a good actor," he said.

"You also have to have the right look and these are things you can't control. But when you are in comedy all that stuff is irrelevant. All you have to do is make people laugh, and that's what I like about comedy."

To be part of Deadly Funny in the future, stay tuned to [www.deadlyfunny.com.au](http://www.deadlyfunny.com.au)

# New council step closer

By DARREN COYNE



DISGRUNTLED clan groups in the Katherine region of the Northern Territory are a step closer to forming a breakaway Aboriginal land council.

Unhappy with their dealings with the Northern Land Council (NLC), traditional owners from across the central Top End applied in January to Federal Minister Jenny Macklin to set up their own Katherine Region Land Council.

Ms Macklin announced on 19 April that she had referred the application to Aboriginal Land Commissioner Howard Olney QC, who would hold an inquiry into the proposal before reporting back to her by the end of July.

"Under the provisions of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, I am required to make a decision on whether or not I support the establishment of this new land council," Ms Macklin said in a statement.

"I have written to the applicants for the proposed Katherine Regional Land Council and advised them of the

process I intend to follow in assessing their application."

If successful, the traditional lands of the clans, which include the Jawoyn, Mangarrayi, Alawa, Wardaman and Gulin Gulin, would be removed from the control of the NLC.

In January when traditional owners gathered to sign their application, they claimed they faced opposition and red tape when trying to look after and develop their own lands and provide economic opportunities for their people.

## Needed

They cited the NLC's move to take the traditional owners' company on Elsey Station to court as one example of why the new land council was needed.

NLC CEO Kim Hill issued a statement saying he welcomed the Minister's decision to refer the application to Mr Olney.

He said the appointment of Mr Olney and his inquiry's wide-ranging terms of reference would ensure Ms Macklin would have all the information needed to make an 'informed decision' on the proposal for a new land council.

"The NLC welcomes this inquiry and understands it's part of the process the Minister is

following," he said.

"The NLC will continue to get on with its core functions, as set out under the Act while this inquiry takes place."

Ms Macklin said the commissioner had been asked to consult with all stakeholders, including the clan groups, the NLC, other Indigenous organisations, shire councils, industry and the NT Government.

She said Mr Olney's report would be made available to the public and interested parties would have the opportunity to provide written submissions regarding the application.

"Land councils have significant statutory responsibilities under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act in the Northern Territory," Ms Macklin said.

"It is essential that in considering this application, I have access to a rigorous and transparent assessment of the proposal."

Anyone wanting to correspond with the commissioner during the course of his inquiry can write to: The Hon Howard Olney AO QC, Aboriginal Land Commissioner, GPO Box 9820, Darwin, NT 0801.



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# Congress co-chairs appeal for a fair go

By DARREN COYNE and JILLIAN MUNDY



THE first elected co-chairs of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples have appealed for a fair

go amid criticism from some Indigenous leaders.

Les Malezer and Jody Broun both told the *Koori Mail* the fledgling Congress had the potential to reshape a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

But its first major goal would be to raise its profile and increase its membership base to become as representative as possible.

The pair was forced to defend the organisation amid attacks in *The Australian* newspaper from Indigenous leaders such as academic Marcia Langton and former Labor Party President Warren Mundine.

Professor Langton branded the Congress 'a club' with no political legitimacy, while Mr Mundine said it was a waste of money, and that Mr Malezer's election as a co-chair 'would kill the organisation' because he was too radical.

Mr Malezer also copped a dressing down from former ATSI chairwoman Lowitja O'Donoghue after suggesting the Congress would be better off with just one leader instead of co-chairs.

Prof O'Donoghue said Aboriginal people had chosen the co-chair model to empower women, and that he should respect that choice.

Nevertheless, Mr Malezer said that while he stood by his claims, it was not a key issue and had been blown out of proportion.

Mr Malezer said he respected his co-chair Jody Broun, her position and qualifications, and was sure they would work well together.

"I'm not saying it is impossible, I'm quite happy to see the model work," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"It's not a gender issue, it's about efficiency.

"I'm quite happy to be wrong."

Mr Malezer's concerns lie with the division of work, the potential for conflict between interests, mixed messages from leadership, and the fact that it is an unusual arrangement.

"I think the success of the organisation by a large part is going to be depending upon what kind of leadership is shown by the people that go in those positions," he said.

"I've expressed a view from my experience and from the models that exist around the world, that two people leading an organisation is not an efficient structure. If it was you would see it in the private sector



Congress co-chair Les Malezer pictured last week at the site of the controversial Brighton bypass in Tasmania. He gave his support to the Aboriginal protesters fighting to stop roadworks which threaten ancient heritage sites. Photo: Jillian Mundy

and in the board rooms."

Arriving back from abroad last Thursday, Ms Broun told the *Koori Mail* that Mr Malezer was entitled to his opinion, but the current Congress model was what they had both been elected to.

"The (Congress) constitution is clear about the need for gender balance," she said.

"I think Les and I can make the

prove the worth of the organisation, that's for sure, but to kick it from the outset is a little unfair," she said.

"People are entitled to their opinions and you've got to put up with some of this because there will always be criticisms of the model."

Already their differing styles are apparent, with Mr Malezer outlining to the *Koori Mail* what

government policy-making is connected back to the community."

Mr Malezer has been more forthright with his ambitions, citing self-determination, community healing, and political, social and cultural development as areas delegates should be thinking about prior to July.

"Healing communities, land rights and self-determination are

locked away shouldn't be in jail, it's not a place for them, these are institutions that turn out criminals, people go in as non-criminals and come out as criminals.

"What we should be doing is handing them back to the communities and the communities should be looking at healing themselves, and helping people to heal and building them," he said referring to people locked away, as a result of alcohol abuse.

Mr Malezer is also encouraging serious and open discussion on self-governance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"International law says we have the right to self-determination," he said.

"Think outside the box, we are not talking about an impossible dream," he encourages, citing examples of indigenous self-governance in places like Greenland and Canada.

"We have to take control of our children's education, we have to make sure our children are being educated about the values that Aboriginal people have."

Ms Broun's message was simple: "Give it a chance, become members and participate."

Both conceded the Congress would flourish or fail, depending on its ability to attract more members.

At present, the Congress has 2200 individual members and 120 organisation members, of which a total of 600 cast votes for the election of co-chairs.

Mr Malezer said he would like to see numbers up to 10,000 by end of his two-year term.

"We can't go on low membership and expect to say we have a mandate," he said.

"If we don't get the numbers up this organisation's not going to survive."

Meanwhile, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said the election of the co-chairs signified the importance of self-determination and self-governance.

Mr Gooda said the Congress would give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the means to be heard on important issues.

"I look forward to continuing to work with the National Congress of

Australia's First Peoples and with Jody and Les as co-chairs on these issues," he said.

"In particular, I will be looking to work with them closely on advancing support for constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians and the implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

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**– Congress co-chair Jody Broun**



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Ms Broun dismissed early criticism of the organisation, saying 'there appears to be negativity from the outset and there needs to be some balance'.

"Of course it is up to us to

he believes are the key issues facing the Congress, while Ms Broun has opted for a more wait-and-see approach.

"From my perspective we will take our direction from the delegates when we meet in July," Ms Broun said.

"But my priorities are really around raising the profile of the Congress, increasing its membership and around ensuring

the big ones," he said.

Mr Malezer is determined to see incarceration rates of Aboriginal people reduced, instead allowing them to be healed in properly resourced communities.

"Our identity as peoples and our ability to function as a peoples is severely sabotaged by incarcerations," he said.

"A lot of people who are being



# Warrior's story a 'wake-up call'

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



MITCH TORRES hopes the dramatised documentary *Jandamarra's War*, which will screen

on ABC 1 next Thursday, might be 'a wake up call' to a generation of young men.

*Jandamarra's War* tells the story of the great Bunuba warrior hero who waged a three-year guerilla war against invading pastoralists in defence of his people's land and culture. It was one of the most effective rebellions in the history of Indigenous people's resistance to European colonisation.

Torres said the Kimberley was approaching 'a really crucial time' with the current mining situation.

"It's like a second wave of colonisation," she said. "And a lot of our young people are complacent."

"So it might be time to find the Jandamarra spirit and stand up. And also for our Elders, because some of them have forgotten... If they get to see the film, they might remember the spirit that they have inside them and use that passion and spirit to further our community. It doesn't need a whole heap of people to change a situation, it only needs one person, that was what (Jandamarra) was about – same as Gandhi, or Martin Luther King or Nelson Mandela."

As the writer/director of *Jandamarra's War*, Torres first heard the story from her grandfather when she was



Director Mitch Torres with Keithan Holloway who plays Jandamarra (centre), Stanley Jangary Snr, who plays Jandamarra's uncle Ellemarra, and other cast members.

six-years-old. She said her grandfather had been adopted into the Bunuba people, and was 104 when he died in 1982, so he had known Jandamarra personally.

"Jandamarra has always been branded an outlaw, but for us he was a freedom fighter," Torres said.

"He was a fighter for land and

for culture. He was a young man, he was 17 when he started his campaign and just 21 when he was decapitated.

## Amazing

"He never got to live a full life but imagine if he had. (What he achieved) was amazing in the short time that he was on the planet. If his life had not been cut

short I imagine the Bunuba people would have been a much stronger nation."

The documentary was filmed on Bunuba Country in the Kimberley region of West Australia where Jandamarra lived, fought and died.

Torres said that in keeping with tradition it was important Bunuba Elders were fully involved

in the storytelling and were there to help ensure cultural protocols were observed.

The film relies on interviews with Bunuba people, including an interview with George Brooking who is in his mid-70s and the most senior Bunuba Elder in the community of Fitzroy Crossing. He is also the senior custodian of the Jandamarra story as handed down to him by Banjo Woorunmurra (now deceased).

The film also includes historical re-enactments, with 90 scenes shot over a period of 10 days during the production phase, which Torres said was no easy feat considering the heat and the remoteness of the location.

Torres felt it was important to film in the actual locations where the historical events occurred as she believed this would help the performances by the Indigenous actors, all of whom had some sort of family tie back to Jandamarra and could re-tell elements of his story.

"Jandamarra is still very often talked about to this day – his deeds championed and his powers whispered about," she said.

"He was this amazing person, who did unheard of things. To stand up against the police, to stand up against the pastoralists ... it might be a wake-up call to a lot of our young fellas to remember that fighting spirit, that can be used in a different way in the times that we live in."

*Jandamarra's War* screens on Thursday 12 May at 8.30pm on ABC 1.

# Abbott wants curfew, crackdown for Alice



FEDERAL Opposition Leader Tony Abbott wants a crackdown on boozing and a curfew for under 16s in Alice Springs, and

a 'second intervention' in the Northern Territory.

Mr Abbott said existing alcohol laws needed to be enforced in Alice Springs before further measures to curb Aboriginal drinking are considered.

"If the law says you are not allowed to drink in public places and people are, don't we have to enforce the law?" Mr Abbot said last Friday after spending a number of days in the Central Australian town.

"It is no substitute for (lack of) enforcement to pass ever more draconian laws."

The Opposition Leader urged local retailers to be part of the solution. "I would certainly appeal to everyone involved in the retail alcohol trade, from Woolies and Coles down, to ask themselves the question: this might be good for business, but is it good for the country?"

Mr Abbott also called for a crackdown on truancy, saying school attendance figures were abysmal.

He said parents should be fined if there were not sending their children to school, and a curfew on under-16s would help improve school attendance.

"That's what would happen in Sydney or Melbourne and that's what should happen in Alice Springs," he said.

Mr Abbott said that deep down, perhaps through a sense of guilt, standards applied to Australians generally had not been expected of Indigenous people.

"The bottom line has got to be the kids go to school, the adults go to work and everyone respects and adheres to the law," he said.

"No one has a right to disobey the law because of past injustice."

Meanwhile, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and NT Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton announced last week that further steps had been taken under the \$150 million Alice Springs Transformation Plan to 'normalise' town camps in Alice Springs.



TONY ABBOTT

They said three camps – Charles Creek, Kunoth and Morris Soak – had agreed on street names that have significance to their communities.

"Naming the streets helps the town camps to become part of the wider community," Ms Macklin said.

"Houses can now be formally

numbered, enabling a regular postal service and leading to better access for emergency services such as police and ambulance."

Mr Hampton said Alice Springs should be proud of the work being done in town camps and that naming streets was one of the positive steps, along with improved infrastructure and service delivery.

"The street names suggested by Charles Creek, Kunoth and Morris Soak town camps recognise key family members and the early days when families first settled in these areas, which is an important part of the town's history," he said.

"It is also great to see work on infrastructure upgrades progressing well in Trucking Yards."

"After many years of inadequate and failing street lighting, Trucking Yards has had 18 new street lights turned on."

"These new lights will significantly increase security for residents, making it a safer environment throughout the night."

Both ministers said town camp

residents were also benefiting from improved access to public transport.

"Residents have welcomed the introduction of expanded bus routes which provide an affordable means of transport to go shopping, attend medical appointments and access other important services in town," they said.

Mr Abbott's visit to Alice Springs follows a tour by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

Following that visit, Mr Gooda said the measures being introduced as part of the Alice Springs transformation plan should be allowed to take effect.

He also mooted a possible ban on selling alcohol to pregnant women, but said it was up to the community to decide on such measures.

Meanwhile, Mr Hampton rejected Mr Abbott's call for a second intervention, saying that a lot of work had been done, and more work would be done to improve conditions for Aboriginal people in the NT.





Jim Everett scattered ashes in the fires, from other fires including at the Tent Embassy, symbolising the struggle to protect Aboriginal heritage across Australia.

# Bypass battle over – but not the war

## Anger turns to sadness as work continues at kutalayna

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people in Tasmania have declared that the campaign to save kutalayna is about winning the war, not the battle.

Despite two years of meetings, lobbying, court challenges to heritage legislation, an emergency national heritage listing, protests and dozens of arrests, the Tasmanian Government is forging ahead with a bridge across kutalayna. Contractors are well into earth-moving preparations for its construction, with completion scheduled for 2013.

Also known as the Jordan River levee, the site bears evidence of human occupation from 42,000 years ago. Archaeologists who excavated test pits at the site reported it 'plays an important role in the history of the spread of human beings across the world; from out of Africa to the southernmost extent of the planet'.

It is considered a site of high cultural and archaeological significance, nationally and internationally.

To the Tasmanian Aboriginal community it also holds personal connections.

Jim Everett described it as 'our oldest library book, it holds the

With arms locked in front of the group who had broken bail conditions to attend the ceremony, the gathering pleaded with Tasmania Police Inspector Lee Renshaw to use his power of discretion to avoid further arrests.



stories of our Old People going back over 40,000 years'.

Trudy Maluga, the state secretary of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre which led the campaign to reroute the bypass road away from kutalayna, says the community's anger has turned to sadness and mourning.

"Mourning for the mumirima people and a sadness that we are a people that are ignored," she said. "Kutalayna lasted two ice ages, but it seems it will not outlast Tasmania's Labor Green Government."

Last fortnight a solemn healing ceremony was held at the site. Jim Everett, said the ceremony was to heal not only the land, the mumirima people, the Aboriginal community of today and the many supporters, but the broader Tasmanian community, including the construction contractors and Tasmanian Government – 'for they know not what they do'.

"If they can change their attitudes, they may know what self-respect means and they can respect themselves," he said.

Amidst the aromatic smoke from the ceremony and a couple of dozen watchful police officers ensuring earth works proceeded without interruption, the machines rolled on while about 100 Aborigines and supporters gathered around five separate fires.

### Healing

Mr Everett scattered ash gathered from healing ceremonies across the country in the fires, in a gesture to symbolise the plight of Aborigines protecting their heritage across Australia. He said he had been keeping hold of it should an appropriate occasion arise.

Mr Everett and four others were arrested as they walked away after the ceremony. They had been arrested for trespass protesting at the site only days

before and had broken their bail conditions returning to kutalayna.

While they were aware of the legal risk, considering the quiet and peaceful nature of the occasion, they had hoped Tasmania police would use their 'powers of discretion' and let them go about their business.

At the time the *Koori Mail* went to press, Ms Maluga was unable to say which direction the campaign to protect kutalayna might take.

She said community meetings had been delayed due to deaths in the Aboriginal community and the close of the mutton birding season.

Meetings are likely to be held this week.

Also this week, earth works on the site were scheduled to restart after an Easter break.

"The campaign is now about winning the war," she said.

"That is to get legislation introduced to the Parliament and

legislated to protect Aboriginal heritage.

"The kutalayna battle has sparked the debate, now is the time to prevent another kutalayna."

Ms Maluga said Aboriginal heritage protection had not been publicised and scrutinised in Tasmania for a long time.

"The Government have attempted to draft Aboriginal heritage legislation that caters for the white stakeholders," she said.

"Over numerous years we've discussed what form we would like our Aboriginal heritage protection to take.

"They can draft it up but we will tell them how they want it.

"At the end of the day the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* is not worth the paper it was written on.

"Aboriginal heritage is not protected by any white law in this state, as it should be – the imbalance is huge."

The campaign seems to have had some welcome – and unwelcome – by-products.

"Unfortunately with a Labor Green Government being racist, this has sparked up a lot of racism in this state, Buddy Franklin had to endure that," Ms Maluga said referring to racist taunts reportedly aimed at Hawthorn's Lance Franklin during a recent AFL match in Launceston.

"Racism peaks and it seems to be when our so-called leaders legitimise it with their actions. Others mirror their actions, kutalayna bought the racists out.

"The Government seems to be hell-bent on ripping up every bit of Tasmanian Aboriginal connection to our land. If that isn't institutionalised racism, I don't know what is."

The Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources maintain there is no other option than to proceed on the current alignment of the Brighton bypass road.



# Horsham land council back in business



**AFTER** a year of significant change within the organisation, the Barengi Gadjin Land Council in Victoria says it is once again fully operational.

The newly-appointed chief executive officer, Jim Golden-Brown, said it was an exciting time for the organisation.

"At its heart, Barengi Gadjin Land Council is an organisation for the traditional owners of this land, and it is my intention to work hard for their best interests by building the business and securing its future," he said.

"Our 168 members have so much to be proud of, particularly the fact that they negotiated the first native title consent determination in south-east

Australia, back in 2005.

"In May, Barengi Gadjin Land Council will be moving offices in Horsham. When we celebrate the official opening of the new office on 3 June, we will also be unveiling our new logo, website and presenting our three-year strategic plan.

"I believe this organisation has so much potential and we will be focusing all our efforts on what is our core

business – cultural heritage and land management.

"The board and staff are committed to meeting our obligations under the Native Title Act, and our responsibilities as custodians of the land.

"We will also be working to progress our cultural centre, so that we can share and celebrate our history and culture with the community."

## Way now clear for WA gas hub vote



THE Kimberley Land Council says there has been a breakthrough in negotiations over a proposed gas hub near Broome with agreement reached on environmental assurances sought by traditional owners.

Late last week the council's chief negotiator, Wayne Bergmann, said the West Australian Government and Woodside Petroleum were failing to give assurances of a full clean-up if any environmental disaster occurred at the proposed \$30 billion gas precinct.

But after further negotiations, a council spokeswoman said a breakthrough had been made and all parties had agreed to environmental assurances.

Mr Bergmann earlier had said there was a risk traditional owners would not approve the liquefied natural gas precinct, 60kms north of Broome, if Woodside and the Government did not give assurances they would fix any environmental damage in the event of a disaster.

A proposed agreement has been taken back to traditional owners in Broome for discussion this week before a vote, this Friday, on whether to approve the proposed gas hub at James Price Point.

In April 2009, the land council signed a heads of agreement with the WA Government and Woodside, approving the gas hub and \$1.5 billion in benefits to flow to Indigenous communities over 30 years.

But a long-running legal dispute among traditional owners, centred on anti-gas hub land claimant Joseph Roe, stalled further negotiations and prompted WA Premier Colin Barnett to move to compulsorily acquire the James Price Point site.



WAYNE BERGMANN



JOSEPH ROE

That move angered native title claimants, but a resolution of the legal dispute in the Federal Court cleared the way for negotiations to resume to resolve outstanding issues.



Elder Uncle Max Eulo blesses Cancer Council NSW's headquarters in a traditional smoking ceremony.

## Smoking ceremony for Cancer Council



AN Aboriginal Elder has blessed Cancer Council NSW's headquarters after the charity unveiled a special acknowledgement plaque as part of its efforts to work closer with the state's Aboriginal communities.

During the ceremony the parents of Anthony Avery, a young Biripi man who died from bowel cancer in 2008, were present to see one of the charity's key meeting rooms named after their son.

"Our research shows that Aboriginal people are three times more likely to die from some cancers than other

NSW residents," Aboriginal community liaison officer Veronica Saunders said. "Cancer Council is determined to close this gap and remove barriers to health care in both rural and urban communities.

"While previous studies in Aboriginal health have been focused on rural areas, our Aboriginal Patterns of Cancer Care (APOCC) study is looking at why issues also exist in urban areas near to hospitals and cancer care facilities."

Ms Saunders says she is proud to be part of the council's 'commitment to educate Cancer Council staff and become more culturally aware and to

improving Aboriginal health'.

Anthony 'Anno' Avery, a talented athlete, passed away from bowel cancer at the age of 26 due to delayed diagnosis.

"His story highlights the importance of closing the gap and it is why we renamed the room after him," Ms Saunders said.

Anthony's parents, Mindy and Anthony Snr, said they were moved by the warmth, respect and support provided by the organisation to their family.

Hanging in the room is artist Georgina Altona's original artwork, which is featured on the special acknowledgement plaque in the foyer.





Pictured above and below are scenes from the work expos on the APY Lands in the north of South Australia.



## APY Lands gets down to business



**SA** A TRAVELLING work expo has been bringing business to the bush and linking remote Aboriginal communities with education, training and employment opportunities.

The Anangu (Aboriginal) Work Expo travelled to the APY Lands in South Australia last month, connecting Aboriginal communities with education and employment providers.

The expo gave job seekers a chance to speak directly to organisations about jobs and training opportunities, with locals encouraged to give on-the-spot expressions of interest to potential employers.

Run by a group of organisations including TAFE SA, the expo was a family friendly event with a free barbecue and performances by local musicians.

SA Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Further Education Jack Snelling said TAFE SA was South Australia's largest provider of vocational education and training.

The event proved popular with job-seekers, and was an opportunity for training providers to get information about student needs.

The event aimed to establish links between education, business and Aboriginal communities in the APY Lands, about 1200kms from the Adelaide metropolitan area.

By increasing employment and education opportunities in the state's north-west, the Anangu Work Expo could lead to social and economic benefits for the whole community, the Minister said.

# Families upset at coroner's findings

By LIZ MURRAY



A WEST Australian Coroner's findings into the deaths of four men in police car chases fell short of families' expectations, with safer police procedures the sole focus of the five recommendations.

Questions remain unanswered for the family of Darryl Jones over the absence of forensic evidence to link the Noongar man with the stolen car two officers said he was driving.

Police made a statement on 29 October 2007 about the discovery of the 29-year-old's body 42 metres from a stolen vehicle on Ranford Road in Armadale after a police chase. No DNA or fingerprints from Mr Jones were found in the car, the court heard, although the fingerprint of another person was.

Constable Mark Walker and Sergeant Brad Smith told the hearing that after they had aborted the chase and were smoking by the side of the road, they saw Mr Jones

driving past them in the stolen car at about 100kmh. They said they saw him 'spin out' in the distance.

Both officers told the Coroner that during the chase they did not see the speedometer while they were in pursuit, or notice they were exceeding the safe pursuit limit of 140kmh.

"I didn't intentionally drive at those (high) speeds and I never saw those speeds on the speedometer," Acting Sgt Smith said. Const Walker said he could not recall 'going over 100 – or seeing the speedometer go over 140'.

"There's only one time you even called through 140kmh and the other times you're calling through speeds considerably under that... the speed of the vehicle was over 140 repeatedly and in fact got up to

185kmh," Coroner Alastair Hope told Const Walker.

The Coroner found the pursuit had been stopped, the death was accidental, and police driving did not directly contribute to Darryl Jones' death. In his summary, he said Mr Jones was ejected from the car as it turned on Ranford Road.

"Precisely how the door came to be open, in my view, is unclear, but the door did not appear to have been defective and so it is likely that some movement

of the deceased within the vehicle, whether intentional or unintentional, resulted in the door opening," he said. "... It appears that the deceased left the vehicle through the door."

Coroner Hope was also critical of the

police Internal Affairs investigation and said the Police Operations Centre appeared ignorant that the maximum pursuit speed had been exceeded.

The coronial staff found 51 instances during the four pursuit crashes where police chase speeds were higher than what they told Police Communications, and exceeded the pursuit limit of 140kmh.

Mr Jones' mother, Noelene, said that after the coroner's rigorous questioning of police during the inquest, the recommendations were disappointingly soft.

"I feel like it was a waste of time," she said. "If I had have known it was going to turn out like this I could have dedicated those three-and-a-half years to grieving and healing," she added, saying that she still lacks closure about the loss of her son.

Lesley Saville, the mother of a man who died in another of the four police chases, told media she, too, was disappointed, and criticised the recommendations for holding no one accountable.

**'If I had have known it was going to turn out like this I could have dedicated those three-and-a-half years to grieving and healing'**



## Noongar place names goal of research project



A NEW Curtin University research project that aims to close the cultural gap will identify the Noongar names of 30,000 places in the south-west of Western Australia.

The project, conducted by the Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP) assisted by an advisory committee will document the history and meaning of every place in the region.

Len Collard, key researcher and Associate Professor at CUSP, said the project aimed to contribute towards reconciliation from a different perspective, by creating a common ground for understanding the local Indigenous geographical heritage.

"The project is the first of its kind and will go a long way towards deepening everyone's sense of place," Assoc Prof Collard said.

"It will explore the ways in which Indigenous interpretation of place and history trigger innovative approaches to the nature of sovereignty, identity and difference.

"The research will enable people who live in the region to relate more intensely to that place's long-term history."

An interactive website and database will make the material available to anyone, and each area of the WA south-west will be encouraged to use their Noongar places names together with their Anglo-Saxon names.

The project, funded by the Australian Research Council, is due to be completed by 2013.

## Men's health is on the program



THE 6th National Wanganiny (Healing) Men's Health Convention will be held from 19-20 September as part of the National Men's Health Gathering in Perth.

The National Wanganiny convention is aimed at promoting what is working in regards to improving Aboriginal male health.

The Indigenous male organising committee has planned a program to make improvements to the physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and cultural status of Indigenous males.

Committee members say they have developed a number of themes that have a huge impact on Aboriginal male health including health promotion and education, law, justice, family violence, caring for country, mental and physical health, economics and employment, research and education and male places.

They say the program will explore what is working and where Aboriginal male health needs to be improved to provide structures and strategies to influence policy makers to provide the necessary resources to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males.

Visit the website [www.workingwithmen.org.au](http://www.workingwithmen.org.au) for further information.

## Laura prepares to host festival



THE 19th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival in Cape York Peninsula will be held from 17-19 June, bringing together more than 500 artists from 20 Cape York communities.

The two-yearly cultural gathering showcases dancing, language, songs and stories, and usually attracts around 5000 visitors.

During the festival, Elders from each of the participating communities pass on stories and explain the meanings of the dances and songs to the next generation.

The festival is one of the first on the calendar of Indigenous festivals held in centres across the north of Australia.

For more information on Laura, visit the website [www.lauradancefestival.com](http://www.lauradancefestival.com)

# Top cop repeats Spratt apology



THE inquiry into the treatment of Kevin Spratt by West Australian justice authorities

continues, with departmental bosses questioned before the state's Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC).

Mr Spratt is an Aboriginal man who was tasered 13 times by West Australian police officers in 2008 and then repeatedly tasered again a week later by prison officers.

At the CCC hearing on 19 April, WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan said that when he opted for disciplinary measures instead of criminal charges against the Watch House officers involved in the tasing, he understood it was in keeping with the wishes of Mr Spratt.

The disciplinary process resulted in a \$1200 fine for Troy Tomlin, who tasered Mr Spratt four times, and a \$750 fine for Grant Stahan, who tasered Mr Spratt ten times, and who was later promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Mr O'Callaghan again apologised for what happened to Mr Spratt.

"And I don't resile from that position," he said.

"What happened to Kevin Spratt was wrong."

The police Taser policy



KEVIN SPRATT

has changed since August 2008, and its use is permitted only where there is an imminent risk of serious harm.

The then superintendent of the Police Complaints Administration Centre, Graham Moon, said the repeated tasing of Mr Spratt was unwarranted and unjustified.

### Concerns

He said he had concerns which needed thorough investigation, and he was also concerned about 'premature conclusions of investigators'.

Mr Moon said he was astounded no-one took charge of the situation... 'and that no-one actually took the initiative to handcuff Mr Spratt, pick him up and take



Closed circuit TV footage showing Mr Spratt being tasered in the Perth police lock-up.

him into the lock-up, put him a padded cell if they believed he was violent or whatever. I found that to be quite hard to fathom'.

WA Department of Corrective Services Commissioner Ian Johnson outlined the changes he felt were necessary for risk reduction and to improve performance by his staff.

He said he would like to see more formal hand-overs, so prior use of force by police could be adequately considered, with medical staff available as required. He said the lack of information at the handover of Mr Spratt, and in other instances, could potentially increase the risk to vulnerable inmates through delayed medical care.

Corrective Services ESG unit officers had used tasers six separate times since their introduction in 2006, which Mr Johnson said reflected well on officers 'who face situations on a daily basis that require the use of force'.

He said each time tasers were used it was filmed to ensure that usage was appropriate, and as a performance-enhancement tool.

Despite ESG officer identities being suppressed before the CCC hearings, as well as concealment provided by their masks and body armour when working, Mr Johnson maintained there was nothing secretive about the unit, or the footage taken of operations. — By Liz Murray

# Indigenous people more likely to be Tasered: CMC



INDIGENOUS people and the mentally ill are more likely to be tasered than other Queenslanders. The state's police, who say Taser stun guns save lives because they are used

instead of firearms in dangerous situations, are preparing to nearly double the number of the devices out on the beat.

A Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) report has found most Taser use 'appeared appropriate in the circumstances', with no evidence of widespread misuse.

The frequency of Taser use had decreased considerably since a new policy was introduced after the death of Antonio Galeano, 39, in June 2009, in the north Queensland town of Brandon.

A coroner's inquest is still under way into the death, which came after repeated tasing from a weapon that registered 28 applications.

The review looked at 318 'operational Taser uses' in the 10 months after the new policy was brought in — a marked decrease from the previous 10 months.

They included 77 actual uses. In the remaining cases, an officer had only threatened to use a Taser.

But a section of the revised policy

## It's about risk, not race, says Qld police boss

highlighting the possible dangers for at-risk people is apparently being overlooked. The review found people suspected of being intoxicated or having an underlying mental or physical condition were more likely to be tasered since the new policy was introduced.

And more than 20 per cent of Taser deployments were against Indigenous people, who were more likely to have heart- and lung-related illnesses that put them at greater risk.

Deputy Commissioner Ross Barnett said Tasers had stopped 281 people from committing suicide or seriously self-harming and had significantly reduced assaults on police since their January 2009 introduction.

He said 67 per cent of situations were resolved peacefully after police simply showed their Taser.

"Sadly, it's often the case that when we

have to deploy this weapon it is often in response to someone who's mentally ill, seriously intoxicated or otherwise not in a reasonable state where we can talk rationally with them," he said.

"Before Tasers, they (officers) would have probably drawn their firearm."

Mr Barnett defended police use of Tasers on Indigenous people, saying protecting people's safety was the only consideration.

"It's about risk, not about race," he said.

Police Union president Ian Leavers said Indigenous people were over-represented in all aspects of the justice system, not just Taser use.

And, he said, Tasers were a tool that prevented deaths among the mentally ill.

"I'm aware of many circumstances involving mental health and other offenders where, had police not had the use of a Taser, they would have used a firearm, and there very well may have been a death," Mr Leavers said.

Meanwhile, police will take delivery of 1030 Tasers, boosting the 1400 the service currently has.

Of those 2430 Tasers, 2070 will be for frontline offers and 360 will be used for training.

The CMC has made 21 recommendations for their future use.



# Couple with a feel for film



**INDIGENOUS** film director Beck Cole says that because her husband Warwick

Thornton has shot most of her films over the years, having him work on her debut feature film *Here I Am* 'felt really natural'.

"We've been together for about 14 years, so there's just a really nice shorthand between us," she said.

"We get each other's style. It takes less talking. There's more of an understanding now."

Cole is best-known for *Making Samson & Delilah* – her irreverent documentary about the making of Thornton's 2009 smash hit, which he wrote, shot and directed.

However, cinematography has always been Thornton's first love and his next job is shooting the feature film *The Sapphires*.

The couple live in Alice Springs with their daughter Luka May, where Cole says they spend a lot of time talking about film.

"We don't really have many other interests, other than Warwick's dirt bikes," she said.

"We just really support each other. I'm supporting Warwick with his next script. I don't co-write with him, but help him get his idea on to the page."

"I'm also writing a novel at the moment... It's something I've been wanting to do for yonks."

*Here I Am* opens this year's Message Sticks Festival at the Sydney Opera House on 12 May and is in cinemas from June 2.

● For more on Message Sticks see Page 30.



Beck Cole and Warwick Thornton ... "We just really support each other."

# Little is face of reconciliation



**ABORIGINAL** entertainer Dr Jimmy Little has been chosen as the 2011 face of National Reconciliation Week, which runs from 27 May to 3 June.

The Yorta Yorta song man said it was humbling to have been chosen from among so many in Australia who worked towards reconciliation.

"Regardless of the colour of our skin, we all have the same blood running through our veins," Dr Little said.

"I am just one man with a powerful message, to learn from my experiences and live a long and healthy life – to try and close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage that sees Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living around 17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians."



JIMMY LITTLE

"The Jimmy Little Foundation and the Thumbs Up! program is working in Indigenous communities around Australia to help reverse the devastating trends that put Indigenous Australians at such disadvantage."

"I hope my involvement in Reconciliation Week will help with recognition of the great good that my people do, have done and will continue to do, not only for themselves but in contributing to the fabric of this Australian community."

Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said the National Reconciliation Week theme this year was 'Recognition'.

"So, during National Reconciliation Week and in the coming months, let's talk about recognition in all its forms and how we might better acknowledge the status of Indigenous Australians," she said.

"The First Peoples of this nation deserve recognition, not only for their cultural longevity and resilience but for their continued contribution to our national identity."

## Larkins faces porn charges



**THE** National Executive of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal

and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) has stood down chairperson Steven Larkins, who is facing child pornography charges.

Newcastle police charged Mr Larkins, who has also been stood down as CEO of the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Services, with producing, disseminating or possessing child pornography.

The 44-year-old has been bailed to re-appear in court this month. Further charges have not been ruled out.

The SNAICC National Executive has appointed Dawn Wallam as acting chairperson.

Ms Wallam said SNAICC was distressed and shocked by the charges.



# \$15m to aid Warmun



WARMUN residents should be able to return home by mid-June with Government funding of \$15 million to build temporary accommodation and provide services in the flood-affected Kimberley town.

The Commonwealth Government has allocated more than \$8 million under the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program to help the community, with more funding from the West Australian Government.

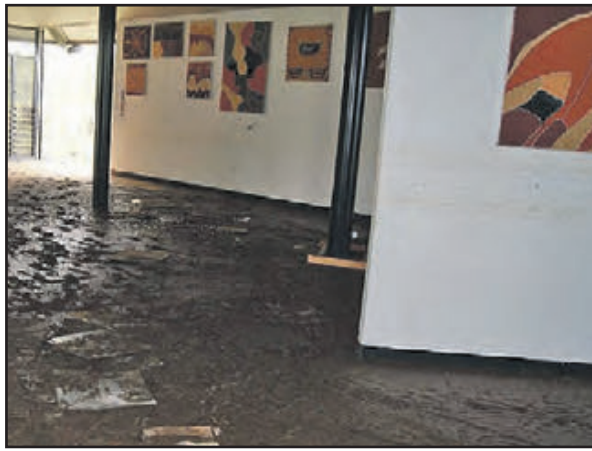
WA Deputy Premier Kim Hames said the evacuees had been staying in a workers' camp in Kununurra since March, after more than 200 residents were evacuated due to extensive flooding.

"Accommodating the evacuees in Kununurra was a temporary solution while essential services were restored and damage was assessed," he said.

"Following these assessments we now



WA Deputy Premier Kim Hames speaking with Warmun residents (left) and the flood-hit art centre in the Kimberley centre.



know that the majority of homes in Warmun are going to need to be replaced or significantly refurbished and this is going to

take time. Residents have told us they want to return home and the Warmun Re-Establishment Taskforce has been

working on a solution to allow this to happen sooner rather than later."

Work has started on a temporary 200-bed accommodation village to accommodate evacuees. A temporary health clinic will also be built and schooling arrangements organised.

Once the village has fulfilled its purpose at Warmun, key elements will be re-located to Kununurra to cater for the expansion that is envisaged as the Ord Stage Two project ramps up.

Housing Minister Troy Buswell said it was anticipated the facility would be ready in Warmun by mid-June.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Commonwealth funding would go towards projects that would help with the economic and social development of the community, such as building and restoring facilities, while also creating opportunities for locals to develop skills to contribute to their community.



The smoking ceremony held to honour the remains of the Aboriginal person reburied in the Capertee National Park, north of Lithgow.

## Reburial ceremonies on Wiradjuri country



THE remains of two Aboriginal people have been returned to their traditional country during reburial ceremonies in the NSW central-west after being repatriated to their local communities.

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage official Joedie Davis said the remains of the Aboriginal people were honoured as they were reburied on Wiradjuri country.

"The remains of an Aboriginal person uncovered in 1957 near Lithgow have been repatriated to the local community after being kept in the Sydney museum for more than 50 years," she said.

"The remains were buried on 20

April with a traditional ceremony in the new Capertee National Park north of Lithgow.

"A traditional smoking ceremony was held before the remains left the Sydney University Shellshear Museum."

The Sydney University, Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council, Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation, Central West CMA and Office of Environment and Heritage have been working in partnership through the repatriation program to return the remains.

"The Office of Environment and Heritage repatriation program aims to return Aboriginal Ancestral remains and significant objects back to country in partnership with NSW Aboriginal

communities," Ms Davis said.

She said the remains of a second Aboriginal person were returned to their original resting place on a private property in Perthville, near Bathurst, after being inadvertently uncovered during excavation works by the landholder earlier this year.

"The remains were uncovered by the land owner in January and after being removed and assessed by police were returned to their original resting place during a traditional ceremony on 19 April.

"The burial area is being fenced off and the landholder has entered into an agreement with the local Aboriginal community concerning the ongoing protection and management of the site."

## 'Incarceration crisis' action urged by ALS



THE Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) has urged the new NSW Government to take action over Indigenous incarceration rates.

Service chair Gary Oliver says figures highlight an 'absolute crisis in NSW that can't be ignored any more'.

He said that in NSW, one in three children in State care are Aboriginal, one in two juveniles in detention are Aboriginal, and just under one in three adults in jail are Aboriginal.

"Yet Aboriginal people make up only one in 50 of the NSW population – that is, around 2 per cent," Mr Oliver said.

"We think the new NSW Government has some work to do."

Mr Oliver said the legal service wants the Government to:

- Reduce the rate of removal of children from their families
- Reduce the rate of juvenile incarceration
- Reduce adult incarceration rates
- Reduce over-policing
- Reduce the number of mentally ill people being incarcerated

"As a peak body, the Aboriginal Legal Service is asking the new NSW Government to provide leadership in these five key priority areas," Mr Oliver said.

"Over the last eight years the Labor Government presided over a drastic increase in the number of Aboriginal children in care, Aboriginal juveniles in detention, and Aboriginal rates of imprisonment.

"We ask that (Premier Barry) O'Farrell's new Government provide leadership where the Labor Government did not."

## WA jail transport firm pleads guilty



THE security contractor G4S has pleaded guilty to failing to prevent the heat-stroke death of Aboriginal Elder Mr Ward in the back of a prison van in Western Australia's goldfields region.

The private company entered its plea in the Kalgoorlie Court on

Thursday and sentencing is scheduled for 3 June.

Mr Ward died of heat stroke in the back of the un-air-conditioned van while being transferred from Laverton to Kalgoorlie in January 2008 to face a drink-driving charge. G4S was charged under the Occupational Health and Safety Act with failing to provide reasonable care to ensure the health and wellbeing of a person in its care.



# Making spears, building respect



A TRADITIONAL tool-making workshop on the banks of Lake Parramatta has taken participants back to a time when people crafted their tools using materials readily available in the natural environment.

Workshop participants spent five hours creating traditional Aboriginal fishing spears under the guidance of Boolarng Nangamai artisan Steve Russell.

Boolarng Nangamai means 'together dreaming' and the Gerringong-based group of artists and crafts people is dedicated to keeping Aboriginal culture alive.

The Parramatta-based Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (CMA) hosted the tool-making workshop.

Sydney Metropolitan CMA Chairman Philip Sansom said the Lake Parramatta workshop was an important activity designed to build understanding and respect for Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"While we take pride in the considerable achievements of the 13 NSW Catchment Management Authorities, these entities have less than a decade's history, so it is important to appreciate that Aboriginal people have been engaged in natural resource management over thousands of



At the spear-making workshop, from left, Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority Indigenous community support officer, Margaret Bottrell, Boolarng Nangamai artisan and workshop leader Steve Russell, Yvonne Kaiserglass, Sunia Lesumo, Tony Lonsdale and Aleshia Lonsdale.

years," he said.

"The Sydney Metropolitan CMA Aboriginal Community Support program aims to increase the engagement of Aboriginal people and communities in natural resource

management and on-ground works. It provides education and training to support caring for country."

Last year, the Sydney Metropolitan CMA conducted two workshops focusing on

traditional weaving with participants crafting ornaments and fishing nets.

At Parramatta Park, the Sydney Metropolitan CMA is supporting the construction of the Burramattagal Aboriginal

landscape trail. Community planting days have resulted in 200 grasses, shrubs and trees being established along the trail which is part of establishing a vegetation corridor along a creek flowing to the Parramatta River.

## Leading Qld artist dies



ONE of Queensland's leading Indigenous artists, Tapich Gloria Fletcher, has passed away.

Ms Fletcher, born in 1937, was awarded an Order of Australia in 2005 and named a Queensland Great in 2008, in acknowledgement of her significant role in the state's history and development.

She was the first Indigenous woman to undertake formal training as a ceramic artist and was well known for the key role she played in documenting languages and traditional stories of the Thainakuith culture of her homelands in western Cape York.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said Ms Fletcher would be missed.

"This is very sad news for all of us – Tapich Gloria Fletcher was a woman who made it her life's work to connect people, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, through her art and her everyday actions of reconciliation and cultural sharing," Ms Bligh said.

"She worked tirelessly to share this culture, and in November last year she was present at the opening of the redeveloped Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal to see the unveiling of sadly what was one of her final pieces of artwork.

"She will be remembered by these special pieces that she created, which can be found in places all over the world, not just in Qld where she has a firm place in our hearts and our history." – AAP

# Physicians set to target gap



LEADING Australian and international medical experts are set to convene in Darwin this month in a bid to help improve Indigenous health.

They will be attending the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) annual congress, which this year has the theme 'Take up the Challenge: Indigenous Health and Chronic Disease'.

Participants will aim to work towards closing the gap in Indigenous health, address the barriers to health-care services for Indigenous communities and promote cultural awareness.

The congress will address a range of health-related issues from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and New Zealand Maori perspective, focusing on addiction, new models of care of Aboriginal children and engaging with Indigenous communities.

RACP President Professor John Kolbe has heralded the congress as a critical step in bringing together the foremost experts to address one of the most challenging issues facing Australia and New Zealand.

"Given the significance of Indigenous health in Australia and New Zealand, the college (Australia's largest specialist medical college) is meeting to promote ways to address inequity in health care and to close the gap for Indigenous communities in health," he said.



NOEL HAYMAN

"Indigenous health is one of the college's biggest priorities and we continue to focus on initiatives including the reduction of Indigenous disadvantage, by targeting life expectancy, child mortality, access to early childhood education, educational achievement and access to health services."

The congress, to be attended by more

than 900 medical specialists, has attracted keynote speakers including 2011 Queensland Australian of the Year Associate Professor Noel Hayman, Sir Mason Durie from Massey University in New Zealand, and Professor David Simmons from the United Kingdom, who will speak to the issues of gaining the trust of Indigenous communities.

Despite major improvements since the 1970s, disparities in well-being between Indigenous and other people continue.

In Australia, current figures suggest that Indigenous children are two to three times more likely to die before their first birthday than other Australian children, while in New Zealand, Maori life expectancy is at least eight years less than that of a non-Maori.

Key congress sessions include 'From clinical practice to academia and population health: Indigenous health and trust – hard to win, easy to lose' with Prof Simmons, 'Indigenous dementia' with Associate Prof Dina LoGuidice, and 'Chronic disease in the working population' led by Associate Prof Tim Driscoll.

Addiction, meaningful rehabilitation of Indigenous people and engaging with Indigenous communities also feature as part of the program.

The 2011 RACP Congress will be held in Darwin from 22-25 May.

More details at the website [www.racpcongress2011.com.au](http://www.racpcongress2011.com.au)



## Roberts will be guest speaker



**INDIGENOUS arts dynamo Rhoda Roberts is once again**

**set to be the guest speaker at the Kids in Community Northern Rivers Awards.**

The last time she performed the role was at the 2003 awards, when she shared the stage with jazz singer Grace Knight.

On that occasion, Ms Roberts told a little of her story growing up in Lismore, northern NSW, and her efforts to overcome stereotypes and prejudice.

The newly-named events artistic director for the Saltwater Freshwater Festival highlighted issues facing young people and spoke of her faith in youth.

"These people will change the perceptions of the world they live in. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be a resident of Lismore," Ms Roberts said.

"The young people here have created a spirit of place in this country town. They have given something back."

### Experience

Ms Roberts, a member of the Bundjalung nation, Widjabul and Gidabul clans of northern NSW and south-east Queensland, is an experienced arts executive with a diverse range of international and national industry practice within commercial, community and non-profit organisations.

"We are thrilled that Rhoda has agreed to tell her inspirational story and help us celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful young people of our region who are actively making difference," KIC spokesperson Maria Kelly said.

One of those young people, Ebony Hunt, a Year 10 student at Woodenbong Central School, is the first student from her school to be nominated for the Kids in Community (KIC) Northern Rivers Awards.

Ebony has been nominated as a role model under the category 'Young People Inspiring Their Peers'.

Established in September 2000, the KIC Awards provide an avenue to elevate the image of youth by celebrating those who positively address issues affecting young people and their communities in ways that strengthen and inspire the rest of the community.

The awards ceremony will be held on 29 June.

For more information email [info@kic.com.au](mailto:info@kic.com.au) or phone (02) 6624 4053.

# Summit promise for more action



THE Aboriginal New Way Sovereignty Summit in Canberra over Easter ended with promises of more proactive political action.

Convenor Michael Anderson, leader of the Euahlayi tribe of north-west New South Wales and south-west Queensland, said that within the coming months legal submissions would be lodged with the International Court of Justice asking for an opinion on Aboriginal sovereignty.

As well, an application will be made to the European Court of Human Rights for compensation and reparations from the British in respect 'to the colonisation, dispossession, usurpation of our natural wealth and resources'.

"The core of the latter legal application will focus on the absolute dispossession of Aboriginal lands that has caused



**MICHAEL ANDERSON**

us to become internally displaced peoples and refugees," Mr Anderson said.

He said the New Way Sovereignty Summit was also reminded of the ongoing effects of government policies that were

destroying Aboriginal communities and individuals.

"Each of these matters contribute to genocide under the international Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide," he said.

As well, the Summit concluded that a declaration of secession be finalised and forwarded to the Governor-General and Prime Minister of Australia with respect to the land which the Aboriginal Tent Embassy currently occupies opposite Old Parliament House.

"In doing this the Council of Elders and Youth elected by participants of the summit have requested that the new secretariat of the Aboriginal Embassy also writes to all embassies, which occupy Aboriginal lands, informing them of this action and asking them to come to the Aboriginal Embassy to identify themselves and pay respect to the Elders past and

present," Mr Anderson said.

He said another prominent issue raised at the summit was Aboriginal deaths in custody.

"It was said that an arrested Aboriginal person has to run the gauntlet of first being in police custody then being placed in custodial transport, then being incarcerated in a prison," Mr Anderson said.

"At each stage we now have records that indicate that all three stages have increased their statistics of Aboriginal deaths since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

"On a positive note, it is great to see that our youth are beginning to step up to the mark and acknowledge that the current Elders who have been leading this struggle for 40 or 50 years must be acknowledged, but have agreed that it is time for our youth to assume a more active political role."

## Torres Strait centre marks seven years



THE Torres Strait's Gab Titui Cultural Centre has celebrated seven years of operation.

The centre, on Thursday Island, is an initiative of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), focusing on Torres Strait culture and the development and promotion of local Indigenous art.

TSRA Portfolio Member for Culture, Art and Heritage Phillemon Mosby said Gab Titui was a significant icon, recognised as the Torres Strait's first keeping place for historical artefacts and contemporary Indigenous art.

He officially launched the centre's birthday celebrations, announcing Gab Titui's new audio tour guides, touch screen computers and renovation plans by architect James Davidson.

The celebrations took a local focus, with the unveiling of the latest cultural maintenance display 'Sibuwanay/Tar Digri – giving of the gift'.

"Sibuwanay in Kala Lagaw Ya and Tar Digri in Meriam Mir are similar in meaning and describe the generosity of individuals, families and communities who have loaned material from their personal collections," Mr Mosby said.

A highlight of the celebrations was entertainment provided by local artist Kura Stephen, who featured songs from his new album *This is my Island Home*.

The production of Mr Stephen's new



**Emma Loban gets the sparklers going for the seventh birthday celebrations of the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island. Photo: Torres News**

album was supported through sources including the Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund.

Since opening in 2004, more than 70,000 people have visited Gab Titui, including political representatives and United Nations delegations. The centre won Tourism Awards in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and was entered into the Tourism Hall of Fame in 2008.

"The centre has supported over 100

artists in the development and sales of their work through solo and group exhibitions and many artistic works have been acquired for State and National Gallery collections," Mr Mosby said.

In 2009, Gab Titui took out a major gallery and museum achievement award for the Ephraim Bani Gallery and was highly praised for its strong community focus and advocacy for the Torres Strait region.



# Long trip worthwhile for Kimberley people



FOUR people from remote Kimberley communities travelled to

Canberra recently for a trip which took them back in time.

They visited the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) to work with the field notes, genealogies, maps and photographs recorded more than 80 years ago by anthropologist Phyllis Kaberry.

The group, made up of three Gooniyandi people and one Walmajarri person, consisted of Jimmy Shandley, Marminjiya Joy Nuggett, Lillian Chestnut and Russell Topliss.

The Australian trustee of the Dr Phyllis Kaberry Collection, Professor Sandy Toussaint from the University of Western Australia, accompanied the group.

Developed as a collaborative project with the group, including Topsy Chestnut, a senior Gooniyandi woman who was



Marminjiya Joy Nuggett and Jimmy Shandley look over the field notes and genealogies recorded over 80 years ago by anthropologist Phyllis Kaberry.

unable to travel at the last moment due to illness, Prof Toussaint said the visit proved to be a 'significant moment for everyone'.

"Family members were able to draw on their knowledge of ancestors, as well as known places and events, and combine

this with information recorded 80 years ago by Kaberry," Prof Toussaint said.

"Our work shows the intrinsic value of collaboration over time, and the importance of Aboriginal people themselves having direct access to documented material from the past.

"Marminjiya and Jimmy were impressed with a series of field notes, genealogies and maps, and Russell, Lillian's son and Topsy's grandson, was very happy to find information about his family history."

Prof Toussaint said Lillian Chestnut also found photos in the larger AIATSIS Collection of her mother as a young woman.

"It is wonderful that Kaberry's field notes and genealogies – and maps and photographs – are preserved as part of the substantial collection of archival and contemporary material held at AIATSIS," Prof Toussaint said.

"For descendants to be able to look at field notes and see photographs helps enormously with family histories, continuing family ties, and associated concerns such as native title issues.

"We have all worked very hard interpreting the material, and it was a long trip here – and it's a long trip back – but everyone has made it plain that the trip has been very worthwhile."



Lillian Chestnut found photographs of her mother as a young woman.



Marminjiya Joy Nuggett and Jimmy Shandley, standing, watching Russell Topliss and Lillian Chestnut.

# Bishop warns on Indigenous jobs



A LEADING bishop believes more jobs must be created in remote Indigenous communities for the Federal Government to meet its 2018 target of halving the gap

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment.

Bishop Christopher Saunders, the chair of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, said remote communities often lacked basic services that other Australians took for granted.

They include reliable rubbish removal, emergency services, building maintenance and public transport, which are lacking in many remote communities.

"Looking at the actual need of these communities, it becomes clear there

is a multitude of potential employment opportunities and there are people currently on welfare support who could be employed to fill them," Bishop Saunders said.

"The Government maintains that welfare should not be a destination or a way of life. But it is hard to imagine any alternative to

has been in the process of dismantling the CDEP scheme and requiring participants to 'transition' into 'properly paid jobs'. In many remote communities, however, the jobs just aren't there.

"The alternative, a transition to welfare and compulsory income management, will not address the underlying causes of poverty.

"Where private sector demand is lacking, all levels of government need to work together to create jobs. Indigenous communities want proper consultation about the services that are needed and the jobs that will be created.

"More action is needed to achieve the most basic form of social justice – real jobs ensuring the dignity of workers and the development of communities."

**'Indigenous communities want proper consultation about the services that are needed and the jobs that will be created'**

long-term welfare dependence without a robust job creation strategy for communities where almost half of those employed have been in subsidised Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) jobs.

"For the past two years the Government



## Have you got a winning calendar?

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# Luritja language 'saved'



PAPUNYA and surrounding communities have come together at the Papunya School, 240kms north-west of Alice Springs, for the launch of the Luritja Picture Dictionary.

The dictionary is the tenth in the series of picture dictionaries published by Alice Springs-based Aboriginal publishing house IAD Press.

In what IAD says has proven to be an innovative learning resource, the picture dictionary format not only includes English to Luritja translations, accompanied by culturally appropriate illustrations to further engage the learner, it also features a pronunciation guide and information on Luritja culture such as kinship, bush foods and family.

Before 1788, more than 250 Indigenous languages were spoken throughout Australia.

But by 2005, National Indigenous Languages Survey results showed that only 145 Indigenous languages were still spoken, and about 110 of these were severely or critically endangered.

"In 2003, IAD Press identified that educational resources were needed to

ensure the preservation of language and culture in Central Australian Aboriginal communities," IAD Press business manager Jeanette Wormald said.

"Through working closely with communities and linguists, IAD Press created the nationally-acclaimed Picture Dictionary series.

"These dictionaries were designed to increase literacy levels and promote reading for Aboriginal people by producing materials that were relevant to their own expressed needs and interests, invited co-operative learning and were accessible to people in bush communities.

## Better self-esteem

"The Picture Dictionary series also promotes cross-cultural exchange and contributes to improve the well-being of Aboriginal people by increasing self-esteem and self-identity through encouraging use of traditional languages.

"This series has been a combined effort that would not have been possible without the community and linguists' input and the financial support from the Australian Government, NT Government and philanthropic organisations."

Papunya Elder and school teacher Linda Anderson

Kapanani spoke in language at the launch. The translation was: "We are happy to have our own Luritja dictionary for the school and the community. We will use it to teach the children the right way to write and spell their language words.

"They will also learn the meaning of some of the more difficult words. If the student can't spell, they can look it up in the dictionary.

"It is important that the children maintain the use of their language so they can become strong Luritja adults and be proud to be who they are. Any other people who want to learn Luritja can use this and look it up for spelling, so they can write and speak correctly."

The Luritja celebration included singing from the Mount Liebig and Papunya school choir, speeches from community Elders and the eating of a chocolate cake made to resemble the cover of the picture dictionary.

IAD Press says it will continue to address the need for culturally appropriate educational resources with the launch of the Walpiri Picture Dictionary late 2011.

The Luritja Picture Dictionary is available online at [www.iadpress.com](http://www.iadpress.com) or in store at Alice Springs.



Elder and language teacher Linda Anderson Kapanani with her nieces Shaneen Pearce, 6, and Denicia Rogers, 8, and the new Luritja Picture Dictionary.



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# Tas concert a first

By JILLIAN MUNDY



HOBART has been treated to an evening of story and song, with

the union of two musical powerhouses – the Black Arm Band and the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

The one-night-only performance of Hidden Republic was a highlight of Tasmania's recent 10 Days on the Island arts festival.

It was a big night for Tasmania's 23-year-old Dewayne Everettsmith, performing with a stellar line-up of 13 fellow Aboriginal musicians, together for the first time on his home soil.

"I feel really excited, (performing in) this show is less about me and more about my community," Everettsmith told the *Koori Mail* before the show.

"I get to sing something in my own language that's been revived, on my own country, in front of my community, in a show like this. I have high expectations on myself, for my community."



Dewayne Everettsmith, Bunna Lawrie, Uncle Jimmy Little and Djolpa McKenzie were just four of the Aboriginal performers who came together as the Black Arm Band in Hobart.

Judging by the applause, he didn't disappoint. Everettsmith performed

one song in palawa kani, and Un-burra man Djolpa McKenzie, from Western Arnhem Land, performed

*My Island Home* in Burrara language.

Other artists were Mark Atkins, Lou Bennett, Emma

Donovan, Leah Flanagan, Shane Howard, Genevieve Lacey, Bunna Lawrie, Jimmy Little, Shellie Morris,

Stephen Pigram, Archie Roach and Ursula Yovich.

The night of story and song included iconic anthems, emotive originals, dramatic lighting, prose and a display of real talent.

At 74, Uncle Jimmy Little is the Black Arm Band's most senior member, and despite ill health he travelled to Tasmania to perform, saying Hidden Republic was a show of reconciliation.

Hidden Republic, the partner piece to the documentary 'murundak', was first performed with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 2006.

Black Arm Band artistic director Steve Richardson says murundak 'honours the music and story of Indigenous Australia's struggle for civil rights, whereas Hidden Republic turns our gaze forward'.

'Murundak – songs of freedom' is a film which follows the Black Arm Band as they take their songs of struggle and freedom on the road. It is screening in cinemas around the country until mid-May. It was rated 4.5 stars (out of five), by the ABC *Movie Show's* Margaret Pomeranz.

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# Carved trees the focus of State Library exhibition

By MARGARET SMITH



THE State Library of NSW's Carved Trees exhibition,

featuring photographs and film of trees on Wiradjuri and Gamilaroi country carved by Aboriginal men using stone tools, is now open.

It was curated by Indigenous services librarian Ronald Briggs, who had spent 18 months researching the origins and locations of trees in north-western NSW.

More than 7500 Aboriginal-modified tree sites have been recorded in NSW, but fewer than 100 carved trees remain standing in their original location. The rest have been removed for farming and forestry.

Mr Briggs told the *Koori Mail* he had spent 18 months contacting Aboriginal families about the sacred trees in their area.



Wailwan artists Mary Kennedy and Barbara Stanley with Indigenous services librarian and curator Ronald Briggs.

"I didn't have one negative response about the proposed exhibition... These images are among few surviving records of this beautiful and forgotten art form," he said.

Images of the bark

designs had been collected by Clifton Cappie Towle from 1920-1940, but this is the first exhibition to bring images of the trees together for public view.

Library Council of NSW President Rob Thomas told

the opening that the State Library was proud to host such a display.

Arts curator Djon Mundine praised Aboriginal artist and songman Vic Simms for his video presentation demonstrating how tree carvings were made.

Wailwan Aboriginal artists Mary Millimaru Kennedy and Barbara Stanley, whose work has been inspired by carved trees, travelled from Warren to attend the opening.

Mr Mundine said the carved tree designs 'represent a people's soul – they are the embodiment of an actual people's culture and history'.

The Carved Trees exhibition at the Library of NSW is free and open every day from 9am-5pm until 28 June. Special educational talks will be held at 12.30pm on 11 and 15 June. Bookings on 9273 1770.



One of the carved tree images shown at the State Library exhibition.

# Maternity unit for WA opens



A NEW maternity unit for Western Australia's Aboriginal mothers and babies has been officially opened.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said the unit would address the disparity in health outcomes for WA's Indigenous families.

The Aboriginal Maternity Services Support Unit (AMSSU), at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH), has a broad range of culturally appropriate resources and support strategies.

Mr Collier said that while there had been some improvement in recent years, there remained a significant gap in maternal and child health outcomes for Aboriginal women and babies when compared to other women.

"We also know Aboriginal women in rural and remote WA have some of the poorest maternity and neonatal outcomes in the state," he said.

"The State Government is committed to closing this gap for Aboriginal families and has committed \$128 million towards improving Aboriginal health in WA under the COAG National Partnership agreement.

"As a small but vital part of this

commitment, the AMSSU has been funded by the Council of Australian Governments for \$3.28 million until June 2014. The council will also provide the framework to guide the unit's service delivery."

The new unit will work with the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia (AHCWA) and others on the front line of service delivery across the State.

## Priority

A key priority for the new unit is working with health services and local communities to provide Aboriginal women with culturally safe and supportive services and facilities, including access to treatment from Aboriginal health workers and environments that reflect the needs of Aboriginal families.

At the launch, Minister Collier also unveiled a new Aboriginal mural commissioned by KEMH and created by students from the 2010 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts Course at the Challenger Institute of Technology in Rockingham.

The 'Bridging the Divide' mural depicts the journey of Aboriginal women from regional and remote WA to Perth to receive care at KEMH.



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# Japanese nuclear tragedy sparks fears

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Japanese nuclear power disaster has brought renewed attention to Australia's uranium mines in the wet season, and proposals for a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station in the Northern Territory.

Traditional owners in Arnhem Land have voiced their concern about the Ranger Uranium Mine's recent release of radioactive water into aquifers.

And there is an ongoing campaign by some traditional owners to stop the Muckaty Station Dump.

At a recent Sydney rally outside a nuclear symposium, Beyond Nuclear's Nat Wasley

said the only safe energies for the future must be wind, solar and other renewables.

A recent seminar at Sydney University raised the issue of Australia's involvement in the Japanese nuclear tragedy through sales of uranium to Japan.

Speaking at the seminar, Ms Wasley said Australia had a direct connection with the

nuclear catastrophe in Japan through uranium sales. She highlighted problems with nuclear waste disposal, saying there was a broad coalition of environment and health groups and unions working with traditional people to help stop Muckaty being used for a dump.

"All the current uranium mines in Australia are also slated for expansion," she said.

"But the tragedy in Japan will hopefully mean industry and government will pause to reflect the risks and consequences of this expansion."

Greens MP John Kaye said the nuclear industry employed a vast number of public relations experts to publicise their cause. "But plutonium nuclear waste is left behind for seven generations," he said.

# Curriculum concern

## Indigenous content lacking, says board

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE National Indigenous Education Consultative Board (NIECB) says the new Australian curriculum lacks Indigenous content.

At a recent meeting in Launceston, the board (also known as the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group), made up of Indigenous representatives from Aboriginal education groups and boards across the country, criticised the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority's (ACARA) consultation.

"We are concerned with the lack of Aboriginal curriculum, local and national, and we've expressed our concern, but of course there doesn't appear to be anyone listening," Dyan Summers, elected chair for Tasmania, told the *Koori Mail* on behalf of the board.

"Not only has the consultation been fast-tracked – they forgot about us – they did not consult with the NIECB.

"We are the community elected body, the voice of the Aboriginal community on education matters."

Mrs Summers said white bureaucrats were making the decisions. She claimed institutionalised racism was rife in Australia.

"We want to change that, the Government has an action plan under Closing the Gap to (adhere to), but the respect factor is not



Some of the board's state chairs, deputy chairs and principal executive officers, back row, Gina Archer (Qld), Geraldine Atkinson (Vic), Leslie Radloff (WA), Dyan Summers (Tas), Therese Kelly (NT) and Michelle Abel (ACT) and, front, Rosemaria Brown (Tas), Tom Flanders (NSW) and Jo Ashford (SA) who enjoyed the Tasmanian hospitality at a barbecue to mark the end of the two-day meeting.

there," she said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education is an after-thought, it is really disrespectful.

"For example, they are not going to use the word invasion, they are using colonialism, the language they are using is to satisfy the whites and not support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We were hoping that it would reflect the view and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia, but once again they have just gone off and done what they want to do."

Mrs Summers said Aboriginal content has been ignored in important areas – history, language, science, society and environment.

"We want Aboriginal perspective and Aboriginal content, as Aboriginal people can't move ahead until recognition is given and the true history of this country is acknowledged," she said.

"Julia Gillard, as Education Minister, wanted Australian curriculums across all States and Territories to be the same.

"We are saying no, you lose local content.

"We are working on the revitalisation, reclamation and maintenance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages to be part of the curriculum under language.

"We are working toward inter-generational long-term change within State and Federal government.

"We want to break the cycle of ad hoc, hit-and-miss programs.

"You've only got to look at the Tasmanian environment, the total lack of disrespect the Tasmanian Government has.

"That site at Brighton is not just an archaeological site, it is an education site.

"We cannot close the gap in Indigenous education if the Government are going to ignore everything that is impacting within our communities.

"We want our kids engaged in the classroom, we want real respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and languages within education."

In a written statement, ACARA, the independent authority responsible for the development of a national curriculum, assessment and reporting program, told the *Koori Mail* that 'they recognise the work of the State and Territory Indigenous Education Consultative Boards, whose role is, in part, to localise curriculum content in accordance with state and territory policies'.

The authority said that last year, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory panel of teachers, academics and professionals with extensive experience in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander education was established.

ACARA said its was committed to ensuring its curriculum work acknowledged the need for all Australian children to 'understand and acknowledge the value of Indigenous cultures and possess the knowledge, skills and understanding to contribute to, and benefit from, reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians'.

It said the word 'colonisation' was decided upon as a result of feedback from national consultation processes in 2009 and 2010.

"The Australian history curriculum requires all students in Year 9 to 'use historical terms and concepts' as a mandatory content description," ACARA said. "An elaboration of that content encourages teachers to discuss the contestability of particular historical terms such as 'settlement', 'invasion' and 'colonisation' in the context of Australia's history."

ACARA is currently seeking expressions of interest for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language curriculum writers and advisory panel members.

The National Indigenous Education Consultative Board's two-day meeting in Launceston was the first held in the island state. The next meeting is scheduled for July in South Australia.



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**Favourite other food?**  
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**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite movie?**  
*Star Trek*.

**What are you reading?**  
Pamela Freeman's *Ember and Ash*.

**Favourite sport?**  
Cycling, road racing.

**What do you like?**  
I like being in nature, being useful and helpful, and being creative by painting, singing and dancing.

**What don't you like?**  
Bigotry, racism and prejudice.

**Favourite leisure activity?**  
Just hanging out with family.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Tom Calma, the famous Wiradjuri warrior Windradyne and Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker).

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation for Indigenous Australians?**  
I would love to roll back the clock a hundred years before they came and go to England and set up a process of respectful exploration so they were exploring as learned persons instead of as conquerors.

## Quote



**'It should go without saying that there is absolutely no place for racism in our game and the community'**

– AFL chief Andrew Demitriou speaking after Hawthorn Indigenous champion Lance Franklin was racially abused by a fan in Tasmania

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## Unquote

## Give Congress a chance to grow

If the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples is ever to grow and flourish, the backbiting and criticisms that have gone on in recent weeks must stop. The recently elected co-chairs must be wondering what they have gotten themselves into! The Congress has not even had its first meeting of delegates, but that has not stopped the doomsayers predicting that it will fail, or in fact calling for it to be disbanded straight away. Whatever happened to the notion of a fair go? Surely the critics could at least leave their powder dry until they have something decent to shoot at.

Granted, Les Malezer, who is widely known as an outspoken advocate for Indigenous people both locally and internationally, is not one to keep his opinions to himself. By suggesting that the co-chair model could prove ineffective, despite having put himself forward for election to that model, he was always going to provide ammunition to those critical of the Congress.

But then leadership is not just about being the person giving directions, it is also about maintaining people's interest in the job at hand. And in that respect, at least Mr Malezer has already got people talking and thinking about what they want from their National Congress.

Mr Malezer is not afraid to speak openly about what he sees are the main issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. He lists self-determination and community healing as priorities, and has also gone on record calling for an end to the intervention into Northern Territory Aboriginal communities.



## OUR SAY

Those views, of course, are at odds with some other high-profile Indigenous leaders such as Marcia Langton and Warren Mundine, and they have jumped at the chance to criticise him.

Jody Broun has taken a more diplomatic approach, saying that the Congress leadership would in fact be led by the will of the delegates when they meet for the first time in July.

She is confident that the Congress can increase its membership and become a truly effective voice for Indigenous people, but is also aware that there is plenty of work ahead to make that dream a reality.

Together they will provide contrasting leadership styles, but that is not such a bad thing.

Whether the co-chair model proves effective in the long term, only time will tell. In the end it will be the membership that decides when the matter is raised in July.

And whatever the decision, there will again be voices of dissent. But hopefully with a little goodwill and patience from all parties, the Congress will eventually grow and develop into a truly representative voice. At this stage, though, it just needs a fair go.

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By SIV PARKER

**J**ULIE TOMMY WALKER is a true leader. The Innawonga woman has been a pioneer in education and the development of community services for Aboriginal people.

She was the first Aboriginal student from the Pilbara region of Western Australia to finish Year 12 and enter university.

She was the first Aboriginal person to win a case of racial discrimination under the WA Equal Opportunity Act.

And in 1990 she became the first and only qualified Indigenous social worker in the Pilbara.

But all these firsts didn't come easily.

"I have overcome many barriers to get where I am and it came at great sacrifice – I didn't even speak English, my mother and father relinquished me," she told the *Koori Mail*. "Because of institutionalisation, we lost our own strong identity as Aboriginal people in order to have a future."

Julie and her twin brother were removed under the *Native Welfare Act 1936 (WA)* and sent to Gilliamia, the Onslow Welfare Mission and later the Moorgunyah Hostel in Port Hedland where she completed high school.

"Like many Aboriginal children, I was taken from my family and traditional lands on the banks of the Ashburton River when I was five," Julie said.

"After my younger sister went to the hostel there were no more children left on the station. For many years I thought Native Welfare was paying for us, but in later life I learnt my mother was required to stay working on the station to pay for our upkeep."

When the Pastoral Award was introduced in 1968, large numbers of Aboriginal people in the Pilbara relocated to government-established camps at Onslow and Roebourne.

"Our whole family was separated through that native welfare process," Julie said.

"On the school holidays me and my twin brother went to stay on the Onslow reserve with my maternal grandmother and my old father, who was an Aboriginal man of high order. He was a maubin, a traditional spiritual healer man.

"Whilst other families had a house, during the whole time my father was on the reserve we lived in a tent. Both my dad and my grandmother were Yinhawangka people from the Gobawarrah (Ashburton) Mindurrah (Turee/Angelo) riverine.

"At Christmas we would go home to traditional country and my mum would pick us up at the Paraburdoo airport and we would spend our holidays singing and dancing traditional songs.

"My mum was still working on the station up til 1974. I remember my old mum when they dropped us off, she did a very good job.

"A lot of the kids used to play up but she was always really strong. I used to bring the river stones back to the hostel and I left them in the truck and when I went back, they were all sitting around crying.

"I wasn't supposed to see it. She never knew that I saw her crying – wasn't just her, it was my old uncles and everyone else crying because they had to leave the kids."

A traumatic feature of institutionalisation was the hostel practice of cutting hair.

"I remember my grandmother being shocked to see me with short hair and wanted me to wear a hanky on my head. In our culture hair-cutting was to signify a period of mourning, and my grandmother never fully recovered from this," Julie said.

Institutional care broke family kinship systems, with separate dormitories for boys and girls, and a life of 6am starts for children as young as five.

"I remember picking up paper in the dark, cold winter months and at the end of the shift the papers were counted and those unfortunate to have the least were given a severe belting," Julie said.

"Every Sunday we would go down to the rubbish dump and pick up paper and hide in holes and tree trunks and distribute paper equally amongst ourselves. It



# Woman of firsts

worked as none of us got a hiding after that."

Despite the family dislocation and hardships, Julie has some happy memories of time spent with other children similarly removed from stations across the Pilbara.

## Learning

"To me the classroom was more of a family learning centre," she said.

In 1976, Julie became the first Aboriginal student from the Pilbara to complete Year 12 and go to university.

"I wrote an essay to the Social Work department of WAIT (now known as Curtin University) saying why I wanted to be a social worker," she said.

"I talked about how my father was an Aboriginal healer and how I was brought up to look after Aboriginal people.

"I was one of three Aboriginal students. The only other people I knew at university were two (non-Indigenous) students in my course, who I had known previously when they were employed as welfare officers when I was living in the hostels."

In 1977, Julie was introduced to the world of Aboriginal politics and Aboriginal land rights marches.

"I was only 17 when I went to Parliament House to protest when the young offender legislation came in," she said.

"I was sitting next to a friend, Gabrielle King. I could see the police were taking people out, people yelling and screaming. They must have seen I was frightened, and they came over and said 'leave'.

"But Gabrielle said 'no Julie you don't have to leave'. I was so frightened, but I stayed.

"When I went to WAIT I realised how marginalised I was.

"In my final year of social work studies I produced a number papers around Aboriginality – Aboriginal Ideology and Practice and Aboriginal Women and Feminism.

"I believe both contributed significantly to bringing a change in system theory thinking and in the teaching of social work. It was only in later years that I realised that without our voices, Aboriginality will continue to be a creation for privileged opportunists and will always be about us rather than by us.

"Other people said 'I didn't think you were Aboriginal, thought you were Asian, or something else'. And I said 'no, no, I am Aboriginal, I come from the Pilbara, my mother is a traditional Aboriginal woman, I am Aboriginal, I have an Aboriginal family. I don't have any affiliation with any other race, regardless of what I look like'."

## Degree

In 1978, Julie had her first child and soon after completed a Degree in Social Science (Social Work) with Honours in Australian Indigenous Cultural Studies.

"I was about 21 when I got my first employment with the WA Aboriginal Child Care Agency," she said.

"I got a real passion for political activism. I met Gary Foley at one of the interstate meetings. I got to meet real political activists, real radical people, like Dennis Walker and others.

"A lot of Aboriginal organisations came out through the political movement of the Aboriginal Medical and Legal Services. They started the social change in Australia."

In 1986, Julie became the first Aboriginal person to win a complaint of racial discrimination under the WA Equal Opportunity Act. She and her friend May Hubert lodged a complaint about the practices of the Beadon Hotel in Onslow, claiming they were operating a 'white bar' and an inferior service in a poorly maintained 'black bar'.

Then WA Premier Peter Dowding called it a 'brave stand, and the most significant decision to come through the equal opportunity legislation'.

"I had one child when it started and three children by the time it was finished," Julie said. "It took three years to win, and things in Onslow have remained pretty much the same."

Julie has worked for 30 years, holding many senior managerial positions in government and non-government sectors. She is currently the co-ordinator of the Hedland-based Family Violence Prevention Legal Service.

"In WA, 46 per cent of kids in state care are Aboriginal. In regional areas, nearly 100 per cent of kids in state care would be Aboriginal," she said.

"This raises questions about the cultural competencies of the system and how red tape is an impediment to ensuring Aboriginal kids remain with their families.

"If you don't fix the underlying issues – unemployment, housing – that contribute to child protection, Aboriginal children will continue to be removed from their families.

"I met a lot of people who can't advocate for Aboriginal people because of fear of their bosses, their career."

Julie's achievements include building the Wirraka Maya Health Service (WMHS) from 15 staff to a multi-million-dollar accredited organisation with more than 40

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# A right royal wedding

THE confetti has been neatly recycled, the flower arrangements given away to charity and payments finalised for the wedding of the century.

It's was really weird to watch the royal wedding ceremony. I mean, I've only seen one wedding in my whole entire life and that was on TV. It was the wedding of ole Mary Donaldson from Tasmania a few years back. Maybe you seen it too?

Weddings are just a surreal event to me. I just don't know many people who've had a wedding, let alone a royal wedding.

I can count on one hand the number of people I know who are married, and they not even Kooris.

The vast majority of people I know are in committed long-term relationships with not one hint of a marriage ceremony



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taking place anytime in the near future.

The fact that there hasn't been a wedding doesn't make the couple's love not as real or anything like that. But there is something missing. What's missing is a ceremony.

It wouldn't matter if you called it a 'marriage' or a 'civil ceremony', I think there

is something special about a ceremony.

Imagine all your mob getting dressed up, going to your sacred space and in front of friends, family and community, you declare your love and commitment to a person.

You make a public statement in front of everyone special to you about how you will treat your partner, and how you will be there for them. How special is that!

I would love to see more ceremony happening. What could be better than mob coming together to celebrate two people deciding to share their life together.

I'd love to be invited to couples having ceremonies in the bush, in the town hall, under marquee ... I wouldn't care.

I'd love to listen to some Elder or wise community person yarning up about love, commitment, staying

together for the long haul through good and bad.

I'd love to see some recognition of the land which we come from and the responsibilities each of them has to themselves and their community.

It would be a deadly day to bind the couple, the community, the families and our culture all together. Makes me feel weak just thinking about it!

Ceremonies are special because they bring people together. They are one part ritual, one part dressing up and seven parts just having a good time.

No matter what form your relationship confirmation ceremony takes, get out there and celebrate our relationships with a big do with all the mob!

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# Firsts a feature of this Pilbara woman's life

● From previous page

staff in two health services and four remote clinics.

"In the time I was at WMHS, we went into partnership with KAMSC to implement the first Pilbara Aboriginal health worker training," she said.

"Long before they go to the clinic, when people are sick they will go to someone in their community. So we found the ones who were passionate about it, those who know Aboriginal bush medicines, and trained them for employment in the clinics.

"The Aboriginal CEO works across the cross-cultural interface. A significant part of your work is trying to respect community authority and sanctions, find how they overlap, and try to find a solution."

At present, Julie remains committed to the non-government sector, with plans to continue her masters.

"My passion and personal healing is to bring to life the legacy of what my mother left behind," she said.

"My mother was the last fluent Yinhawangka speaker and traditional singer. During her later years she took on the job of recording her knowledge and songs.

"She couldn't read or write but she was recognised as the authority on Yinhawangka language, songs and knowledge. One day soon I hope to publish her works.

"I named my cross-cultural training business Jirrirdinku, my mother's traditional name. I want to develop a training website and do more work delivering family violence awareness packages to Aboriginal communities."

Julie has one granddaughter, Willow Bimba, named after her grandmother Maggie Bimba.

"What worries me is what is going to happen with the grannies," she said.

"I like to think they are not going to have the same struggles, but I have given up on that because the racism is harder than when I grew up.

"You need a kit to deal with the racism. They are the aggressor but



Julie Tommy Walker with her granddaughter, Willow Bimba.

sometimes they act like we are perpetrators, they take on the victim role, they go and get sympathy from the media and everyone else.

"Mental health is the number-one chronic disease now. As soon as you start talking about spirituality, people start thinking you have a mental health issue.

### 'Life-giver'

"I believe that honour belongs to the Mingah, the Black God, as opposed to what white Christianity teaches, and I believe that God to be matrilineal (passed from mother to daughter), a life-giver. I am not a traditional woman myself. But I consider myself a sovereign woman.

"I think my mum and family never

really dealt with the trauma of having all their children removed from them and relocated.

"My dad said that we had to get a whiteman's education and when we finished we would return home to Tom Price. But sadly my dad never did.

"The impact of what we went through is felt today. I don't see myself as a role model of the institution I went through, I see myself as a survivor. Of my generation, there is only 5 per cent of us left. The others died early.

"I use any opportunity I get to say I did the first complaint under the WA Racial Discrimination Act. I am proud of it.

"When you don't get back up, it drains your energy. By not speaking out, we perpetuate it."



# Why the deaths will continue

TWO police incidents, one in Western Australia and one in Queensland, clearly show the problems with the police of this country when they refuse to accept the royal commission (into Aboriginal death in custody) recommendations.

Worse of course is what happens to people, both black and white, when they come into contact with their particular force.

No one needs to argue that Aborigines have it worse. All the statistics prove it.

The fact that (WA man) Kevin Spratt is alive today after two incidents of multiple taserings by police and authorities is merely of some lucky happenstance. Other detainees have died with far less taserings.

What we don't know, of course, and are unable to predict with any certainty is whether Kevin's life has been shortened or not. Some medical authority needs to monitor his physical and mental well-being for some future time.

Should Kevin die as a result of these taserings, at least we know who to hold responsible.

It is interesting to see the disgusting practice of promoting police who breach both the Commissioner's Instructions (the police bible) and the royal commission recommendations (the Devil's handbook, according to the police) continues. The list goes on of protecting their own.

That this is the modus operandi of police forces nationally merely highlights that criminal conspiracy much loved by the police – 'the culture'.



The forces are saturated with it, but it becomes a binding of social cement so strong as to keep the police virtually untouchable.

The second incident is the recent death in custody in the Townsville lock-up. Another brother we have lost, but the why may not be known for several years.

The police report of the 50-year-old victim (I will not name him in deference to his family) stated that he was

affected by alcohol (did they breath test him?) and violent to boot. Well he is/was an Aborigine, wasn't he!

It does appear the cops have learnt to share the blame by sharing it with ambulance drivers.

One can only wonder where this tactic will finish up, but I have a suspicion that more and more police deaths in custody will end up as a health-related death and thus exonerating the police involved.

They are, as they argue, not trained to recognise health or stress problems, and that is not their role.

The royal commissioners in their humble opinion begged to differ, but as long as the police are recommendation-free then the deaths will continue as will the abuse of tasers.

**RAY JACKSON**  
President  
Indigenous Social Justice  
Association

## POETRY

### Yuin

I hold you in my arms  
time ceases to exist  
my being ablaze with wonder  
upon you forehead I plant a kiss.

I reach for your mother's hand  
she lies exhausted on the bed  
with awe and admiration  
I caress her weary head.

I examine every inch  
tiny hands, precious feet  
forcep marks imprinted  
upon the side of your right cheek.

The aroma of lilac clouds  
thick upon your skin  
a brand new kind of love  
now swirls deep within.

So much I want to share  
don't know where to begin  
let's just cherish this first hug  
our bodies skin to skin.

I pause to reflect  
on the landscape that abounds  
pristine reams of wilderness  
stretching from north to south.

After several bouts  
of constant deliberation  
we've decided to name you  
after the mighty Yuin nation.

A land of timeless beauty  
of luscious forests,  
shimmering seas  
where the narrative of humankind  
is inscribed in the trees.

A land steeped in rich tradition  
many millennia old  
the custodians of this region  
still standing strong and bold.

We pay respect to the ancient spirits  
who reside in this land of your birth  
this most sacred of locations  
where your blood first touched the earth.

You've surfaced from the soul  
of my imagination  
your tiny beating heart  
the source of my salvation....

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

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## SUBMISSIONS INVITED FOR GIPPSLAND HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW

Submissions are now open for Victorians to have their say about the future of tertiary education in Gippsland. This includes the local government areas of Baw-Baw, Bass Coast, East Gippsland, La Trobe City, South Gippsland and Wellington.

On 21 March 2011 the Hon Peter Hall MLC, Minister for Higher Education and Skills announced the establishment of an expert panel to develop a Gippsland Tertiary Education Plan to boost tertiary access, participation and attainment to meet the future industry and educational needs in the region.

The panel is seeking to actively engage the Gippsland community to provide knowledge and insight on factors affecting tertiary education attainment in Gippsland. We want to hear your views and feedback on how to create more opportunities for tertiary study in Gippsland so that provision of quality education is well targeted for the future. This includes input from right across Gippsland – the general public, employers, trades hall, tertiary education providers, peak bodies, students and community groups.

Submissions will support the development of an interim discussion paper and the Gippsland Tertiary Education Plan.

Further information including an extract of the Terms of Reference and details of the consultation process is available at [www.skills.vic.gov.au](http://www.skills.vic.gov.au).

Submissions and enquiries can be sent to:

Gippsland Tertiary Education Plan

Skills Victoria

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## Your Say

# The myth of disadvantage

I WAS brought up in the greater conurbation of London in the 1950s.

If we were lucky, we had a week's holiday once a year at the seaside – this was my only significant contact with nature.

In my 'privileged' girls grammar school, the only tuition I received of the natural world came from classroom lessons in geography and biology.

When I came out to Australia as a young adult, I soon discovered that, compared to any traditionally-reared Aboriginal child, I was completely ignorant of the world around me.

So when I watched a TV program on remote Aboriginal school children's 'disadvantage', I was bemused by the myths the media and governments continue to promulgate.

A social worker was on a beautiful tropical beach with a dozen laughing, exuberant children running around – no doubt they spent a lot of time on the beach and in the water, learning to fish and harvest the

natural resources.

Her comment was: "These are some of the most disadvantaged children in Australia," referring to their Western educational opportunities.

I thought of my own schooling, trapped in a musty classroom all day every day.

I thought of all the children living under the massive Asian pollution cloud who have never seen a blue sky or a rainbow, and millions of others around the world in slums and tenements, in cities and suburbs who live in man-made environments and never get the opportunity to interact with nature in any meaningful way.

And it became obvious to me that those happy, healthy Aboriginal kids were in fact among the most privileged on Earth.

The Prime Minister recently gave the annual 'Closing the Gap' speech to Parliament. Her key point was that 'all Australians will have the same opportunities'. Therein lies the fundamentally false paradigm

that underpins every government policy on 'Indigenous education' (itself a false appellation – what they're talking about is Western education for Indigenous people). Whereas all Indigenous Australians have the opportunity to learn everything about their own cultures as well as the Western and Eastern world cultures, non-Indigenous Australians do not have the same opportunity to be educated in an Aboriginal knowledge system.

Clearly it is non-Indigenous people who are disadvantaged, the exact opposite of what the Government would like us to believe so they can continue to disrespect and not economically value these formidable cultures that have served humanity so well for tens of thousands of years and kept Australia's ecosystems thriving. If they did, no cultural Indigenous Australian would be living in poverty.

**M BRANNAN**  
Murgon Qld

## Djhuma

Young girl, walking, three  
or four years old,  
Adelaide River, small  
town, hard living,  
Refuge from flooding  
rains,  
Strange wonderment for  
the girl,  
Big Wet dominating,  
Mother is busy,  
unconcerned, preparing a  
meal.

Walking along the road,  
astonished by nature,  
Flowers everywhere,  
verdant hues and  
lushness prevail,  
Carefree, she walks,  
happy in awe,  
She bends to pick flowers,  
Colours so bright, yellow  
and gold.

Dress not fitting properly,  
but clean,  
Bare feet, strong, small  
pebbles under foot,  
Walking proud, even at  
this young age.

Rumbling, grumbling,  
something behind her,  
She looks around, but  
sees nothing in the distant  
shimmering haze,  
She stares blankly as  
pregnant seconds go by,  
Still nothing, what can  
it be?

She continues wandering  
along the road,

Engrossed, she doesn't  
see the Government truck,  
The policeman sits stiffly,  
alert,  
The government driver,  
studying the road,  
in the distance, a  
young half-caste girl.

Brown children in the rear,  
ovine-like,  
Huddled together,  
frightened,  
Hugging each other for  
strength,  
Finding small comfort in  
embrace.

Truck stops noisily,  
dust enveloping the young  
girl,  
Startled, she looks  
around, eyes squinting,  
Suddenly, hoisted from  
the ground.  
Another time, this would  
be fun.

She smells the  
strangeness of the  
policeman,  
Roughly, she is placed in  
the rear of truck,  
Unknown faces staring,  
she begins crying,  
Loudly, mew-like; she is in  
a strange place,  
She cries for her mother,  
her siblings, familiarity,  
The truck lurches forward,  
rumbling, it builds speed.

Hands reach out to her,

strange, offering comfort,  
She continues crying,  
standing alone,  
Familiar language, 'Come  
to us',  
She stands firm, proud,  
alone.

Many hours pass, she  
is exhausted, hungry,  
cold,  
She sleeps alone, weak,  
thirsty,  
Finally, strong brown  
hands comfort her,  
soothing.

Unrelenting, the truck  
lurches on, ever on,  
The older children stare,  
blankly,  
The younger children  
sleep, fitfully,  
Rumbling, the truck  
lumbers on bumpily.

A mother weeps  
uncontrollably, she  
screams, 'Why?'  
She begins hitting her  
head heavily with a rock,  
Rumbling, the truck  
lumbers on bumpily.

**TED DEAN**  
by email

*This poem relates to the  
author's mother, a  
member of the Stolen  
Generations taken from  
Adelaide River in the  
Northern Territory.*



# 60 Minutes report cops blast

IT never ceases to amaze me how the resilient efforts of Indigenous people and communities, continues to go unrecognised by the non-Indigenous population of Australia.

This realisation dawned on me while viewing a report about the nuclear testing at Maralinga, which was aired on *60 Minutes* (Sunday 24 April).

The report centered around a non-Indigenous family, that has

been directly affected by the testing, with genetic defects and deaths that can possibly be attributed to the exposure to radiation by family member who was present at the time of testing.

The report stated that, to date, there has been no recognition by the Australian Government, in regards to the events of Maralinga and as a result, there is now an estimated 200 or more families suing the British Government for compensation.

Question – How long have Indigenous people in this country been fighting for this cause? Will any Indigenous peoples and communities be legally represented when they attempt to take the British Government to court?

The *60 Minutes* report failed to acknowledge that there is another group of people involved in this whole debacle – the traditional custodians of the Maralinga region.

The traditional owners of that region would have been, most likely, living on their traditional lands, hunting on their traditional country and exercising their traditional rites on their lands, at the time of the nuclear detonation.

The traditional owners of that region could possibly be eating traditional foods highly contaminated by fallout, and living in areas that are still environmentally affected all these years later.

What about the physical, emotional and psychological issues that these people have faced since the 1950s?

Don't they deserve a mention, or are they a wasted figment of the Government's imagination?

Shame on *60 Minutes* for presenting a report that was so biased and one-sided.

**CONCERNED CITIZEN**  
Palm Island, Qld

## If only...

She sat there with a dumb look on her face,  
She really didn't understand the class,  
She didn't know the answers,  
And she was too afraid to ask.

In the back row is where she sat,  
Away from the teacher's eyes,  
'Cause she always seemed to get things wrong,  
No matter how hard she tried.

Then one day she thinks what the heck,  
I don't belong here anyway,  
So she left school at just 12 years old,  
She never looked back that day.

Alcohol, drugs, became her friend,  
Then she met the drug mr ice,  
It made her feel like she belonged,  
It made her feel warm and nice.

She then had her 14th birthday,  
And instead of playing with her toys,  
There was no cake, no party  
Instead she gave birth to a baby boy.

When baby got taken away by the police,  
She gave up all her dreams and hopes,  
And instead of growing into a beautiful person,  
They found her hanging by a rope.

No one cared and no one cried,  
And I think would she'd be here today,  
If only she didn't sit in that back row,  
If only the teacher looked her way.

**COLLEEN KITCHENER**  
by email

## New 'Currency'

In a land so old even time had forgot,  
all the things we now see her people had not.  
But necessity they knew kept the spirit alive,  
and more than one species was 'allowed' to survive!

The trees still tall awaiting their fate,  
faraway people with no shortage of hate.  
Contradictions abound in their religion of love,  
axes and guns on the wings of a dove.

Earth and tree and all the people around there,  
just grist for the mill – black brothers beware!  
of the steel-eyed death that toils in the sun,  
to keep up the payments with every penny hard won.

In the old times ALL the mob had a share,  
now we got queenie and bills everywhere.  
What common-wealth when she's got it all?  
the banks are the thieves for these bricks-in-the-wall!

No more slavery and its religion of denial,  
our greatest river is dying – now it's their turn on trial!  
ONLY with culture as currency, and truth in the heart  
will we mine the memories and lead the world to the start...  
of a new age of freedom – where we've  
ALL got a part.

**STEVE PALMER**  
Ballarat, Victoria  
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# Graduate is covered in pride



MACQUARIE University Indigenous student Lachlan McDaniel has graduated wearing a traditional possum skin cloak.

His traditional attire represented not only a link with Macquarie University's namesake, but what was hailed as a new era for Australian universities in integrating and celebrating Indigenous culture.

As a student of the Bachelor of Arts with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, Mr McDaniel investigated the record of one of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's first interactions with the Wiradjuri people. In exchange for a tomahawk and yellow cloth, three Wiradjuri warriors presented the governor with a possum-skin cloak, a Willay Badhang.

Mr McDaniel recognised the significance of this exchange between his Wiradjuri ancestors and his university's namesake.

"The process of making a Badhang could take anywhere between months and years, making them amongst the most treasured possessions a Wiradjuri could own. As such, it would have been a great honour for the governor to receive the cloak," he said.

Possum skin cloaks have since faded from contemporary Indigenous life, but a recent revival of the art has begun, and cloaks have been worn in important events in Australia's Parliament and courtrooms. Mr McDaniel's father sought permission from the Wiradjuri Council of Elders to start a cloak-making project and has since taught his son the art.

## Inspired

Inspired by the inclusion of traditional Maori cloaks into the academic dress requirements of universities in New Zealand, Mr McDaniel proposed an exception to Macquarie University's regulations. With permission received, he set about the nine-month process

of creating the cloak.

"The possum is a protected species in Australia, so we import the skins from New Zealand, where possums are being eradicated as an environmentally destructive introduced pest," he said.

"We then stain them, mark out the size and start burning on the gurrilgang – the patterns of the cloak. Finally, the cloak is stitched together."

After his graduation ceremony, Mr McDaniel was joined by staff from Warawara Indigenous centre and Macquarie's Social Inclusion team, where he now works as an Indigenous engagement officer.

"My hope is that more Indigenous students create cloaks to graduate in, as an alternative to the Western academic 'uniform'. It's exciting that universities can actively promote Indigenous culture on campus and celebrate Indigenous students coming to uni in this way," he said.



Lachlan McDaniel wearing the traditional possum skin cloak at his Macquarie University graduation.

# Writers to gather



INDIGENOUS-themed events at this year's Sydney Writers' Festival include a session dedicated to poetry in the Northern Territory, a panel discussion on how the identity of Indigenous writers has been shaped by their understanding of the past, and bilingual readings from a new anthology of Indigenous writing.

Noongar man Kim Scott will be speaking about his latest novel *That Deadman Dance* at an 11.30am session on Thursday 19 May, (tickets \$15/\$10).

Described as 'a sweeping historical narrative' of the interactions between Noongar, British colonists and visiting whalers in early 19th century Western Australia, the novel won the 2011 Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book (Southeast Asia and Pacific), and is in the running for the overall Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book to be announced at the festival on 21 May.

Also on Thursday 19 May, Indigenous academic Marcia Langton will be talking about race and culture in contemporary Australia with writer Peter Robb in a free afternoon session at 2.30pm.

On Thursday 19 May at 6pm Wollongong City Gallery will host 'Celebrating the Voice 11: Indigenous Writers Night' with readings by Ali Cobby Eckermann, Marie Munkara, Rosemary Plummer and Maureen Nampijinpa O'Keefe as well as by special guests Peter Yanada McKenzie and John Muk Burke.

The event will also feature the launch of the poetry anthology *This Country Anytime, Anywhere: an Anthology of New Indigenous Writing for the Northern Territory*. The anthology is the first of its kind in Australia, featuring eight Aboriginal languages and co-developed by IAD Press, the Northern Territory Writers' Centre and the Northern Territory Government. A launch, with readings from the contributors will also be held in Sydney on Saturday 21 May at 6pm, and on Friday 20 May at 8pm Blacktown Arts Centre will also host an evening of bilingual readings from the anthology.

Immediately before the bilingual reading session, the Blacktown Arts Centre will also host a panel of Indigenous writers discussing



Leanne Tobin is a descendant of the Darug people and is seen here with a portrait she created as a representation of her ancestor Maria Locke, daughter of the great chief Yarramundi and the first Aboriginal woman to legally marry a white man and receive a land grant from the colonial government. Tobin has been commissioned by the Blacktown Arts Centre to develop a theatre script about the life of her ancestor whose story has particular significance to the history of Blacks Town, aka Blacktown.

how their identities as writers have been shaped by their ancestral links and their understanding of the past.

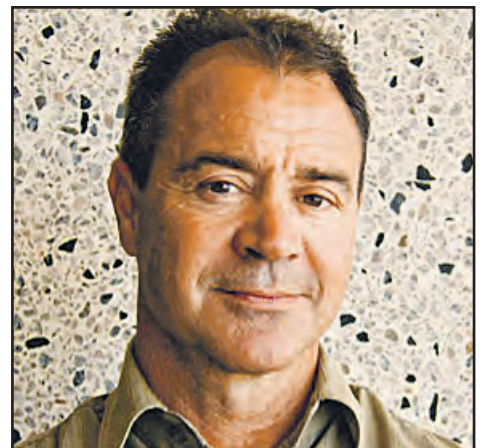
The 7pm session, called 'Ancestral Learnings: Shaping Our Identities', will feature Leanne Tobin discussing the theatre script she is developing about the life of her ancestor Maria Locke, under the mentorship of Wesley Enoch; Ali Cobby Eckermann will talk about the inspiration behind her first poetry collection *Little Bit Long Time* and how her connection to her family history informs her poetry; while the winner of the 2008 David Unaipon Award for Indigenous writing, Marie Munkara, will explore how stories and experiences are handed down through generations.

On Saturday 21 May, a panel discussion in Sydney at 1pm called 'You Bridge the Gap' will look at ways Indigenous and other

Australians can do their bit to close the gap. Panellists include Larissa Behrendt, Sarah Maddison and Nicole Watson. On the same day, at 2.30pm, Lionel Fogarty will join the NT Indigenous poets featured in the earlier Wollongong session in a poetry-reading session called 'Desert Flowers'.

On Sunday 22 May at 1pm senior curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art at the Art Gallery of NSW Hetti Perkins will explore the ever-growing world of Indigenous art and artists. Also on Sunday at 2.30pm Nicole Watson, author of *The Boundary*, which won the David Unaipon Award in 2009, will discuss the Aboriginal detective character in her book, in a session looking at cops in crime novels that don't fit the stereotype called 'The New School'.

For more information on these sessions and more go to [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au)



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## Bank appoints Indigenous money mentor



Australia Bank (NAB).

Narelle Hennessy's appointment as the NSWALC IMM, based in Parramatta, is funded by NAB and is part of a nationwide financial literacy network for Indigenous Australians.

A STATEWIDE Indigenous Money Mentor (IMM) has been appointed as part of a partnership between the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and the National

The Indigenous Money Mentor network provides financial information and practical assistance to communities with high Indigenous populations by assessing individual needs and budgets, and providing people with educational information to improve financial literacy.

A Sydney-based Bundjalung woman, Ms Hennessy started her career as a Federal Government trainee under the National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals (NESA) scheme. Since then she has held roles at

organisations such as the Greyhound Racing Control Board and the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board; all of which she says have prepared her for her IMM position with the NSWALC.

Her position as a travelling IMM will see her visiting communities around NSW giving advice on money matters.

The NSWALC Indigenous Money Mentor is based at 33 Argyle Street, Parramatta and can be contacted on 1300 660 674 (toll free) or [imm@alc.org.au](mailto:imm@alc.org.au)



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(Non-ongoing Position)

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Job Ref. 485

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**Closing date for applications is 26 May 2011.**

**Contact Officer:** Dr Mathew Klein Ph 02 6261 3317

**Job Reference No:** Ref. 485

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Uncle Max Eulo performs a smoking ceremony prior to the ship leaving port.

# Endeavour replica sets sail



THE replica of Captain Cook's ship, HM Bark Endeavour, has set sail for a voyage around Australia with a message of friendship and reconciliation.

During the 13-month circumnavigation, 39 Indigenous young people will work as crewmembers, alongside the professional crew of 16, for various legs of the journey.

After a smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo, the 44-metre vessel sailed from Sydney on 15 April and will visit 18 ports around the country.

The Indigenous crew are taking part as a result of a Federal Government Indigenous Employment Program, which will provide \$453,000 to cover their training, job placement and mentoring.

### 'Great benefit'

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib, said the trip would be of great benefit to all involved.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for 39 dedicated young Indigenous Australians from remote and regional communities," he said.

"Their time on the Endeavour will teach them invaluable skills for the future," Senator Arbib said.

"The Indigenous crew members will be trained in sailing and navigation techniques resulting in long-term job opportunities across multiple fields."

Following their time on Endeavour, Job Futures will work with the participants to maximise

their experience and find suitable employment.

Australian National Maritime Museum director Mary-Louise Williams said the circumnavigation was a major initiative in the museum's regional outreach program.

"We look forward to connecting with hundreds of thousands of people in remote and regional communities along the 8000-nautical-mile journey.

"And to recognising and learning more about the shared maritime history between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

She said the original Endeavour, captained by James Cook on his voyage of discovery in 1768-71, paved the way for European settlement of Australia.

For many Indigenous Australians, it remains a symbol of invasion and dispossession.

However, unlike the original, the replica Endeavour and the museum were working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to share stories and experiences between the ship's crew and the Indigenous communities they would visit along the way, she said.

The voyage will see Endeavour circumnavigate Australia in an anti-clockwise direction, taking in Tasmania before Victoria, returning to Sydney in May 2012.

Endeavour will open for public inspection and school visits in 15 of the 18 ports it is visiting.

For more information, visit [www.endeavourvoyages.com.au](http://www.endeavourvoyages.com.au) or phone the Endeavour office at the Australian National Maritime Museum on freecall 1800 720 577.



# TV Guide

4th May to 17th May

All times are AEST. For SA/NT - 1/2hr and for WA - 2hrs.

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## Wednesday 4th May

12.00 **Gulpilli: One Red Blood** M (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Harold** PG (News & Documentaries)  
2.00 **Lyndon's Story** PG (News & Doc)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** PG (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** PG (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Yaarnz 4** PG (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** PG (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **Walking Through A Minefield** PG (News & Documentaries)  
1.00 **Kulka** PG (Documentaries)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Doc)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
7.30 **Here's My Hand** PG (News & Doc)  
8.00 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Doc)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** G (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Black Man's Houses** PG (News & Doc)  
11.00 **Straight Shootin'** PG (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Thursday 5th May

12.00 **Julia Gillard Closing the Gap** NC (News & Documentaries)  
1.00 **OPINION PIECE** NC (News & Doc)  
2.00 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** PG (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Game Show)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)  
1.00 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Documentaries)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Roots Music** G (Music & Radio)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Straight Shootin'** PG (Entertainment)  
7.30 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Friday 6th May

12.00 **Sacred Ground** PG (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)  
1.30 **Wind** M (Entertainment)  
2.00 **Life Pulse** G (News & Documentaries)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Yaarnz 4** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** G (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Doc)  
8.00 **Darling River Kids** PG (News & Doc)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** MA (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Cloth Of The Gods** M (News & Doc)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Saturday 7th May

12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.00 **Roots Music** G (Music & Radio)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini 3** G (Music & Radio)  
6.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
6.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **The Dreaming** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **The Dreaming** G (Kids & Family)  
8.00 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
8.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
9.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
9.30 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Letterbox Pro** G (Entertainment)  
10.30 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
11.00 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
12.30 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.30 **Chiefs** M (Documentaries)  
4.00 **Darling River Kids** PG (News & Documentaries)  
5.00 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Documentaries)  
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.00 **Cool School Antarctica** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.30 **More Than Legends** PG (News & Documentaries)  
9.30 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
10.00 **Chiefs** M (Documentaries)  
11.40 **Ear Health** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)



## NITV News

NITV News features the rich diversity of contemporary life within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, broadening and redefining the news and current affairs landscape. Don't miss latest news from the oldest culture, at 5:30pm AEDT.



## Sunday 8th May

12.00 **FOUR SHEETS TO THE WIND** MA (Movies)  
1.30 **In The Shed** G (News & Documentaries)  
2.00 **Sacred Sundance** PG (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.30 **More Than Legends** PG (News & Documentaries)  
4.30 **Point Of Origin** G (News & Documentaries)  
5.30 **Wind** M (Entertainment)  
6.00 **Roots Music** PG (Music & Radio)  
7.00 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)  
8.00 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
8.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
9.00 **Chocolate Martini 3** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
12.30 **Island Of Origin 2008** NC (Sport)  
1.30 **Island Of Origin 2008** NC (Sport)  
2.30 **Island Of Origin 2008** NC (Sport)  
3.30 **Island Of Origin 2008** NC (Sport)  
4.30 **Island Of Origin 2008** NC (Sport)  
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
7.00 **Gathering** G (Entertainment)  
7.15 **Island Music** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
8.00 **Sacred Ground** PG (News & Documentaries)  
9.00 **Kulka** PG (Documentaries)  
10.00 **Women Of The Sun** M (Entertainment)  
11.00 **Women Of The Sun** M (Entertainment)

## Monday 9th May

12.00 **Sacred Sundance** PG (Lifestyle/Doc)  
1.30 **Bro Town** M (Entertainment)  
2.00 **Bro Town** M (Entertainment)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** PG (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** M (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **Gathering** G (Entertainment)  
12.15 **Island Music** G (Music & Radio)  
12.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
1.00 **From Dreamtime To Now** G (Entertainment)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** M (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Hauora Ngati Porou** PG (Lifestyle/Doc)  
5.00 **Rasta In Aotearoa** PG (News & Doc)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
8.00 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Doc)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** G (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Chiefs** M (Documentaries)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Tuesday 10th May

12.00 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Lyndon's Story** PG (News & Doc)  
1.30 **Gulpilli: One Red Blood** M (News & Doc)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Lyndon's Story** PG (News & Doc)  
1.30 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Doc)  
5.00 **Life Pulse** G (News & Documentaries)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **Yaarnz 4** PG (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.00 **Living Black Series 14** NC (News & Doc)  
8.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** PG (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Bran Nue Dae** M (News & Doc)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Wednesday 11th May

12.00 **Back to Pikangkum** M (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Darling River Kids** PG (News & Doc)  
2.00 **Palm Island** G (News & Documentaries)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Yaarnz 4** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** M (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **Back to Pikangkum** M (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Darling River Kids** PG (News & Doc)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Woorabinda: The Long Journey** from Taroona G (News & Documentaries)  
5.15 **YAARNZ 3** G (News & Documentaries)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
7.30 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Doc)  
8.30 **Palm Island** G (News & Documentaries)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** G (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **In My Father's Country** PG (News & Doc)  
11.00 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Thursday 12th May

12.00 **Gulpilli: One Red Blood** M (News & Documentaries)  
1.00 **Confessions of a Headhunter** M (News & Documentaries)  
1.30 **A Frontier Conversation** G (News & Doc)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
12.00 **A Frontier Conversation** G (News & Doc)  
1.00 **From Dreamtime To Now** G (Entertainment)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **More Than Legends** PG (News & Doc)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
7.30 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Friday 13th May

12.00 **Point Of Origin** G (News & Doc)  
1.00 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Doc)  
2.00 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Doc)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** PG (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** G (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Having Our Say** (News & Doc)  
12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Marngrook AFL Footy Show** PG (Sport)  
6.00 **Living Strong** AU (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** AU (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Doc)  
8.00 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Doc)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** G (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Sacred Ground** PG (News & Doc)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Saturday 14th May

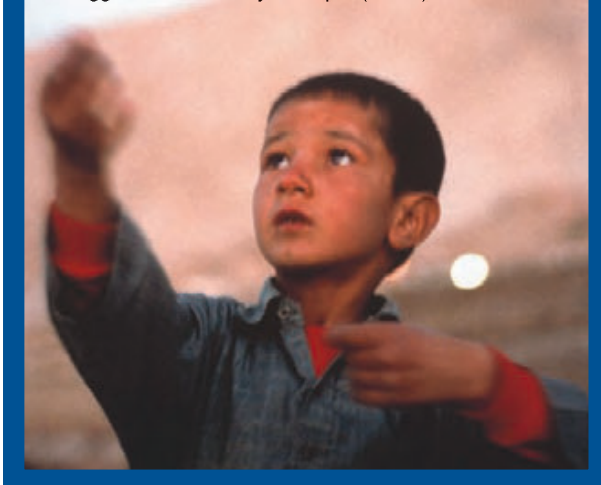
12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.00 **Roots Music** PG (Music & Radio)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini 3** G (Music & Radio)  
6.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
6.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** PG (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **The Dreaming** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **The Dreaming** G (Kids & Family)  
8.00 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
8.30 **Like, Me Like You** PG (Kids & Family)  
9.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
9.30 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Letterbox Pro** G (Entertainment)  
10.30 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
11.00 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)  
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Doc)  
12.30 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)  
2.30 **Strong Men, Deadly Groups** PG (News & Documentaries)  
3.30 **Medicine Woman** G (News & Doc)  
4.00 **Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes** G (News & Documentaries)  
4.30 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)  
5.00 **Life Pulse** G (News & Documentaries)  
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)  
8.00 **Cool School Antarctica** G (News & Documentaries)  
8.30 **Urban Clan** G (News & Documentaries)  
9.30 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
10.00 **Strong Men, Deadly Groups** PG (News & Documentaries)  
11.00 **Wind** M (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Words from the City** MA (Music & Radio)

## Sunday 15th May

1.00 **Kiran Over Mongolia** PG (Documentaries)  
2.00 **As The Crow Flies** G (News & Documentaries)  
3.00 **Walking Through A Minefield** PG (News & Documentaries)  
4.00 **Strong Men, Deadly Groups** PG (News & Documentaries)  
5.00 **Cloth Of The Gods** M (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Roots Music** PG (Music & Radio)  
7.00 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)  
8.00 **Songlines In The City** PG (Music & Radio)  
8.30 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)  
9.00 **Chocolate Martini** PG (Music & Radio)  
10.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
11.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
11.30 **Having Our Say** (News & Documentaries)  
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
12.30 **2011 Imparja Cup** NC (Sport)  
2.15 **2011 Imparja Cup** NC (Sport)  
4.30 **Pulling Up Stumps** G (Sport)  
5.10 **Ear Health** G (Entertainment)  
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
7.00 **Gathering** G (Entertainment)  
7.15 **Working With Community** G (News & Documentaries)  
7.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
8.00 **Point Of Origin** G (News & Documentaries)  
9.00 **OPINION PIECE** NC (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Women Of The Sun** PG (Entertainment)  
11.00 **Women Of The Sun** PG (Entertainment)

## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES IN THIS WORLD

Come and listen to our international brothers tell their story. In This World is a story of Enayat and Jamal two Afghan refugees who live in a camp in Peshawar and try to escape to Great Britain by the help of people smugglers. 28 Saturday 10.30pm (AEST)



## Monday 16th May

12.00 **FOUR SHEETS TO THE WIND** MA (Movies)  
1.30 **Bro Town** M (Entertainment)  
2.00 **Bro Town** M (Entertainment)  
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)  
4.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)  
5.30 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)  
6.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)  
7.30 **Yaarnz 4** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Intune @ Tamworth 2008** G (Music & Radio)  
9.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
10.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
10.30 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)  
12.00 **Gathering** G (Entertainment)  
12.15 **2011 Ethnic Business Awards** G  
1.45 **POI** G (News & Documentaries)  
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
2.30 **Waabiny Time** G (Kids & Family)  
3.00 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)  
3.30 **Like, Me Like You** G (Kids & Family)  
4.00 **Grounded** PG (Kids & Family)  
4.30 **Ratana Rugby: God's Game** G (Doc)  
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)  
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)  
7.00 **Little Bit Deadly** G (Music & Radio)  
7.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)  
8.00 **My Bush Tukka Adventures** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
8.30 **Medicine Woman** G (News & Doc)  
9.00 **Culture Warriors** MA (News & Doc)  
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)  
10.00 **Nesian Mystik For The People** PG (News & Documentaries)  
10.45 **Yaarnz 4** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)  
11.00 **MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO** G (Entertainment)  
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

## Tuesday 17th May





Part of the ensemble cast of women in Beck Cole's debut feature *Here I Am*, veteran actor Pauline Whyman plays the role of Skinny. She is also hosting the Message Sticks Film Festival national tour.

*Here I Am* marks a return to the screen of Professor Marcia Langton, seen here with her on-screen daughter Karen, played by Shai Pittman.



# Festival hits the road



OPENING in Sydney and then touring nationally over four months, this year's Message

Sticks Film Festival will be showcasing Indigenous excellence in the film-making arena, from Australia and around the world.

The gala opening night at the Sydney Opera House next Thursday 12 May sees the screening of *Here I Am*, the debut feature from film-maker Beck Cole.

All other Message Sticks film sessions are free.

*Here I Am* tells the story of a young woman released from prison, who begins the difficult journey of reconnecting with her mother and daughter.

Shot by Cole's husband Warwick Thornton, of *Samson & Delilah* fame, the film also marks the return to the screen of Professor Marcia Langton.

*Here I Am* stars relative newcomer Shai Pittman in the lead role, as well as veteran actor Pauline Whyman, who will be hosting the Message

## Message Sticks expanded

THIS year the Sydney season of Message Sticks is expanding to include live performance, panel discussions, a pitching competition and a special music, dance and storytelling session for children aged two to five years.

As part of the expanded program singer and actress Ursula Yovich (pictured) will be performing her musical cabaret *Magpie Blues* over three nights.

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Sticks tour.

Whyman said witnessing a film that gives voice to the stories of her own people can resonate inside her for days, weeks, months or even years.

"The films at Message Sticks have replaced the lifetime of images that I grew up with that had previously dominated and shaped the nation's opinion of our people," she said.

Other Australian films to

feature as part of this year's Message Sticks include the Australian premiere of *Shifting Shelter 4* – the latest installment in Ivan Sen's documentary series, which has followed the lives of four young Aboriginal people living in rural New South Wales.

In the same vein as the British documentary series *Seven Up*, the series charts their coming of age, from the teenagers full of

hopes and dreams seen in the first *Shifting Shelter* in 1995, to today's adults in their mid-30s dealing with the harsher realities of life and raising their own families.

Message Sticks 2011 will also celebrate the achievement of Australia's first and longest running Aboriginal television series – *Nganampa Anwernekenhe* (which means 'ours' in the Pitjantjatjara and Arrernte languages).

### Launching pad

Now in its 21st year and with over 200 episodes, all in Indigenous languages, this series has launched the careers of many Indigenous film-makers.

Two episodes from the most recent series will have their world premiere at Message Sticks – David Tranter's *Crookhat and the Kulunada* and *Tales From the Daly* – 'Naiyu Nambiyu' directed by Steven McGregor.

Indigenous film-maker and co-curator of the festival program Rachel Perkins, from Blackfella Films, said GenerationOne had come on board as a principal sponsor, enabling the festival to

build its film program for secondary students.

She said the specially curated schools program was an investment in developing new audiences for Indigenous films, but also gave young Australians a broader understanding of Indigenous people and culture, from the perspective of Indigenous people themselves.

"Indigenous storytellers continue to surprise and move us with extraordinary stories from the cities and the bush," she said.

"From traditional dreamtime tales to the challenges of contemporary Indigenous life, our film-makers give an insiders view of what it means to be a Black Australian in the 21st Century."

For full details of the Sydney Message Sticks program go to [www.sydneyoperahouse.com/About/Program\\_Message\\_Sticks.aspx](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/About/Program_Message_Sticks.aspx)

For more information on the dates and venues of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival National Tour go to [www.blackfellafilms.com.au/messagesticks/](http://www.blackfellafilms.com.au/messagesticks/)

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# Bank seeks business



THE National Australia Bank is aiming to work with native title claimants keen to use settlements for the benefit of their communities.

Speaking at the launch of NAB's third Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Group CEO Cameron Clyne said the bank was committed to sustainable economic and social development for Indigenous Australians.

The bank's move follows independent research into the financial services needs of Aboriginal communities in Northern Australia which revealed an 'uneasy intersection between the resources boom; large native title settlements and Indigenous disadvantage'.

"Native title agreements provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to take advantage of the resource boom while also improving the social and economic conditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Clyne said.

"We have a unique opportunity to partner with Indigenous organisations to support sustainable economic and social development and harness significant emerging commercial opportunities.

"It's a practical way for NAB to leverage our experience and commercial capability for Indigenous Australia."



At the RAP launch, from left, Indigenous employment adviser Abbey White, Blacktown customer adviser Tanya Parker, Penrith customer adviser Amber Stroud, Indigenous employment manager Darryl Monaghan, Cameron Finn of NAB lending services at Rhodes, and Queanbeyan customer adviser Natina Skinner.

The bank's new RAP includes a three-fold commitment to Indigenous Australia and progress to date on Indigenous employment; creating access to inclusive financial products and services; and building greater understanding and respect for Indigenous culture and aspirations among the bank's staff.

NAB Indigenous Finance and Development senior manager Glen Brennan said working within the framework of a RAP had enabled the bank to identify the opportunity to help native title holders take advantage of commercial and cultural benefits from native title

settlements.

"In most cases traditional owners have fought long and hard to secure their land. We believe that we can work together with these owners to help create opportunities for them and future generations," he said.

"It's a very tangible way that NAB can drive Indigenous economic development where it's needed most.

"NAB has a number of important large Indigenous customers who are grappling with the challenges associated with commercialising native title victories. Over the next 12 months we will be working on

two of Australia's most important native title opportunities – the NT's Blue Mud Bay and WA's James Price Point – ensuring these opportunities create sustainable economic development for the years ahead."

NAB's third RAP was launched with Dr Chris Sarra, Co-Chair of the bank's Indigenous Advisory Group, and Kim Hill, CEO of the Northern Land Council, as well as several graduates from the bank's school-based trainee program.

The Reconciliation Action Plan can be found at NAB's website: <http://www.nab.com.au/indigenous>



Northern Land Council CEO Kim Hill talking about the council's new partnership with NAB.



NAB Tamworth school based trainee Loren Ryan performing *Stand By Me* in English and Gamilaraay.

## ADVERTORIAL

# MicroBiz Week

30 May – 3 June, 2011

Helping Indigenous micro businesses start, grow & prosper



Clayton Donovan, of Jaaning Tree, undertaking a cooking demonstration at a food show with support from the Aboriginal Business Development Program.

Now in its seventh year, MicroBiz Week is a week of dedicated workshops and events targeted at the solo, home-based entrepreneur and micro business operator (i.e. under 4 employees).

This year, the week will focus on practical "HOW TO" topics that will ensure everyone who attends an event will walk out with tips to take back to their business.

With over 50 events held across NSW the week is held in conjunction with a number of business partners, including professional experts, business associations and business advisors.

Register to attend events at: [www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/microbizweek](http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/microbizweek)

### Free Workshops:

Free workshops targeting Aboriginal people are scheduled during MicroBiz Week at the following locations:

- Ecommerce 101**  
 1 June 2011, 8:30am–12:00pm, MLC Centre, Level 47, 19 Martin Pl, Sydney  
 Online business transactions are becoming standard practice for businesses of all sizes. Learn the basics of how electronic commerce can boost business.
- Practical Business Planning**  
 31 May, 2011, 9:30am–4:00pm, Gannaimbarraa, 32 Chaston St, Wagga Wagga.  
 Businesses, like travellers, need a map to get to their destination. A business plan is a vital map that provides direction and keeps a business on track.
- Practical Business Advice for Indigenous Artists**  
 1 June 2011, 10:00am–12:00pm, Moree Plains Gallery, 25 Frome St, Moree.  
 Various presenters providing practical tips for artists on how to survive while developing their art.
- Dream of Starting a Business? – How about it**  
 2 June 2011, 1:00–3:00pm, Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation, 28 Pringle Rd, Hebersham.  
 Got a great idea for a new business? This workshop provides the basics for making that dream a reality.
- Indigenous Small Business Seminar – Is business for you?**  
 There are two sessions on 30 May 2011 first from 10:00am–12noon and the second from 1:00pm to

3:00pm, Regional Development Australia Central West, 34 Sale St, Orange.

Are you ready to venture into business? Operating a small business is not just about working for yourself, it's also about having the necessary skills.

- Indigenous Small Business Seminar – Is business for you?**  
 There are two sessions on 1 June 2011 first from 10:00am–12noon and the second from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Regional Development Australia Orana, Suite 4, Level 1, 47–59 Wingewarra St Dubbo.  
 Are you ready to venture into business? Operating a small business is not just about working for yourself, it's also about having the necessary skills.
- Marketing tools for better business**  
 2 June 2011, 4:00–4:30pm.  
 Radio listeners in the Bourke area can tune into Aboriginal community radio station **2CUZ FM** for a talkback session on effective marketing techniques and useful business contacts vital for all businesses.

For a complete list of MicroBiz Week events and information and how to register for the above workshops, visit [www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/microbizweek](http://www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au/microbizweek) or contact 1300 661 539

### Aboriginal Business Development Programs

The NSW Office of Trade, Business and Investment offers a range of services to meet the needs of Aboriginal business to help plan for the successful growth and development of their commercial enterprises.

The Aboriginal Business Development Program and services are delivered by a team of experienced business officers who are located across NSW. Specialist officers are available to provide guidance and information on the tourism industry sector and Industry Capability Network which identifies and matches NSW companies with major projects across a range of industry sectors.

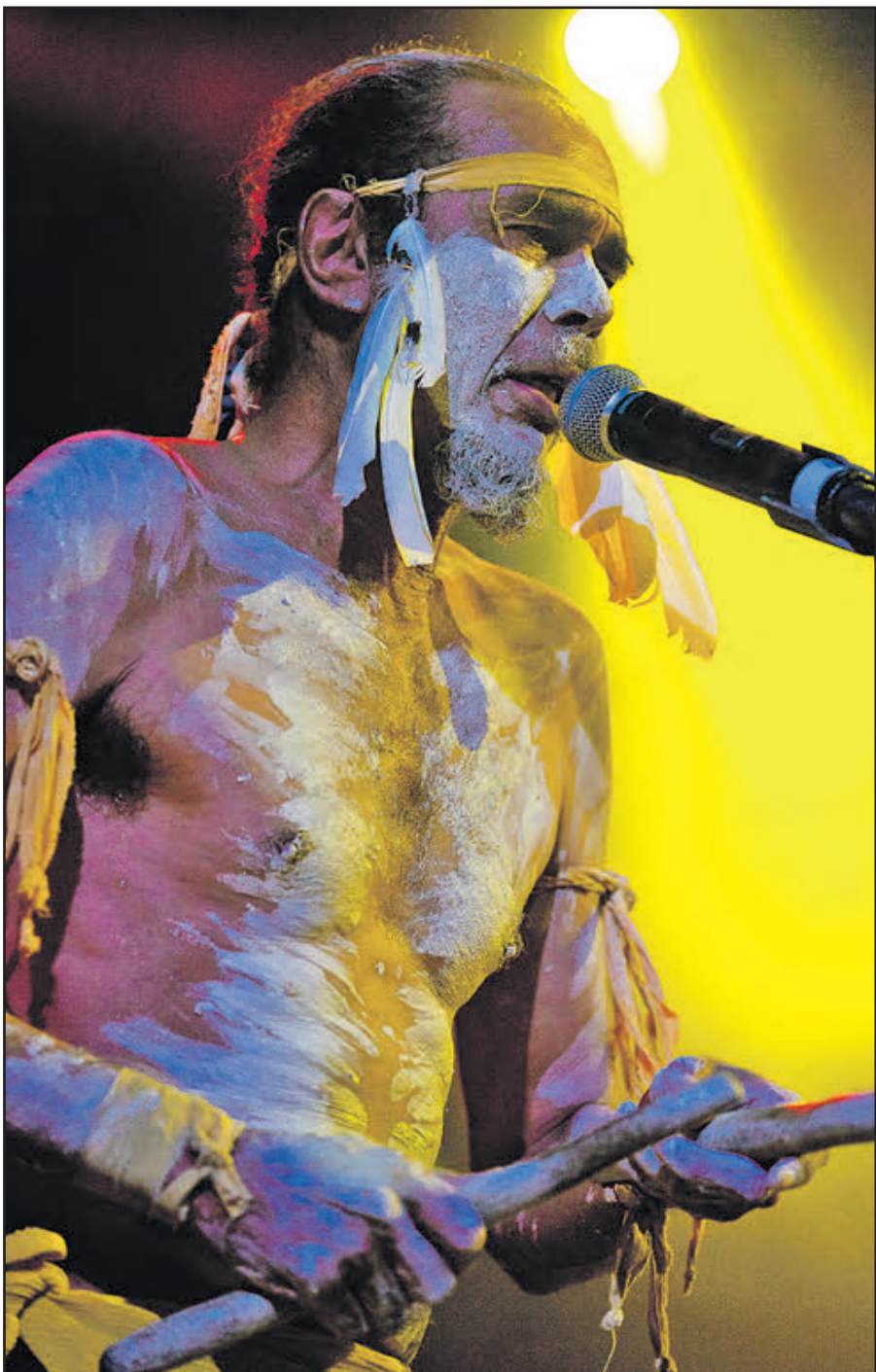
There is information on business start-up advice for Aboriginal people who want to start a small business.

For Aboriginal people already operating a business they may be eligible to access specialised business consultant to implement and develop growth strategies, achieve business goals, get over a business hurdle, develop a marketing plan, design a website or participate in recognised industry trade shows.

MicroBiz Week 30 May – 3 June, 2011



# Indigenous acts front and



A traditional dancer performing on stage at the Bluesfest and, at right, Leah Flanagan was one of the popular Indigenous acts at this year's six-day music festival.

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The conference is convened annually by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and this year co-convened by Queensland South Native Title Services, and hosted by the Turrbal, Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul Peoples, the traditional owners of the wider Brisbane area.



# centre at 2011 Bluesfest

Frank Yamma on stage. The Pitjantjatjara singer and song writer from Central Australia speaks five languages and sings in both Pitjantjatjara as well as English.



Gurrumul, from Arnhem Land, was one of the most popular acts at this year's Bluesfest.



## Festival on song

Photos by JOSEPH MAYERS



INDIGENOUS acts were again a major feature at this year's Bluesfest, held near Byron Bay in far northern New South Wales.

Tens of thousands turned out for the annual musical extravaganza, which featured headliners Bob Dylan, BB King, Ben Harper and Grace Jones, among many others.

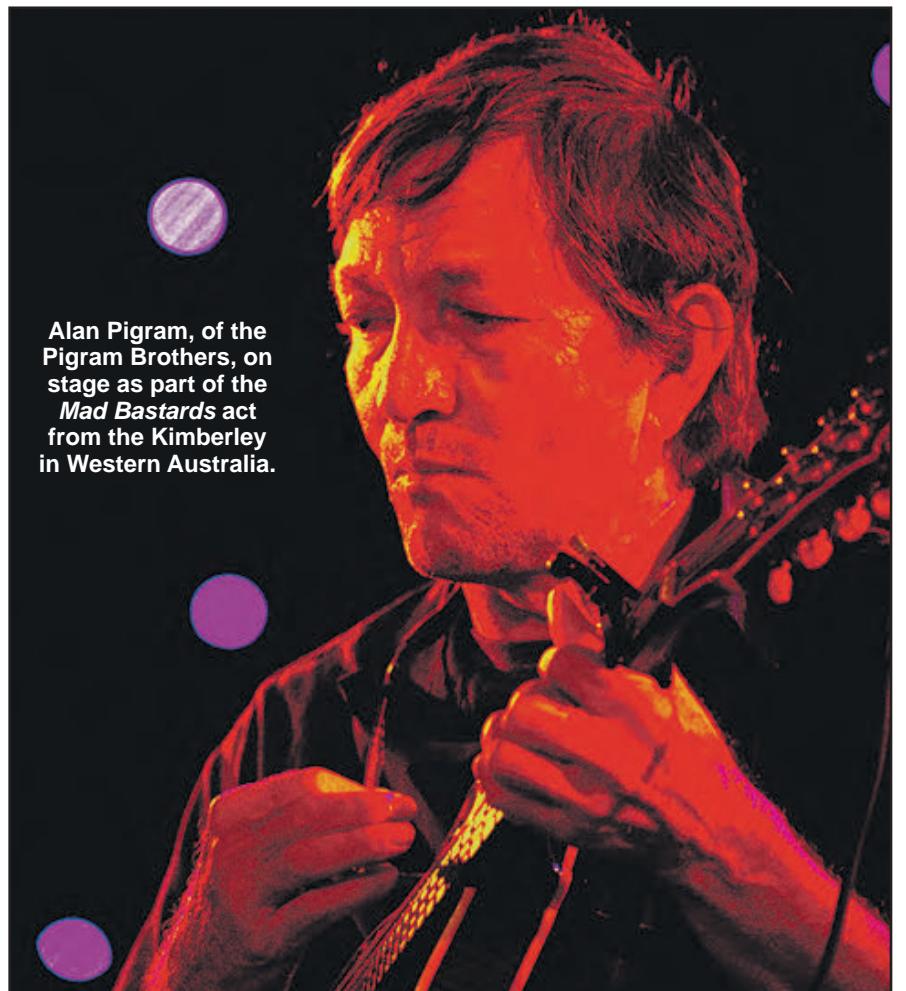
Top Indigenous acts included

Gurrumul, who performed to packed audiences, the Saltwater Band – who then announced they were breaking up – Frank Yamma, Buddy Knox, Leah Flanagan and more.

Some festival-goers told the *Koori Mail* they were saddened by the fact that this year there was no separate Indigenous or First Nations performance area.

But organisers hailed the event as another success, saying it was 'probably the best musical line-up in Australian festival history'.

Alan Pigram, of the Pigram Brothers, on stage as part of the *Mad Bastards* act from the Kimberley in Western Australia.



Blues singer Buddy Knox, from the Country Music capital Tamworth, at Bluesfest.



Local Arakwal Elder Aunty Dulcie Nicholls speaks at the opening of Bluesfest. She is joined on stage by a delighted festival director, Peter Noble.



# Tribute at Riawunna

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE University of Tasmania's Riawunna hosted an Anzac Day tribute, taking an historical look at the

involvement of Indigenous servicemen and women who served in the world wars and Vietnam.

There was also discussion on the war, which it is not always defined as, when Europeans first arrived in Australia.

"It's an important time to remember how we are remembered in history," Rodney Dillon, Elder in Residence at Riawunna, the Indigenous centre of the university, said.

"The very first war here was to defend our land and that should be recognised."

SBS's 2002 documentary *ICAM ANZAC Day* was screened at the tribute, showing the equal treatment of Aboriginal people while serving in the armed forces and the racist treatment they received upon returning home.

The documentary features returned servicemen and women and their families discussing their experiences in the armed forces and what it was like to fight for a country that they weren't even considered to be citizens of at the time, and why it meant so much to fight for a country they loved so much.

Reg Saunders, who became Australia's first Indigenous officer, seemed to summed it up when he said: "It's still our country, it doesn't matter who else is here."

Like other Aboriginal men on returning home, and unlike his white counterparts, he had no soldier settlement block waiting for him, and instead of being able to use his leadership qualities he was forced to do manual labour.

Aboriginal veterans told stories of being treated like social outcasts, receiving war medals outside of the RSL and their white mates handing them a beer through the window, because they were not allowed inside.

## Inspired

Kristyn Harman who lectures in Indigenous Warfare at the university, said she was surprised, and inspired to find out more, after moving here from New Zealand, about the lack of recognition of frontier wars and Australian Indigenous participation in the world wars.

Dr Harman said that growing up in New Zealand she was very aware of Maori contribution to war.

'Indigenous Warfare: Conflict and Collaboration', a unit offered at the university for the

first time this year, discusses the myth of Aboriginal passivity and Maori violence, and indigenous participation in warfare from the frontier wars, through to present day, including gang warfare.

Sharon Briggs, from Veterans' Affairs, was also at the tribute. She explained that at a time Aboriginal people didn't have the right to vote, they gave up their Aboriginality to join the armed forces. Their enlistments papers show them as being 'native born British citizens'.

In her job as Indigenous Veterans' liaison officer, Mrs Briggs encourages Aboriginal ex-servicemen and women to access their entitlements.

"We know people are not coming forward, they don't know they are entitled or they don't think they are," she said.

Mrs Briggs said there was a range of entitlements for the veteran community, including scholarships and bursaries.

She encourages veterans across Australia to come forward and claim their entitlements.



Sharon Briggs, Rodney Dillon and Kristyn Harman at the University of Tasmania Anzac tribute.



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## North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation

### NOTICE OF AN AUTHORISATION MEETING BIRRI GUBBA (CAPE UPSTART) PEOPLE

An authorisation meeting for the Birri Gubba/Juru (Cape Upstart) People will be held:

**Dates:** Saturday, 21 May 2011 and Sunday, 22 May 2011

**Venue:** Bowen State High School Hall  
1-9 Argyle Park Road, Bowen

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

The meeting is open to all those Juru persons who are descended (either matrilineally, patrilineally or adopted in accordance with traditional laws and customs) from the following ancestors:

- Emily Pickard;
- Con Limburner;
- Nellie Steel;
- Lena Taylor;
- Billy Morrell and his wife Bessie Rook;
- Jinnie Ross;
- Eliza Lampton (mother of Arthur Lampton)."

The purpose of this meeting is to consider and, if the meeting decides, to authorise the State ILUA, Ergon ILUA, proposed terms for determination of native title by consent, set up the Prescribed Body Corporate and any other technical amendments to any of the documents to ensure the consent determination can proceed on 26 July 2011.

If you wish to attend the meeting, you must register with North Queensland Land Council (NQLC) by Friday, 13 May 2011. You must register your attendance by this date to participate in this meeting.

Please contact **Lisa Raikaki** or **Sharon Charger** on 4775 3900 or 1800 814 779 to confirm attendance and to request assistance with travel.

### Call for Papers for the 1st Trans-Tasman Indigenous Juvenile Justice Conference

to be held at

Sea World Resort in Gold Coast, Australia  
on 28th - 30th November 2011.

This conference is hosted by the First Nations JJ Global Network devoted to highlighting many of the positives in juvenile justice from Indigenous communities in Australia and New Zealand.

For submission of paper guidelines, please visit network website at [www.fnjjgn.net](http://www.fnjjgn.net)

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Numbers are limited so we urge people to visit the event's website at [www.domesticviolenceconference.net](http://www.domesticviolenceconference.net) To register, please contact us at [chairman@gcadv.net](mailto:chairman@gcadv.net)



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Ken Nelliman, who has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia, with Karen Upkett, Ethan Upkett, 9, Tre Upkett, 11, Peta Roe Nelliman, 11, and Moses Nelliman jnr 17.



Former 2/4 RAR soldier Aaron Daniel in front of the cenotaph.

## Fallen remembered

By ALF WILSON



Townsville-based Warrant

INDIGENOUS soldier Ken Nelliman has served his country in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia. The

Officer was amongst more than 10,000 men, women and children – including hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – who took part in the Anzac Day march and memorial service in Townsville on 25 April.

A member of Lavarack Barracks Combat Training

Centre, WO2 Nelliman was with members of his family at Strand Park in Townsville when he spoke to the *Koori Mail*.

### 'Proud'

"I am proud to come and meet friends and remember the fellas who didn't make it," he said.

Aaron Daniel, of Boigu and Yam Island descent, was overcome with emotion when he met his former service mates David Hopgood, Rob Wilson and Vinnie Falcochio.

"We were all mates for many years with 2/4 RAR at Lavarack Barracks here in Townsville and this really does wonders for

reconciliation," he said.

"It makes us remember our history and the warriors who died."

Patrick Neliman, who was with his eight-year-old son Tahjon, said it was important to ensure younger generations knew what Anzac Day meant.

## Public service was a first for Badu Island



MORE than 300 people, including some visitors from outer Torres Strait Islands, attended a historical first public Anzac Day service on Badu Island.

Badu councillor Wayne Guivarra told the *Koori Mail* the courage and fearlessness of Badu Island warriors was honoured publicly for the first time on the island.

"Many community members came together to remember those heroic servicemen and women who contributed so much to building the fabric of the Australian nation," he said.

"A total of 117 gallant Badu Islanders were acknowledged for their bravery at a ceremony that concluded with a fantastic family fun day attended by over 300 residents including many children."

Cr Guivarra said it was now hoped that the community would continue to take charge of Anzac Day celebrations after Tagai College – Badu Campus



Police officers Solomon Ahmat and Barry Nona flank Sarpeye Company's Sergeant Troy Stow on Badu Island.

had previously been responsible for holding the commemoration. "This Anzac Day fell during school

holidays so we held it publicly and it went off so well. It was a big day," he said. – Alf Wilson



Laseka Eseli laying a wreath on Badu Island.



# Anzac Day 2011



Dancer Terry Olsen performs *The Coloured Digger* poem, accompanied by singer Warren Morgan.



New NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello.



Michael Donovan sings the national anthem at the service.



NSW Deputy Opposition Leader Linda Burney speaks.



Lillian Johnson and Lenny Solomon, of Bankstown.

Emmanuel Les Daniel, Patrick Thaiday, Clowry Kennell and Elizabeth Kennell in Redfern.



The Coloured Diggers marchers, including NSW Governor Marie Bashir, prepare to leave Redfern Park.



Mick Mundine and Eric Robertson before the march.



Sydney-based Babana Aboriginal Men's Group chairman Mark Spinks lays a wreath.



Descendents of the New Zealand Maori Battalion gathered for the wreath-laying ceremony.





Uncle Max Eulo performs the smoking ceremony as the marchers arrive in the rain.



Harry Allie, of the Coloured Diggers organising committee.



Broadcaster Lola Forrester and former rugby league player David Peachey.

# Women's role is honoured

By DARREN COYNE



THE role of Indigenous women during war was remembered and celebrated at the Coloured Diggers ceremony in Sydney on Anzac Day.

About 200 people gathered for a wreath-laying ceremony in Redfern Park before marching to the Redfern Community Centre.

After a smoking ceremony by Uncle Max Eulo, the marchers, which included NSW Governor Marie Bashir, gathered for a commemorative service of songs, prayers and speeches.

Pastor Ray Minniecon told the audience that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women had been fully involved in various war efforts, from serving in the armed forces to staying at home and keeping their communities together.

They also cared for and comforted their men when they returned from battle, and helped them adjust back into family and community life.

But while Aboriginal service men and women were regarded as equals while serving, it was a different story after the wars.

"Some of our diggers returned to find that while they had been away fighting for their country, their wives had been denied access to their pay, or even worse, that their children had been taken and placed in institutions," he said.

Governor Bashir told the gathering that she was honoured to be a part of the Coloured Diggers parade, and also promised that she would still be attending



NSW Governor Marie Bashir lays a wreath in Redfern Park.

once her time as governor was up.

"I'm hoping I will be asked along as 'one of the mob'," she told the appreciative audience.

Among the performers, Clowry Kennell, from Murgon in Queensland, sang a poignant song about his brother's Vietnam experiences.

## Proceeds

Titled *Remember When*, Mr Kennell said the proceeds from his CD would be donated to the Vietnam Veterans Trust

Fund. (To buy a copy call 1300 226 226.)

Meanwhile, a push to build a memorial to honour Indigenous war veterans was also mentioned.

Pastor Minniecon said that while there had been some in-principle support for building a sculpture, nothing had been finalised.

He said the Aboriginal community wanted the memorial eventually placed in Darling Harbour so that it would greet any returning service people and other visitors to Australia.



Shane Phillips, of the Tribal Warrior Association.



Elizabeth Smith, of Maclean, and David Welsh, of Sydney.



## Close, Gavin James

Late of Marrickville and formerly of Muli Muli - Moree.

Gavin passed away peacefully at home on Thursday April 14th, 2011 surrounded by his wife and children. Gavin will be dearly missed by his wife Phyllis and deeply missed by his children Gavin, Chloe, Jesse, Betty, Travis and Dallas.

Aged 46 years.

Gavin's funeral service was held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Erskineville on Friday April 29th, 2011 followed by interment at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, Matraville. Joseph Medcalf Funerals (02) 969 82644



## Australian Government

Department of Families,  
Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs

## National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children Community Action Grants Funding Round

Community Action Grants are now open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations with innovative primary prevention projects aimed at engaging their community to prevent violence against women and to encourage and promote respectful relationships.

The Australian Government is committed to supporting community action that seeks to prevent the problem of violence before it occurs. These grants are intended to increase community awareness of the issue and change attitudes and behaviours so that violence against women is not tolerated.

Funding of up to \$3 million has been committed and applicants can apply for up to \$250,000 over three years from July 2011 to June 2014 to fund their project.

The grants are part of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.

Applications close **5pm AEST Monday 30 May 2011**. Application details are on the FaHCSIA website at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au). For further information email [CAG@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:CAG@fahcsia.gov.au) or call **1300 138 494**.

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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 May to July 2011

#### Bruxner Highway to Cumbalum

- Temporarily switch Pacific Highway traffic onto the new Bruxner Highway and Teven Road roundabout.
- Continue final pavement construction for the southern section of the project.
- Substantial completion of all project highway bridge works.
- Continue construction of a small single span bridge adjacent to the existing Pacific Highway at Cumbalum.
- Continue construction of the new alignment of Teven Road.
- Complete landscaping of the Teven Road interchange gateway.
- Continue construction of major culverts south of the Teven Road interchange.

#### Cumbalum to Ross Lane

- Complete landscaping on the Ross Lane western and eastern roundabouts.
- Temporarily close Old Bangalow Road for remedial works to rectify a section of the northbound shoulder of the Old Pacific Highway (Tamarind Drive).
- Continue construction of a single span bridge on the old Pacific Highway (Tamarind Drive) at the bottom of Tintenbar Hill.
- Remove concrete batch plant.
- Complete all local access roads.

**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.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), write to PO Box 303, Ballina NSW 2478, email [community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au](mailto:community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au) or visit the website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific)

# Anzac Day 2011



WA Indigenous veterans march in Perth. John Schnaars is second from left, under the banner.

# WA veterans stand proud

By LIZ MURRAY



WHEN a West Australian Vietnam veteran saw there was a gap in recognition for servicemen and women due to their Indigenous heritage, he banded together with a few like-minded friends.

Aboriginal veteran John Schnaars' efforts paid off again on Anzac Day when Indigenous veterans marched under the banner of Honouring Indigenous War Graves in the Perth march.

Mr Schnaars said he started the group because of the way veterans were treated. "When they came back home their families had been removed, and they were classed less than flora and fauna," he said.

"And they didn't have their family's support, no community or government support, and the RSL didn't recognize them as Diggers."

Mr Schnaars said the reality of the poor treatment Indigenous personnel received on return to Australia after their tours of duty hit home when he tried to help his uncle get back pay he was owed. His uncle died waiting for justice, and Mr Schnaars was shocked to then discover Indigenous diggers often had to sign away their rights to back-pay, and there would not be any financial assistance for his family.

"So I thought we've got to do something so we'll put a headstone on the grave and do an acknowledgement for their service," he said.

The group now regularly works with families to identify Aboriginal personnel



Marchers under the Honouring Indigenous War Graves banner.

who have passed away over the years, and honour and recognise the servicemen and women and their contribution to the country by getting proper Australian Defence Force headstones put on their graves noting their family and service details.

"(Former Federal Minister and Reconciliation advocate) Fred Chaney, who is a member of ours, said the services we provide are some of the best grassroots reconciliation services that he's been involved in," Mr Schnaars said.

"The feedback from the families has been enormous – 105 per cent behind what we do. I never thought it would catch on the way it has, it's just been amazing ... young people, old people.

"We've had tourists ask if they can join in the memorial services and half-way through I find them wiping away the tears. We have politicians from three different parties who are members which is pretty good ... they get behind us and show us support."

Group member Belinda Gibson said she had rekindled her Indigenous links through the group. She said that the discovery of her Indigenous family heritage had put back some of the missing pieces of the puzzle in her life, and helped her develop a better sense of her place in the world and who she was.

The group, which runs on a shoestring budget, is seeking funding to expand its services Australia-wide.



# Mooki Mentors take out award



**INDIGENOUS** male mentor group The Mooki Murris has taken out the NSW Aboriginal Education and Training Directorate State Award for Successful School and Community Partnerships.

The 14 Mooki Murris mentors are all former students of Quirindi High School and formed as a response to disengagement, poor achievement, a lack of cultural identity and attendance issues amongst Indigenous male students as identified by Quirindi High staff members.

The mentors, employed in a wide range of private and government sectors, draw on their varied expertise when

developing the material to be presented to the students during mentoring days, with one Mooki Murri day being held each school term.

Mentor days have dealt with topics as diverse as employment, tertiary education, drug and alcohol awareness, healthy relationships and cultural activities designed to encourage a strong sense of identity amongst the students.

"In whatever we do when working with the students, we always try to impart a strong sense of identity as an Indigenous male," said Tim Taylor, who is an



**Simon Taylor and Corie Taylor, from Namoi CMA, and Megan Outerbridge, the Aboriginal Education Officer with Quirindi High School, accepting the award at the Maritime Museum in Sydney.**

Aboriginal client service officer with Corrective Services NSW. "We are very conscious of

some of the negative stereotypes that exist around Indigenous males in Australia and we try to facilitate an environment that makes it okay for the students to be successful Indigenous males who achieve great things.

"Quirindi High enjoys a long history of high-achieving Indigenous students, but we as a group want this to be considered normal for all Indigenous students instead of a few."

The mentors meet regularly to plan the content of the mentor days to ensure that the information being

presented is relevant and explicit.

"We don't sugar-coat anything," said Shaun Allan, of TAFE New England.

"We deliver our message in a very direct way because we are speaking from experience.

"We are able to give the boys a very honest view of how the world outside of the playground works and how the choices they make will influence that world."

Recent Indigenous students from Quirindi High have undertaken tertiary studies in medicine, law and sport science, and these former students say they will ensure the program continues to have mentors who have achieved outside of school.

# TAFE assists interpreters



**FIVE** South Australian Aboriginal students who trained as interpreters graduated recently with a Diploma of Interpreting.

They were Rex

Granites who speaks Warlpiri, Tjinkuma Wells and Rosie Nelson who speak Pitjantjatjara, and Ingrid Kenny and Rosemary Lester who speak Yankunytjatjara.

TAFE South Australia Adelaide South Institute managing director Stephen Conway said the institute offered the only training in interpreting in South Australia for Aboriginal people.

"Remote delivery of training in the far north of the state has unique challenges," he said.

"It's another example of how TAFE SA has used flexibility in the training model to incorporate the unique

requirements of the location and needs of students.

"Online learning materials, knowledgeable staff and working closely with supportive communities were key ingredients to this year's successful graduate outcome."

Mr Conway said the program was done mainly online with some face-to-face sessions conducted on TAFE SA regional institute campuses.

## Experience

He said lecturer Barry McDonald had extensive education experience as well as a deep understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal culture and languages.

Inawantji Scales, a graduate from the first year of the course, whose networks and community ties were crucial to the project's success, assisted Mr McDonald.

Another graduate, Rosemary Lester, also assisted, and Georgina Nou supported the online content and design.

"The strong relationship built between Barry and his support staff and the innovative program has achieved some great outcomes," Mr Conway said.

Negotiations are now being held by TAFE SA to establish a mentoring program through the regional court system, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet is conducting a review of Aboriginal Interpreter Services.

The Diploma of Interpreting is a continuous enrolment program funded each semester by the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST) to meet future demand for Aboriginal interpreters.



**Graduates Rex Granites, Tjinkuma Wells, Rosie Nelson, Ingrid Kenny and Rosemary Lester.**



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# Teachers learning games



TEACHERS from primary schools in Queensland's Fraser Coast region are learning how to play traditional

Indigenous games so they can teach them to their classes.

The Birrbam Gambay project initially involves Grade 5 teachers from 10 schools. It is the focus of a research project by University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast lecturer Sharon Louth, of Hervey Bay.

Mrs Louth wants to spark an interest in the use of the games to encourage physical activity in children, to develop their motor skills, help them form a connection with Indigenous culture and build co-operation and 'teamship'.

"Seventy-six per cent of children aged from five to 12 do less than 60 minutes of physical activity each day," she said.

"Ninety-five per cent of them spend more than two hours a day in front of a screen.

"I'm hoping that the teachers will integrate (the games) into the curriculum as part of the 30 minutes of 'Smart Moves' the children do each day.

"If the students have half as



Teachers had a ball as they learnt how to play traditional Indigenous games at USQ Fraser Coast. Lining up a shot at the target ball were, from left, Sharyn Swanston and Anthea Oorloff, from Queensland Health, Ange Murray, from Pialba State School, Susan Stepanov, from Tinana State School, and Bronte Nicholas, from Pialba State School.

much fun as their teachers did playing the games, then it will be a huge success."

As part of a professional development day, teachers from several schools learnt about the research project and the games, and tested out a few of them.

The games are available in the *Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games* book, on the Australian Sports Commission website. The book was compiled by USQ researcher Associate Professor Ken Edwards.

Mrs Louth said children would

be taught a little bit about the history of each game, such as its original purpose.

Some of the games were used by Indigenous people to develop their hunting skills or to learn to work in a group.

"The games are all inclusive

and are not competitive," she said. "For instance, Puloga, played in the Cardwell and Tully River regions of North Queensland, is like dodge ball. But when a child gets 'out' they can immediately rejoin the game once leaving the field."



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# Review is welcomed by union



THE National Union of Students (NUS) has welcomed the recent announcement of the Review of Higher Education Access and Outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

National Indigenous Officer Frank Gafa said the union believed it would be a positive step towards addressing low levels of Indigenous students in Australian higher education institutions.

The NUS Indigenous Department also welcomed the appointment of Professor Larissa Behrendt as chair of the review.

"Prof Behrendt has been an active supporter of Indigenous student rights and the fight for equality in our higher education institutions," Mr Gafa said.

"The NUS Indigenous Department looks forward to full engagement with organisations across the Indigenous education sector, including NUS and Indigenous communities so that the interests of all Indigenous

Australians are considered.

"NUS acknowledge the gains made in the Indigenous higher education sector through the Bradley Review (named for review panel leader Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley) and welcome the review into Indigenous higher education as further building blocks to providing equality of education for Indigenous Australians.

### 'Impact'

"NUS would hope that this review take into consideration the state of student income support and impact on students."

The NUS Indigenous Department has also written to Prof Behrendt and invited the review panel to meet with Indigenous students at the fourth annual Indigenous Students Conference at the Australian National University in Canberra on the 28-30 July.

"By having Prof Behrendt address the conference it is the hoped that this will give Indigenous students across the country a voice in the review process," Mr Gafa said.



## Lex is working to close the health gap



LEX COLLARD says he loves his job working with Aboriginal people at Newman Hospital in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The newly appointed Aboriginal liaison officer, Mr Collard came out of retirement to work in the emergency department at the hospital. He is aiming to close the gap, working with clinical staff and Indigenous patients and improving the management and co-ordination of care in the department.

Mr Collard is one of two new Aboriginal liaison officers working in the Pilbara region as part of the five-year \$38.2 million Pilbara Health Initiative partnership between the State Government's

Royalties for Regions program and principal industry sponsor, BHP Billiton Iron Ore, to boost health services in the region.

Mr Collard said his role was evolving every day. "The role of an Aboriginal liaison officer is to ensure the local Martu and other Indigenous groups get the right medical treatment," he said.

"Every day I go into the emergency department and visit patients and make sure they are happy with their treatment and understand everything that is going on, what they need to do when they leave hospital and we talk about any preventative health measures they can take.

"I have been living as a retiree in Newman for the past five years. This job appealed to me

because I wanted to really make a difference.

"I hope that this role can allow me to break down some of the barriers between different health agencies and the local Martu people and make health care more easily accessible."

WA Country Health Service regional director Tina Chinery said hospitals could be daunting places, and having someone who could provide emotional, social and cultural support to patients and their families was crucial to a strong health system in the region. "This initiative is aimed at supporting and encouraging Indigenous people to seek medical attention and assisting clinical staff in treating them through stronger communication and cultural awareness," she said.



LEX COLLARD

## No smoking message for East Arnhem Land

By ALF WILSON



AN alarmingly high rate of smoking in East Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory has prompted local health authorities to take action – including supporting smoke-free Fridays.

East Arnhem Land has the highest per capita rate of lung cancer in Australia and appalling rates of other chronic diseases.

This has prompted local Aboriginal service Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation to start a tobacco control action plan called Yaka Ngarali, which means 'No Smoking' in Yolngu language.

The percentage of smokers in the Miwatj region is between 75 and 85 per cent, compared with the national average of 17 per cent.

Miwatj Health has declared Fridays 'Yaka Ngarali' days.

Miwatj tobacco control co-ordinator Ric Browne said it was unacceptable for such a high percentage of the population of

East Arnhem Land to be listed as regular smokers.

"This is way above the national average and does not account for anyone smoking under the age of 16," he said.

"However, we know that children as young as 10 smoke. We are way behind in smoking reforms which has seen the national average significantly drop from 30 years ago when it was around 60 per cent."

Mr Browne attributed the drop in other states to the changes in legislation and anti-smoking campaigns.

"In East Arnhem we have not seen this significant drop in the smoking rate. People who buy tobacco might as well simply burn their money," he said.

"In fact if they did just burn their money they would be better off because they would not be inhaling the poisonous chemicals in tobacco."

Mr Browne said people in mainstream Australia were far more aware of the health effects of smoking, and government action has 'strangled'



The Yaka Ngarali 'No Smoking' logo being used in East Arnhem Land

opportunities for smoking in public places.

"Here smoking is still considered a normal part of the culture," he said.

"With a population of 10,000 in

East Arnhem, 7000 of those being Indigenous and at least 70 per cent of those being smokers, we have a battle on our hands.

People here will tell me that it is part of their culture. We have song lines and dances about smoking with the Maccassans long before Ngapaki (whitefellas) came along.

"This may well be true, but there is nothing in the song lines about Winfield Blue or Benson and Hedges."

Mr Browne said that smoking had many long-term health effects.

"While much attention is paid to those practises which cause immediate or short-term harm, such as alcohol abuse and petrol-sniffing, the effects of smoking are long term and can be far-ranging," he said.

"Most chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and heart and lung conditions, are worsened by the effects of smoking."

Mr Browne said health data revealed that almost 20 per cent of adult deaths and 3 per cent of hospital admissions in the NT were attributable to smoking.

"One in five Aboriginal people in the NT die as a direct result of tobacco smoking, and smoking is the single, greatest contributor to the 17-year gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous life expectancy," he said.

Mr Browne said that in a bid to encourage people to give up smoking, Miwatj Health Service introduced a range of social marketing strategies. These include Yaka Ngarali (no smoking) t-shirts for its outreach workers.

"But we had no idea that wearing them would prove such a hit. Not only are they uniforms, but they are also walking billboards," he said.

"Staff at the health service have decided to help get the message across by wearing the t-shirts every Friday, in effect making Friday – Yaka Ngarali or No Smoking days.

"Other organisations such as the local hospital, the chemist, staff at the local bank and other businesses and organisations, even supportive individuals, have also joined the Yaka Ngarali movement."

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# Making a difference



NINE WA Country Health Service Indigenous employees in the Pilbara region have received 'Make a Difference'

scholarships to assist with the costs of furthering their studies.

This was the second round of scholarships to be awarded since the start of the Pilbara Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) last year. The IEP aims to help Indigenous people pursue health-related employment opportunities in their local communities.

Second-time scholarship recipient and mother-of-four Denise Comeagain said the scholarships were enabling her to pursue her dream of studying nursing in the future.

"I started working as a cleaner at the Port Hedland Hospital Dialysis Unit nearly four years ago, and moved on to become an

orderly, and I am now finishing my Aboriginal Health Worker Certificate III, with the hope of one day pursuing my nursing qualifications," she said.

"These scholarships are really helpful to my studies. With my first scholarship I was able to purchase a laptop and this current scholarship will provide a wage subsidy while I go on clinical placements for my training.

"Working in Indigenous health has changed my life. I've become more confident and being awarded these scholarships has been both motivating and rewarding."

WA Country Health Service Pilbara regional director Tina Chinery said the IEP initiative had made a significant contribution to closing the gap to improve the overall health of Indigenous people.

"This program responds to the aspirations of Indigenous staff by providing practical assistance and

encouraging further education in their chosen health field through the scholarship program," she said.

"The diversity of health areas helped by these scholarships is amazing. In this round of scholarships alone we have an allied health assistant, a district medical officer, two Aboriginal liaison officers, an Aboriginal health worker, an orderly, two Aboriginal mental health workers and a health promotion officer."

## Grants

The 'Make a Difference' scholarship recipients receive one of five grants designed to support study and professional development opportunities.

The scholarships are funded under the \$38.2 million Pilbara Health Initiative – a five-year partnership between the State Government's Royalties for Regions program and the Chamber of Minerals and

Energy's Pilbara Industry's Community Council (PICC) Health Initiative members (BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, North West Shelf Joint Venture, Rio Tinto and Woodside Energy), which aims to boost health services in the region. BHP Billiton Iron Ore is the principal industry sponsor for the PICC Health Partnership's Indigenous Employment Program.

The eight other recipients are:

● Joanne Abraham – an allied health assistant in Tom Price pursuing a post-graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies.

● Dr Sarah Jane McEwan – a district medical officer based at the Hedland Health Campus pursuing a post-graduate Diploma in Clinical Education.

● Barry Tullock – an Aboriginal health worker at the Hedland Health Campus pursuing a Certificate IV in Frontline Management and hoping to attending a health conference.

● Katie Papertalk – an Aboriginal mental health worker based at Hedland Health Campus who is working for a Bachelor of Health Science in Mental Health degree.

● Yvette Kelly – an Aboriginal mental health worker based at Karratha pursuing a Bachelor of Health Science in Mental Health.

● Susan Walker – an Aboriginal liaison officer at the Emergency Department at the Hedland Health Campus pursuing an ATSI Primary Health Care Certificate IV.

● Nadine Geary – an Aboriginal liaison officer at Pilbara Aged and Community Care at Hedland Health Campus pursuing an ATSI Primary Health Care Certificate III.

● Azizah Roe – a health promotion officer at West Pilbara Population Health who is pursuing a Diploma of Project Management.



## Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS): Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarships – 2011/2012

On line application for Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarship

Opening Date: Wednesday 27 April 2011

Closing Date: Sunday 5 June 2011.

Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) administers on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the allied health clinical placement scholarships available under the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS).

Applications are now open for Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarships for clinical placement in a variety of allied health practices including Aboriginal Medical Services, Community Health Care Centres, Hospitals, Public or Private Practices or a combination of these. Scholarship funding of up to \$11,000 is available for a six weeks placement and will be awarded once only during a student's course of study.

Applicants must be enrolled in an approved/accredited course in the following eligible allied health profession and be an Australian Citizen or hold Australian Permanent Residency status. Entry level undergraduates do not qualify for this scholarship.

Eligible disciplines include Aboriginal Health Worker (Cert IV and above only); Audiology; Chiropractic; Dentistry; Oral Health; Dietetics & Nutrition; Exercise Physiology (AAESS approved courses only); Genetic Counselling (Postgraduate study only); Medical Radiation Science - Medical Imaging, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Optometry; Orthotics; Osteopathy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Prosthetics; Orthotics; Psychology; Social Work (Australian Association of Social Workers approved courses only); Speech Pathology and Sonography.

Applications close on 5 June 2011 at 4.00pm EST.

The Allied Health Clinical Placement Scholarship Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Online Application Form are available at [www.sarrah.org.au](http://www.sarrah.org.au).

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The NAHSSS is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

Second-time 'Make a Difference' scholarship recipient and mother-of-four Denise Comeagain, of Port Hedland, with patient Pearl Baumgarten ... "Working in Indigenous health has changed my life. I've become more confident and being awarded these scholarships has been both motivating and rewarding," Mrs Comeagain said.





# Mother rises to challenge



A YANGETUP mother has been named Fremantle-based Challenger Institute of Technology's Aboriginal Student

of the Year.

Melissa Blurton received the award at Challenger Institute's student awards ceremony in Fremantle, Western Australia.

The ceremony recognised the achievements of 65 students from across the Institute, as well as four major award-winners in the categories of Apprentice of the Year, Trainee of the Year, Vocational Student of the Year and Aboriginal Student of the Year.

Ms Blurton completed a Challenger Diploma of Nursing last year, and in February started her enrolled nursing graduate

placement at Fremantle Hospital.

"I always dreamed of becoming a nurse," she said. "It gives me great satisfaction to contribute to the health and well-being of others. I strive to be the best nurse I can. Knowing I have set an example for my children is the best feeling I could ever hope to achieve."

## Skills

Through her nursing studies at Challenger, Ms Blurton says she has developed her communication skills and utilised these in her role as parent helper at her children's schools.

"My communication skills have improved immensely, which has assisted me in my role as Aboriginal parent representative on the schools' P&C committees," she said. "I was even asked if I would be interested in taking on

the role of Aboriginal Islander education officer.

"I have gained so much valuable experience, confidence and pride within myself by completing the nursing course."

Ms Blurton's career ambition is to become a registered nurse and complete a midwifery degree.

"I hope to become a mentor and lead other Aboriginal people into the field of nursing," she said.

Challenger managing director Liz Harris said Ms Blurton's success in winning one of the institute's top awards was an appropriate reward for her enthusiasm about the health industry and helping others.

The Challenger Institute of Technology 2010 Aboriginal Student of the Year Award was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rockingham.



Aboriginal Student of the Year Melissa Blurton.

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# Murris in Ink to create new work for CIAF



QUEENSLAND Arts Minister Rachel Nolan has announced \$10,000 for the Murris in Ink artists collective to create a new body of work for the Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair (CIAF) in August.

Ms Nolan has been Queensland Arts Minister since February and was a special guest at a reception hosted by Townsville's Umbrella Studios on 19 April where North Queensland artists showed off their works and shared their vision and challenges.

"Townsville is one of the most vibrant arts regions in Queensland. I am delighted to announce the Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair (CIAF) commission of \$10,000 for the Murris in Ink artists collective to create a new body of work for the international marketplace in August," she said. "The funding will enable Murris in Ink to create a new body of work on paper using their unique print-making techniques. Exciting for all the national collectors who already own works on paper is that the artists are expanding their portfolio to include sculpture."

Umbrella Studio Director Vicki Salisbury initiated a series of master classes from 2008 to 2010 with seed funding from Arts Queensland's Backing Indigenous Arts (BIA) funding.

"The original aim of the master classes was to provide skill development workshops to strengthen the arts practice of emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artists living and working in the Townsville region and increase the participation of Indigenous artists in Umbrella Studio activities," she said. "The strategic decision to support the development of printmaking skills was the catalyst that started a group of Indigenous artists to establish themselves as a collective – Murris in Ink (MII). In the space of two years, their extraordinary output of works on paper is recognised for its high quality and is in demand locally and recently on the international stage."

Ms Salisbury said artists were working on linocut prints and sculptural work to display in the Umbrella Studio booth this year. "CIAF is an important opportunity to showcase the amazing talent from this region. The work we show must be of the highest quality because our Townsville artists are showing next to Australia's most famous Indigenous artists," she said.

Meanwhile, Ms Nolan has also announced that the Mornington Island Dancers would be the headline performers on the program at this year's Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, which will be held from 19-21 August.

Member for Cairns Desley Boyle said



At the announcement were, from left, Umbrella Studios Director Vicki Salisbury, James Billy (Murris in Ink), Qld Arts Minister Rachel Nolan, Susan Peters (Murris in Ink) and Townsville MP Mandy Johnstone.

the group's cultural ties to the ocean fit perfectly with CIAF's new waterfront location at Shed #3 at the renovated Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal in the city centre.

"They're at the forefront of traditional dance and will put Queensland's very own Gulf region on the map," she said.

"In just two years CIAF has become Australia's premier Indigenous Art Fair, attracting more than 20,500 visitors and selling over \$1.2 million in artwork. The \$2.4 million injection it delivers into the Cairns economy is definitely another benefit we are looking forward to."

## Eyes Open for artists

A TOURING exhibition of artwork created through a collaboration between Indigenous fibre artists and contemporary installation artists opens at Manly Art Gallery and Museum next month.

*KURU ALALA – Eyes Open* consists of eight large-scale sculptural works – two from installation artists Maria Fernanda Cardoso and Alison Clouston who were invited by Tjanpi Desert Weavers to visit and camp with them on Ngaanyatjarra and Pitjantjatjara Lands respectively and to literally 'open their eyes' to new experiences in their country.

The remaining four works are by women from Tjanpi Desert Weavers – a renowned group of Indigenous women artists who work with grass fibres to make baskets and sculptures.

The artists have collaborated on the development of the *KURU ALALA* exhibition with the aim of stimulating greater awareness of and insight into concepts of culture, country and community.

The works created include a series of life-sized fibre sculptures together with a large coiled wall piece conceived as the first large-scale 'Tjanpi Painting' made from grasses collected from a number of specific desert locations. They sit alongside installation works made from



*Early Days Bush Family (detail), 2009, by Tjanpi Desert Weavers. Grass, raffia, jute string, hair string, acrylic wool, emu feathers, cockatoo feathers, human hair, stone, wood, twigs, leaves, ininti seed, wire mesh.*

found and natural materials sourced during the residency program. These include a wall installation of over 1200 gumnuts by Cardoso – each one precisely installed to the artist's instructions.

The artists travelled to significant sites that related to the Tjukrupa stories they created and collected grasses from these locations to make their works.

Tjanpi artist Josephine Mick said: "The objects that can be made from tjanpi from a woman's country are more or less endless. She can make people, women, ngintka, tjulpu, anything. So we can depict our traditional lands and country in a number of different ways... This is a

really beautiful thing to do."

The 44-page exhibition catalogue features extensive photographic documentation of the workshop process and the stories behind the making of the works. Also included is an essay by Professor Ian McLean from the University of WA on collaborations between Indigenous and other artists.

*KURU ALALA – Eyes Open* runs at the Manly Art Gallery and Museum from 3 June to 10 July. It then goes to the Blacktown Arts Centre where it will shown from 16 July to 3 September.

For more information visit the exhibition blog [kurualala1.wordpress.com](http://kurualala1.wordpress.com)



*Gumnuts (detail), 2008-9, by Maria Fernanda Cardoso. Tartu nuts, metal pins, glue*



*Tube Bags, 2009, by Alison Clouston. Inner car tyre, wire.*



Tjaria Stanley, Iluwanti Ken and Mary Pan dancing for country at Iyukutanya near Wamitjara, May 2009.



# Torres Strait life informs latest Tandanya show



Billy Missi has drawn inspiration from family, cultural protocols and contemporary life for his solo show at Tandanya ... Seen here is *Wapil Nathaik* (roasting fish), 2007, linocut printed in black ink from one block and hand coloured.



TORRES Strait artist Billy Missi has focused on family and cultural protocols, as well as his own contemporary life experiences growing up in Zenadh Kes (the Torres Strait), in his latest exhibition now on at Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide.

The solo exhibition of contemporary linocut prints is titled *Urapun Kai Buai* (One Big Kin) and will run until 5 June, with the official opening held this Friday 6 May from 6pm.

Along with kinship, inspiration for the series of images in *Urapun Kai Buai*, is based on the natural environment and what the artist describes as "pure nature" reflecting the traditional ways of survival, including everyday stories and knowledge.

In 2007 Missi participated in 25 exhibitions including 10 group shows with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander artists and 11 international shows with the exhibition *Gelam Nguzu Kazi Gelam My Son*, with colleagues David Bosun, Victor Motlop and Dennis Nona. Missi exhibited in four other international shows along with colleague Solomon Booth and over 100 artists from the Pacific Rim including artists from First Nation; from the north west coast of Canada, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, Hawaii, Alaska and Central America. *Gelam Nguzu Kazi Gelam My Son* was toured by ArtBank and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Missi's work is held in collections both locally and nationally including ArtBank, the Queensland Art Gallery and the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra. Internationally, Missi is represented in collections and institutions in New York, California, London and Canada.

Torres Strait Islander artist Eddie Peters will be performing at the opening on Friday 6 May at 6pm.

## Vogel Award win to novel on Batman's roving party

A VIVID re-imagining of John Batman's infamous roving party that set out to hunt and kill the Aborigines of Tasmania has won the 2011 Vogel Literary Award. The \$30,000 award is for an unpublished manuscript by a writer under the age of 35.

*The Roving Party* is by 34-year-old Rohan Wilson who was born and raised in Launceston.

Wilson told ABC online he was 'absolutely overwhelmed' to have won.

He knew he'd won the award last September, but had to keep the knowledge a secret while *The Roving Party* was polished for publication.

*The Roving Party's* protagonist John Batman is most well-known for being the founder of Melbourne, however Wilson describes him as a 'bounty hunter' who put together a roving party to capture and kill the tribal Aborigines of Tasmania.

Wilson spent four years researching the novel.

He told *The Australian* newspaper that he considered cloaking Batman with a fictional name, but decided 'that would be dishonest'.

"This is a work of fiction, and in some ways the John Batman I have written about is entirely fictional, but his crimes have a basis in historical record," he said. Using words such as 'murder', 'crimes' and 'genocide' Wilson insists 'this is the reality of what happened'.

*The Roving Party* is published by Allen & Unwin.

# Arts circle for Cairns



Queensland Arts Minister Rachel Nolan announced last month a \$40,000 one-year pilot program to support skilled performers in managing the administrative side of their business.

Called the Indigenous Performing Arts Circle, the initiative will be based at the Centre of Contemporary Arts (CoCA) in Cairns and will give performers a physical artistic space where they can create and rehearse their work, as well as potentially become part of CoCA official program.

Cairns MP Desley Boyle welcomed the initiative, describing it as an important addition to the local arts scene.

"The Indigenous Performing Arts Circle will create an artistic hotspot, drawing in many of the very talented local artists from Cairns and the region, as well as attracting up-and-coming talent," she said.

"Anecdotally I'm told 90 per cent of local Indigenous performers go elsewhere to hone their craft and earn a living as professional artists –



PERFORMERS from Banawurun Troy and Trevelyn Brady performing last month at the announcement of the Performing Arts Circle. Sometimes described as outback Motown, Banawurun won a Deadly award in 2007.

spending time in Brisbane, Sydney and beyond.

"This initiative will hopefully be a hub for the development of new work, using their significant skills, experience and expertise for the benefits of Cairns audiences and new

and emerging artists in the region.

Ms Boyle said the Circle had grown out of a need identified by local Indigenous performers.

"Creating this hub means we're going to be hearing a lot more from local talent," she said.



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# Captured in show



RENOWNED multi-award winning Indigenous photographer Mervyn Bishop

will be part of Sydney Institute of TAFE's first-ever graduate photography exhibition – titled *Captured*.

The exhibition forms part of the Head On Photo Festival, and will feature more than 200 images from 36 graduates who have all gone on to create successful careers at home and abroad.

Bishop started a four-year photography cadetship with the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 1963, becoming Australia's first Aboriginal press photographer. As part of his cadetship, he also completed a Photography Certificate Course at Sydney Technical College, and was a member of the inaugural class of 1964. To this day he remains, the first (and only) Aboriginal person to complete the course.

## Award

In 1971 he won the News Photographer of the Year Award for a front-page photo called *Life and Death Dash*, depicting a nun carrying a child who'd taken an overdose into hospital.

In the 1994 book *Racism, Representation and Photography* Bishop is quoted as saying it was customary at the *Herald* for any photographer who'd won the award to get promoted, but that wasn't to be the case for him.

"I was quietly told that I wouldn't get a promotion," he said.

"The reasons weren't exactly spelled out, but I knew I'd hit a barrier in what I had to remind myself was still a white world."

From 1974 Bishop worked as a staff photographer for the newly-established Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra, and some of his most enduring work stems from this period, including his iconic image of Gough Whitlam and traditional owner Vincent Lingiari (pictured top right). After that, he returned to the *Sydney Morning Herald* where he worked

until 1986. Since then he has worked as a freelance photographer and lecturer.

Bishop said he learnt photography in the school of hard knocks.

"What I learnt first was how to get the picture the editor wanted," he said.

"Years later, when working for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs as a staff photographer, I documented Aboriginal communities Australia-wide.

"Throughout all this time I was too busy working to have time to stop and think about how photography related to myself, my family and, specifically to the Aboriginal communities I photographed.

"There were always specific photos to be taken, deadlines to meet."

Bishop said he was first bitten by the photography bug in Brewarrina when he was a kid.

His mother was a keen photographer and he used to borrow her camera and do his own dark-room printing.

While he now shoots using digital format, he says he still loves film, and relishes the occasional chance to get back into the dark room.

"There is a place for the new technologies of imagery, and that is to me progress," he said.

"However, it doesn't enthral me. It was magical watching a print that I had made come up in the developer for the first time in my life – I can never forget it. The smell of the darkroom, I was intoxicated by it all."

Bishop has had his photos in many exhibitions, including the 1991 solo exhibition *In Dreams: Mervyn Bishop Thirty Years of Photography 1960-1990*.

Originally curated by photographer Tracey Moffatt, it went on to tour for over 10 years.

In 2000 he was awarded the Australia Council's \$50,000 Red Ochre Award.

*Captured* runs from 5-15 May at The Muse, Ultimo College. Entry is free and the public is welcome.

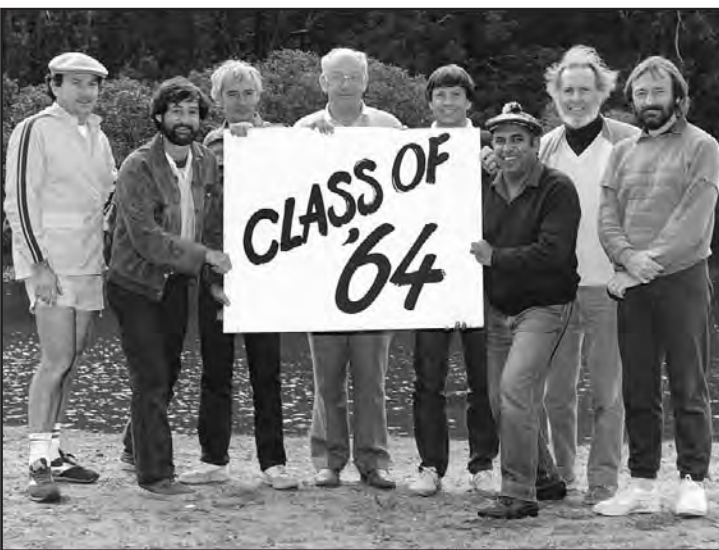


**TOP RIGHT:** Arguably Mervyn Bishop's most famous photograph, this iconic image was taken at a land handback ceremony for the Gurindji people in the Northern Territory in 1975, showing then-Prime Minister Gough Whitlam pouring soil into the hand of traditional owner Vincent Lingiari.

**TOP LEFT:** It was Bishop's day off when he snapped this photo of Mick Jagger in 1965. He said he'd gone to see a Roy Orbison concert at the Sydney showground ... "The Rolling Stones were the back-up group. I thought to myself 'these blokes are not bad'."



**ABOVE:** Mervyn Bishop was working as a stills photographer on *Rabbit-Proof Fence* when he captured this image of director Phillip Noyce.



**LEFT:** Bishop is seen here, third from the right, as part of the inaugural Photography Certificate class of 1964. Rick Stevens (far right), is also part of the *Captured* exhibition. He worked with Bishop at the *Sydney Morning Herald* and was the runner-up when Bishop was named the 1971 Australian News Photographer of the Year.

# Paintings contain 'all the sweetness'



ANMATYERRE artist Josie Kunoth Petyarre has devoted herself entirely to the depiction of

the sugar bag in her latest exhibition which opens on 18 May at Mossenson Galleries in Collingwood, Melbourne.

The term 'sugar bag' is used to describe the sweet honey made by one of around 14 species of native stingless bees found across Australia.

According to Petyarre, these painting contain 'all the sweetness of the bush' – not just the sugar bags themselves but also the

colourful bush grevillea and corkwood flowers that produce the honey, the changing colours of the season, and the travel of the bees across the landscape.

In Petyarre's case, this is the landscape of her father's Alhalkere country of Utopia to which the sugar bag Dreaming is associated.

Petyarre was born in 1959 at Utopia in the remote eastern desert region of the Northern Territory.

She first rose to prominence around 2007 with her quirky depictions of bush football, remote community life and her studies of big-city life from an

Indigenous perspective.

Josie Kunoth Petyarre's exhibition *Sugarbags* will officially open on Wednesday 18 May, from 6-8pm, at Mossenson Galleries, 41 Derby St, Collingwood, Melbourne.

Meanwhile, the *30 Under 30: A New Generation in Indigenous Art* exhibition runs until 7 May at Collingwood and until 14 May at Mossenson Galleries in Perth, 115 Hay St, Subiaco.

The survey exhibition showcases the talent and innovation of 30 emerging artists born since 1981.

● Pictured: *Sugarbag* by Josie Kunoth Petyarre, acrylic on linen.



# More than films at Message Sticks

NSW

THE Sydney Opera House is expanding this year's Sydney season of the Message Sticks festival to include live

performance, a panel discussion and a pitching competition.

Singer and actress Ursula Yovich will be performing the musical cabaret *Magpie Blues* in the Sydney Opera House Studio for three nights on 13-15 May. The magpie is Yovich's totem, and also symbolises the dual heritage in her life, having been raised in Darwin with an Aboriginal mother and a Serbian father.

"A lot of (the show) has got to do with growing up in Darwin being of mixed heritage," she said.

"And also how music influenced me through all of that."

During the show, Yovich does a medley of 80s hits depicting herself performing in her bedroom and being influenced by the popular music of the time.

It wasn't until she was about 13 or 14 that she started to feel more confident and would sing and perform for her dad, she said.

Yovich said a strong theme in *Magpie Blues* was her dislocation from culture and language. Her Aboriginal mother is a Burarra woman from Maningrida, but Yovich stopped visiting the community at the age of eight

when her mother left. Yovich went back there when she was 21 and speaks in the show about the experience, 'realising how much I really don't know about my mum and her family and where I fit into the family'.

"My mother speaks her language fluently, but she left when I was eight-years-old, so that's where the lack of language and culture comes from on that side," she said.

Meanwhile, her father, who had poor English skills and had a difficult time adjusting to life in Australia, never taught his children to speak Serbian.

"He really wanted us children to know our English well and be part of this country," she said.

"I come from two very, very strong cultural backgrounds and I don't know either languages or cultures, that's another part of *Magpie Blues*."

"Music for me fills the space."

The show ends with Yovich singing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* and includes a verse sung in her mother's language and a verse sung in her father's language.

"The last few years I've been singing that song quite a lot, but it brought new meaning to me once my daughter was born," she said.

"She's two now. For me the lyrics are just all about opportunity. I've always perceived it as that."

"Everyone deserves a better life, so when I sing it I really do sing it for my

little girl and her future and what that holds for her."

Head of public programs at the Sydney Opera House Ann Mossop said that when Message Sticks began 12 years ago it was a multi-arts festival with 'quite a lot of performance'.

"Over the years it has waxed and waned and the part of it which has really endured is the film festival," she said. "What we wanted to do was make sure the film festival keeps going strong but bring back some of those other (performance) elements."

Mossop said the Sydney Opera House was hoping to hire an Indigenous producer to help with the transition.

Other elements of this year's festival include *I See (Ngarrany Nhama Dativuy Ngath I Man)* presented by NAISDA Dance College – a Babies Prom for children aged between two and five; an AFTRS pitching competition with 10 aspiring Indigenous filmmakers pitching their ideas and \$4000 up for grabs; and a panel discussion hosted by Rachel Perkins called *Telling Indigenous Stories*, featuring Stephen Page, Hetti Perkins, Wesley Enoch, Warwick Thornton and Andrew Okpeaha MacLean. For more information, visit [sydneyoperahouse.com/messagesticks](http://sydneyoperahouse.com/messagesticks)

– By RACHEL SCOLLAY



URSULA YOVICH



Kat Clarke wearing the hoodie she designed which features words in her Wergaia language.

# Kooriez in da hood

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



WOTJOBALUK woman Kat Clarke is one of two Koori women to feature in a new exhibition at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne – *Identity: Yours, Mine, Ours*. Clarke has designed her

own distinctive hoodie (a hooded sweatshirt), as part of the 'Kooriez in Da Hood' project run last year through the Koorie Heritage Trust.

Her hoodie features words in Wergaia language wurrpa (love), murrin (live) and wek (laugh) and Clarke says she gave her hoodie a distinctly feminine twist, since they were an item of clothing often strongly associated with the masculine.

"It's about being beautiful and black," she said.

"It's about being a strong, black woman and being proud of who you are and that spirituality that comes into it and makes you phenomenal."

Clarke is also a rap and punk rock performer who goes by the name of Miz'Lyrikal.

She said that at the time she was invited to be part of the 'Kooriez in da Hood' project, she was working at the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL).

"Because I was working at VACL, I wanted to use my own lingo," she said.

"It was an opportunity to learn more and take it back to the community."

Clarke said that at the time the Wergaia dictionary had come out, and while she said there was some controversy surrounding it, she was

encouraged to take a look.

"I just thought 'wow', it's another connection to my people, another thing I don't have to worry about losing. With the hoodie that was really the main thing – the language," she said.

The 'Kooriez in Da Hood' project culminated in a fashion show, and each of the participants ended up with a range of five hoodies, bearing their designs which they were able to sell.

Clarke's range of hoodies sold out, but she kept one for herself, and that is what will be on display in the *Identity* exhibition, along with a short audio piece where she speaks about herself.

The other Indigenous woman featured in the exhibition is Melbourne-based photographer Bindi Cole, who is of Wathaurong descent.

Cole did a photographic series called *Not Really Aboriginal* in which she used black make-up to challenge the connection between black skin and Aboriginal identity. One of her photographs is on display in the exhibition, along with a short video in which she speaks about identity.

The *Identity: Yours, Mine, Ours* exhibition aims to provide fresh, challenging insights into personal identity and asks: What does it take to feel like you belong in Australia? Central to the exhibition are more than 30 personal stories, which in addition to Clarke and Cole include young female soccer players, Congolese-Australian dancers and a Vietnamese-Australian theatre performer.

The exhibition runs from 11 May at the Immigration Museum, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne.



## Works gain attention on environmentally-friendly cards

**A**BORIGINAL artists from communities around Australia now have their artwork featured on environmentally friendly gift cards. The not-for-profit arts company, Red Cockatoo, has been working with more than 70 artists for more than four years on producing the cards.

The cards are available throughout Australia and more recently at selected ABC stores and at Sydney and Brisbane international airports.

The artists represented in the series come from Papunya in the Northern Territory, the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, East Kimberley in Western Australia and from the south coast of New South Wales.

The latest series, from the south coast, involved artists from the Boolarng Nangamai Aboriginal Art and Culture Studio.

Their cards, 'Together Dreaming', feature vibrant colours and gallery exhibition pieces

including baskets, weaving, sculpture, shell work, printing and paintings.

All of the cards are 100 per cent recyclable and printed using vegetable ink by the Environmental Printing Company.

For more information, go to [redcockatooaustralia.com.au](http://redcockatooaustralia.com.au)

● **RIGHT:** Artists Kristine Stewart and Steve Russell with Blue Mountain arts worker Jasmin Field and Red Cockatoo founder Tracey Allen.



# Van Hout inspired by family

By MARGARET SMITH

**W**IRADJURI woman Vicki Van Hout has a reputation for pushing the boundaries in her performances which merge traditional and contemporary dance.

The dancer/choreographer has been a student of NAISDA, has studied with the Martha Graham School in New York, and been a dancer with the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

BRIWYANT, her latest work for Carriage Works in Redfern, was inspired by her grandmother's story and by Van Hout's own life in the inner-west of Sydney.

She says it is about 'light and shadow, the passing of time, personal and community knowledge'.

Van Hout used multimedia with the assistance of video artist Imogen Cranna, and the design featured a great silver river on the stage floor made up of cards and luminous markings like water flowing.

Her company of five dancers had worked previously with her, and made a commitment to intense rehearsals in Redfern's Community Centre.

They were NAISDA graduates Henrietta Baird, Ghenoa Gela, and Melinda Tyquin, Raghav Handa, and Ian Colless who travelled from Harlem in New York to work again with Van Hout.

The theatre performance moved from her grandmother's story which Van Hout herself narrates on

stage, to dance pictures of traditional rural life with a gunya on stage, the interactions of animals and birds, and young people teasing each other and enjoying their card games oblivious to the big city life that will await them.

The dancers' transition to the urban metropolis brings a new dimension as the audience is taken on a journey with them, with their dexterity and mastery of their art bringing excitement and complexity to the work.

Vicki Van Hout is also teaching at NAISDA where she is developing a new dance language for the young students.

She is hopeful that a further production of BRIWYANT might be staged later in the year.



At a community event in Singleton last year were, back, Stuart Berends and local grandmother Ann Fuller and, front from left, Stuart's younger sister Karly Berends and Ann's grandchildren Christina Fuller, Declan Parnell-Fuller, Jack Fuller and Scarlett Parnell-Fuller.

## Stuart's future looking bright



**EMERGING** Aboriginal artist Stuart Berends, from Singleton in the upper Hunter region of NSW, has been invited to showcase his artwork at the 'WUPA @ Wanaruah' art exhibition this July.

The 18-year-old was approached by the exhibition organisers after his artwork impressed them at an event for a delegation of Chinese business people earlier this year.

Berends says he is delighted, as he took up painting only last year when Cessnock Aboriginal artist Les Elvin visited his school to run a range of cultural activities during NAIDOC Week.

Stuart said he had always loved Indigenous painting.

"I've sold a few paintings and I've been involved in some community events before, which I've really enjoyed," he said.

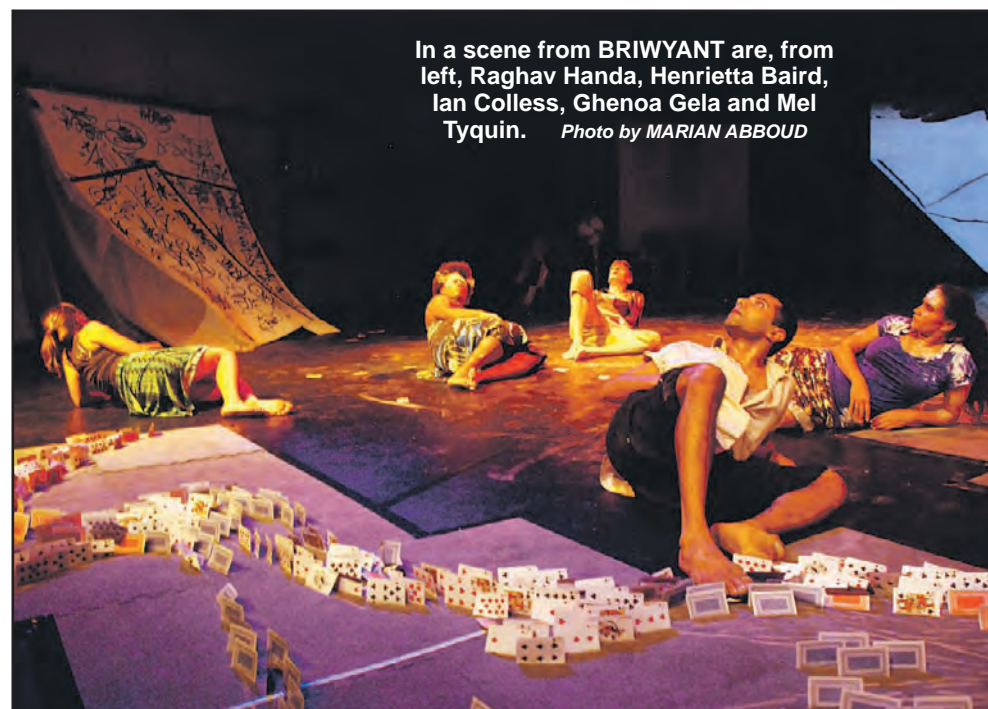
"I would never have imagined that so many people would be interested in my art, so it's really an exciting time for me."

The Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee has provided \$500 to help support Berends' artworks at the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation's WUPA @ Wanaruah art exhibition.

Coal & Allied spokesperson Cate Sims said Berends had worked with them at various community events held in conjunction with the NRL team Newcastle Knights.

"It's clear that he has a wonderful talent, which is becoming better known in the Hunter Valley, and we are very pleased to be able to support him as he further develops these skills and explores his own potential," she said.

Berends said he would use the \$500 to buy materials for up to 10 paintings he will create for the exhibition.



In a scene from BRIWYANT are, from left, Raghav Handa, Henrietta Baird, Ian Colless, Ghenoa Gela and Mel Tyquin. Photo by MARIAN ABBODD



## National

**Until 23 September:** Redfern Records Entertainment is calling for nominations for the third annual National Indigenous Hip Hop and R&B Bump Awards. Fourteen categories and many prizes. Free and all welcome to nominate. Details: [www.redfernrecords.com.au](http://www.redfernrecords.com.au)

**5-6 May:** Third Aboriginal Health Research conference, showcasing Aboriginal health, research and promoting community, research and policy engagement and exchange in Aboriginal health. Register now. All welcome. Held at Doltone House, Sydney. Details: (02) 9744 5252 or email [dhudnall@gemspl.com.au](mailto:dhudnall@gemspl.com.au) or visit [www.gemsevents.com.au/criah2011](http://www.gemsevents.com.au/criah2011)

**11-13 May:** Puliima National Indigenous Language and Technology Forum. The Puliima Forum is held every two years to bring people together from Australia and overseas who are working to reclaim and strengthen their endangered traditional languages. Learn of innovative project ideas, new products and equipment. All welcome. Held at State Library of Queensland, Brisbane. Details: (02) 4927 8222 or visit [www.acra.org.au/puliima](http://www.acra.org.au/puliima)

**17-19 May:** National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference has added a list of speakers who will be presenting various results of their research studies and different programs concerning the control and eradication of family violence. All welcome. Held at Sea World Resort, Gold Coast. Details: [emailsosmedical@gmail.com](mailto:emailsosmedical@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.domesticviolenceconference.net/>

**18-19 May:** Second annual Indigenous Governance for Sustained Development Conference aimed at implementing sustainable governance models to support self-determination and long-term development. Learn best techniques, meeting policy requirements and unique Indigenous community needs. Register now and have you say. Held at Park Royal, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Details: 1300 316 882 or email [registration@criterionconferences.com](mailto:registration@criterionconferences.com) or visit [www.indigogovernance.com](http://www.indigogovernance.com).

**National Vibe Alive** Youth Festival two-day event for young Australians celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures aimed to give young people a chance to express themselves and show their school, their family and heir community what their good at through showcasing young peoples talent through music, and dance also including children activities, workshop and much more. Free and all welcome. Details: [www.vibealive.com.au](http://www.vibealive.com.au) Dates and locations: 25-26 May: Bendigo; 1-2 June: Townsville; 17-18 August: Kalgoorlie.

**1-2 June:** The National Aboriginal Liaison Officers Forum 2011. This national event will offer a practical toolkit of strategies, solutions and approaches through the form of case studies from industry professionals. All welcome to register. Held at Marriott Hotel, corner Exhibition and Lonsdale St. Melbourne. Details: (02) 9437 1311 or visit [www.liquidlearning.com.au](http://www.liquidlearning.com.au)

**1-3 June:** Australia's leading Indigenous policy conference 'Our Country, Our Future' promotes native title as an agenda for justice for people and country, including the broader relationships between traditional owners and country. Includes closed workshops, public program for registered delegates. All welcome to register. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)

**5-8 June:** The Dreaming Festival, an international Indigenous festival that offers a showcase of Indigenous arts from across the country and around the world. This festival includes traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles, stalls and heaps more. Held at Woodford, Qld. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email [info@thedreamingfestival.com](mailto:info@thedreamingfestival.com) or visit [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com)

## NSW-ACT

**Until 20 May:** 2011 NPWS Aboriginal Art Awards invites all Aboriginal artists to submit

## Help available to make the switch

**A** COUPLE from Swan Hill, north-west Victoria, has made the change from analog to digital TV with the help of the Federal Government's Household Assistance Scheme.

Yvonne and Bruce Mitchell switched over to digital TV in February after receiving a Centrelink letter advising their eligibility for the Household Assistance Scheme (HAS) under the Digital Switchover Program.

Mrs Mitchell said she saw the TV advertisements about the Digital Switchover Program that prompted her to think about getting ready for digital TV.

"We saw the ads about the Digital Switchover Program and then we got a letter from Centrelink about the Household Assistance Scheme," Mrs Mitchell said.

"The next day I phoned the number in the Centrelink letter." Mrs Mitchell said everyting was arranged.

their artworks to be in the running for the Aboriginal Art Awards. Major cash prizes. Selected artworks will be exhibited at on the 1-26 June. Free and all welcome. Held at Northern Rivers Community Gallery, 44 Cherry St, Ballina. Details: (02) 6627 0200 or (02) 6681 6167.

**Until the 30 June:** 2012 ACT Arts Fund are calling for applications from individuals, groups and organisations wishing to undertake arts programs, projects and activities in the ACT. Applicants can attend an information session at the Street Theatre, Canberra. Details: (02) 6207 2384 [www.arts.act.gov.au](http://www.arts.act.gov.au)

**5-6 May:** The third CRIAH Aboriginal Health Research Conference to improve Aboriginal health and focusing on child health, mental health, adult health and building a base for research, also will feature health research professionals from across the country. All welcome to register. Registration fees apply. Held at Doltone House, Sydney. Details: (02) 9744 5252 or email [jmcgraw@gemspl.com.au](mailto:jmcgraw@gemspl.com.au) or visit [www.gemsevents.com.au/criah2011](http://www.gemsevents.com.au/criah2011)

**6 May:** Traditional Indigenous games, instructor training workshop. This two-hour course is aimed at passing on valuable knowledge of traditional Indigenous games. Bringing traditional Indigenous games back to life. Free and all welcome. Held at the PCYC, Nowra. Details: (02) 4228 5355 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**9 May:** Frances Peters-Little presents her film *Vote Yes for Aborigines*, this film commemorates the 40th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the involvement in the social attitudes also influences that led to the event. Free and all welcome. Held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1606 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale. Details: 0405 381 038

**21 May:** Reconciliation gathering, walk and concert. Reconciliation Week activities for building new bridges of communication, compassion, understanding and learning between cultures featuring entertainment and community walk around the Mount Druitt Town Centre. Free and all welcome. Held Dawson Mall, Mount Druitt. Details: (02) 9839 6000

**22 May:** Koori Health Check Day. Community welcomed for health check and gift bag. Personal details are kept private. Free and all welcome. Held at the Hornsby Learning and Leisure Centre. Details: (02) 9477 8700 or email [office@gpnn.org.au](mailto:office@gpnn.org.au)

**22-25 May:** Take up the Challenge: Indigenous health and chronic disease conference aimed at helping combat the Indigenous gap and addressing the barriers to healthcare services for Indigenous communities, new models of care of Aboriginal children and engaging with Indigenous communities and promote cultural awareness. Free and all welcome. Held at 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney. Details: (02) 9256 9674 or

"Two young fellows from Kerang came and installed our set-top box. They showed us how to use the set-top box and they re-tuned our video recorder and DVD player too. We get all 16 channels loud and clear."

The Household Assistance Scheme is one of a number of schemes to help households switchover to digital TV.

HAS provides support for eligible individuals who require practical help to make the switch to digital TV.

Analog transmission of television will end in areas of regional Victoria when it switches to digital-only TV signals tomorrow (5 May).

The Household Assistance Scheme will remain open to eligible households in regional Victoria until 5 June. People who think they might be eligible can check by calling Centrelink on 1800 556 443.

To find out more about the switch to digital TV visit [www.australia.gov.au/digitalready](http://www.australia.gov.au/digitalready) or call 1800 20 10 13.

email [kate.white@racp.edu.au](mailto:kate.white@racp.edu.au)

**26 May:** National Sorry Day event offering the community of the Blacktown and its area the opportunity to be involved in activities to acknowledge the impact of the policies of forcible removal on Australia's Indigenous populations in the 1800s. Free and all welcome. Held Village Green, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown. Details: (02) 9839 6000

**26 May:** GPNN gala dinner, Guringai Festival 2011, launch for the Aboriginal community to informally meet with general practitioners to celebrate Aboriginal heritage and culture through music, paintings and sculptures displayed during the evening as well as incorporating bush cuisine in the dining experience. Free and all welcome. Held at Hornsby RSL Club, 4 High St, Hornsby. Details: (02) 9477 8700 or email: [info@gpnn.org.au](mailto:info@gpnn.org.au).

**27 May:** Tenth anniversary Reconciliation concert held to celebrate National Reconciliation Week will include a traditional smoking ceremony and welcome to country by Darug and Guringai Aboriginal representatives and performances of stories, songs, dance and drama by students from local schools and much more. Free and all welcome. Held Hornsby Mall, Cnr Florence and Hunter Sts, Hornsby. Details: (02) 9847 6741 or visit [www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson](http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

**27 May-3 June:** Art competition for Reconciliation Week. Children aged 10 to 16 in NSW are invited by the NSW Reconciliation Council to enter a Reconciliation Week art competition. Winners will receive up to \$500 and sponsored travel to Sydney to attend the awards ceremony at the Australian Museum. Entry information details: [www.nswreconciliation.org.au](http://www.nswreconciliation.org.au)

**29 May:** Meeting to invite all our ex-servicemen their wives and children in the formation of an association with the view of a reunion in 2012 recognition of all our service people. Another Anzac Day passes without the proper recognition on the contribution made of the various clans of the Darug nation in all theatres of conflict since 1778, so this is our chance as a community to ensure these people will never be forgotten. Free and all welcome. Held at Darug Research Centre, 71 Seven Hills Rd, Seven Hills. Details: (02) 9622 4081 or email [info@dric.org.au](mailto:info@dric.org.au)

## Queensland

**Until 9 June:** Exploration of Mediums – Indigenous solo art exhibition by Tommy Pau showcasing Aboriginal Australia, Papua New Guinea, Asia and the Pacific art. Free and all welcome. Held at UMI Arts shop and Galleries, 335 Sheridan St. North Cairns. Details: (07) 4041 6152 or visit [www.uniarts.com.au](http://www.uniarts.com.au)

**3-5 June:** RANZCOG 2011 – Indigenous women's health meeting aimed at improving

the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander woman. Diverse program of presentations covering cultural issues, current public health information, and clinical topics and also focus on youth health. Register now and have your say. Held at the Cairns Convention Centre. Details: (03) 9412 2922 or email [2011iwhm@ranzcog.edu.au](mailto:2011iwhm@ranzcog.edu.au) or visit [www.ranzcog.edu.au/iwhm2011](http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/iwhm2011)

**4-5 June:** Weipa Fest featuring traditional and contemporary Indigenous performances and dance troupes from communities across the Western Cape and Torres Strait. Also including Indigenous celebrity performers, didgeridoo competitions, art and crafts display, youth hip-hop dance party and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Cultural and Holiday Park, Evans Landing. Details: visit [www.weipafest.com](http://www.weipafest.com)

## South Australia

**19-20 September:** The sixth National Wanganiny (Healing) Men's Health Convention is about promoting what is working to improving Aboriginal male health and where Aboriginal male health needs to be improved. All welcome. Held at Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide. Details: (0417) 772 390 or email [gmillan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gmillan@bigpond.net.au) or visit <http://www.aifs.gov.au/afrc/confdetails.html>

## Victoria

**Until 25 June:** Koori Kids from Hume – connect with culture. An Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing personal stories of cultural connection, community by seven students, exploring themes of people, places and culture through objects, artworks, photographs and documents. Free and all welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne. Details: (03) 8341 7777 or email [discoverycentre@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:discoverycentre@museum.vic.gov.au) or visit [http://melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/exhibitions/gallery\\_bunjilaka.asp](http://melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/exhibitions/gallery_bunjilaka.asp)

**13-15 May:** Gary Foley will be appearing at the Newstead Short Story Tattoo, Newstead Victoria. Other storytellers include Don Walker, Gareth Liddiard, Archer Shepherd, Josephine Rowe and more. All welcome and free, bar one event – check [www.newsteadtattoo.org](http://www.newsteadtattoo.org) for full details

## Western Australia

**4-5 May:** Goolarri Media Enterprise is looking for new musical talent from the Kimberley to perform live on stage at Nurlu Presents Gimme Fest 2011 in Broome on 14 May. Seeking acts, young or old, Indigenous or non-Indigenous, the opportunity includes the chance to support groups such as the Naomi Pigram Band and Layla and Lord Zazstah and more. All welcome to audition. Details: (08) 9195 5333

**26 May:** Sorry Day 2011, an important event to commemorate the history of forcible removal of Aboriginal children and its impact on Aboriginal families and communities, also working towards ensuring reconciliation. Featuring story telling, children activities, entertainment including music, guest speakers, welcome to country, sausage sizzle and more. Free and all welcome. Held Wellington Square, 88 Bennett St, East Perth. Details: (08) 9264 9633 or visit [James.Morrison@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au](mailto:James.Morrison@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au)

## Northern Territory

*Three Little Piggie Banks, Days of Our Dollars and Deal or No Good Deal* – a program which aims to help Indigenous People in remote NT communities positively manage their money. Including a key speaker MoneyMob talkabout Artistic Facilitator Ben Graetz. Free and all welcome. Details: (0457) 708 764 (08) 8985 1728 or email [Julia@mob.com.au](mailto:Julia@mob.com.au) Dates and Locations: 4 May: Yirrkala Community Basketball Courts; 5-6 May: Gapuwiyak School; 18-19 May: Peppimenarti Club; 7 June: Bulla School; 8 June: Amanbidgi Community; 28 June Yarralin Community; 29 June Pigeon Hole Community



# \$30m package for Territory jobs



THE Northern Territory and Federal governments have announced a \$30 million jobs package aimed at providing sustained employment for up to 530 Indigenous people over the next three years.

NT Local Government Minister Malarndirri McCarthy and Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib launched the Shires Indigenous Workforce Package in Katherine. Ms McCarthy said that in this year's NT Budget, the Territory Government was allocating \$8.4 million a year for the program, with \$1.6 million a year over three years from the Commonwealth.

"The Shires Indigenous Workforce Package is a comprehensive plan to help build the capacity of shires to deliver sustainable Indigenous employment and workforce development," she said.

"The Territory Government is providing substantial additional funding to assist councils deliver core services and secure Indigenous employment.

"The 530 Indigenous jobs which will be sustained by this funding are in core council services such as road construction and maintenance, parks and gardens, grass and weed management, waste collection and dump management.

"These jobs are in addition to around 300 jobs provided in housing maintenance and tenancy services, as well as those who support essential services.



**'The Shires Indigenous Workforce Package is a ... plan to help build the capacity of shires to deliver sustainable Indigenous employment and workforce development'**

**– NT Minister Malarndirri McCarthy**

**'The Gillard Government is committed to closing the gap and this program is an important step in creating more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018'**

**– Federal Minister Mark Arbib**



"The Territory Government has been working with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory to develop robust workforce development plans for each Shire.

"The package also includes \$500,000 for local area traffic management improvements in the Working Futures communities with a particular

focus on road safety initiatives.

"We will also allocate at least \$3 million per year for Shires to maintain Territory Government assets such as schools and roads, which will provide guaranteed work and help shires create sustainable employment."

Senator Arbib said the Indigenous workforce would be supported by mentors who would

be engaged in each of the 20 Territory Growth Towns to help improve retention.

"The mentors will work with both the Indigenous employees and the Shire Council to improve the rate of retention," he said.

"They will provide support to the Indigenous employees as they adjust to full-time work while supporting the shire councils to

provide culturally safe work environments.

"The Gillard Government is committed to closing the gap and this program is an important step in creating more than 100,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians by 2018."

More information on the jobs package is available online at [www.workingfuture.com.au](http://www.workingfuture.com.au)

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Salary Range: \$45,000 pa - \$50,000 pa pro-rata. Salary packaging available

People with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait background are encouraged to apply. Interested applicants please email to damiang@pwd.org.au or call (02) 9319 1422 for an information package.

Applications should be emailed to damiang@pwd.org.au or sent to the following address:

The Executive Officer  
Aboriginal Disability Network  
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## Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is looking for compassionate people to join our team as carers to ensure Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children and young people in our program receive culturally appropriate care and maintain a strong connection with their family and community.

### Foster Carer Information Night

If you are interested in making a difference in a young person's life by becoming a carer, come along to one of our information nights to find out more details. These are being held in the following locations:

Ballina Community Services  
Cnr Moon & Bangalow Road, Ballina  
Monday 9th May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Banora Point Community Centre  
Cnr Leisure & Woodlands Drive, Banora Point  
Thursday 12th May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

South Grafton Ex-Servicemen Club  
2 Wharf Street, South Grafton  
Tuesday 17th May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

### Further Information

For more information, please contact Life Without Barriers on (02) 6625 8600.

The successful applicants will be required to undertake suitability checks. Life Without Barriers is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background and people with a disability to apply for this position.



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## Aboriginal Coordinator Special Program Coordinator Equity Programs Unit

Permanent Full time

Location: Sydney Institute - Eora College

Job Reference No: 11/010/AC

Total remuneration package valued up to \$107,013 p.a. including salary (\$93,163 - \$ 96,976 p.a.), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Duties: Develop, implement and evaluate community and industry profiles with specific reference to educational provision and training needs of Aboriginal communities. Liaise and negotiate with key TAFE NSW staff and with other bodies including employees, unions, community organisations and other educational and training providers to ensure co-ordinated, appropriate and effective provision for Aboriginal communities consistent with national and state priorities for Aboriginal Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Institute policy.

Inquiries: Darryl Griffen, Eora College Director, phone: (02) 9217 4870

### Student Support Officer

Clerk Grade 3/4

Permanent Full time

Location: Sydney Institute - Eora College

Job Reference No: 11/011/AC

Total remuneration package valued to \$70,382 per annum including salary (\$58,249– \$63,781), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Duties: Provide a face to face and telephone student advisory, support and appropriate referral service in relation to Sydney Institute's courses and programs, student financial schemes, student accommodation, student counselling and student activities service.

Inquiries: Beth Ridgeway, A/Operations Manager, Eora College, Phone: (02) 9217 4879

Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package by emailing [SI.Recruitment@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:SI.Recruitment@tafensw.edu.au) or calling 9217 4152.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Closing Date: 27 May 2011



### Koori Youth Justice Worker

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Are you interested in helping Aboriginal youth? Do you want to divert Aboriginal young people away from the criminal justice system? Do you have skills in engaging Aboriginal youth who are subject to Youth Justice Orders? Are you passionate about improving cultural inclusion, connection and identity of Aboriginal youth?

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This role sits within an experienced multi-disciplinary program and team in the Healesville office. This role has many opportunities to work in partnership with the various Aboriginal agencies, youth programs and Department of Human Services Youth Justice Program. You will also have the opportunity to network and engage with Aboriginal communities.

Anglicare Victoria recognises Aboriginal people as Australia's first people and is committed to working together to build a stronger, more culturally rich, inclusive community.

#### You Will Need:

- Understanding and commitment to the principles of the Aboriginal Cultural Competency framework.
- Understanding of issues facing Indigenous communities and experience in working with Indigenous communities.
- Understanding of issues facing indigenous youth especially those that lead to young people partaking in criminal behaviour.
- Experience in working with and engaging with young people, including high risk young people n experience in working with Koori youth would be highly desirable.
- Knowledge of key features of the Youth Justice system.
- Certificate IV in Community Development, Welfare, Juvenile Justice or equivalent qualification desirable.

#### How To Apply:

For a detailed position description go to [www.anglicarevic.org.au](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au). Please apply nominating three work-related referees and addressing the key selection criteria to Gaby Thomson, Acting Area Manager, Anglicare Victoria, 47-51 Castella St, Lilydale VIC 3140 or by email to [gaby.thomson@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:gaby.thomson@anglicarevic.org.au). Phone enquiries are welcome on (03) 9735 4188. Applications close 18 May 2011.





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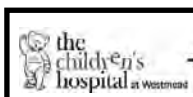


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## Aboriginal Health Education Officer for the Antecedents of Renal Disease in Aboriginal Children (ARDAC) Second Phase research study

**Position Number:** 19148  
**Location:** Westmead Campus  
**Salary:** \$21.99 to \$32.39 pw  
**Status:** Temporary Full Time (up to 29/04/2012)

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

**MAKE YOUR APPLICATION COUNT - PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA.**  
**\*\*You may be required to work in any facility within Sydney Children's Hospitals Network. Should this occur, reasonable notice will be provided.\*\***

**Contact details:** Nicola Vukasin phone: 02 9845 0119.  
Email: [nicolav@chw.edu.au](mailto:nicolav@chw.edu.au)  
**Close Date:** 13/05/2011

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## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER IN 2011?

**The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) provides ambulance services to the public, health institutions, community and sporting groups, businesses, medical research bodies and other Government agencies.**

QAS aims to improve health, wellbeing and quality of life of the community through the delivery of high quality pre-hospital emergency care, specialised transport services and a range of related preventative and community services. Ambulance services across Queensland are coordinated through seven Regional Offices located in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Caloundra, Brisbane, Beenleigh and Toowoomba. Communications centres are located in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Caloundra, Brisbane, Beenleigh and Toowoomba.



**Do you have what it takes?**

For further information on the QAS Student Paramedic and Student Emergency Medical Dispatcher Recruitment processes, assessments and other requirements visit the QAS website on [www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/recruitment)


QAS are recruiting Indigenous applicants for Student Paramedic and Student Emergency Medical Dispatcher positions. Applications are received on a continuous basis anytime throughout the year.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.*

**CONTACT:** Indigenous HR Recruitment Officer  
**NAME:** Donna Luckett **PHONE:** (07) 3635 3861

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## Indigenous Health Project Officer (IHPO)

VACCHO represents 24 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) throughout Victoria, which make up the VACCHO membership. VACCHO was established in 1996 and is recognised by State and Federal governments as the peak body to co-ordinate and represent Aboriginal health organisations and community views on Aboriginal health issues in Victoria.

The Indigenous Health Project Officer (IHPO) is responsible for state wide leadership and coordination to support VACCHO member organisations implement a range of Close the Gap Chronic Disease measures relevant to the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector. In particular the IHPO will work closely with the General Practice Victoria Divisional network. The position will play a key role in establishing and maintaining an effective support network for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Indigenous Outreach Workers (ATSIOWs) in particular the ATSIOWs within ACCHSs. There are 13 ATSIOW positions within Victoria; 5 in ACCHSs and 8 in Divisions of General Practice.

This is an Identified Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 83 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1995.

Suitable candidates will possess the knowledge and experience as outlined in the key selection criteria of the position description. In particular, this will include knowledge of primary health care practices and principles, combined with experience in working in a primary health care related field.

**For further information** and to apply, please refer to the VACCHO jobs page at [www.VACCHO.com.au](http://www.VACCHO.com.au)

Queries about the position can be directed to: Tyson Murphy, Workforce Unit Manager, Ph: (03) 9419 3350.

*Applicants are required to address the key selection criteria and demonstrate they are Aboriginal or an Torres Strait Islander.*

**Applications close on 13 May 2011.**



## Mount Austin High School Wagga Wagga

Expressions of Interest are invited for the temporary position of:

### Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer (ACEO)

The role of the ACEO is to assist in developing effective home, school and community partnerships to improve Aboriginal student achievement as well as to improve Aboriginal students' transition rates to further education and employment.

**Position Criteria**

- Aboriginality\*
- Ability to relate well to aboriginal families, students and community members
- Understanding of the values and beliefs of the school and the nature of the school community
- Capacity to work as part of a team
- Excellent communication and liaison skills
- Effective organisational skills and an ability to prioritise own work
- Demonstrated experience in working within family and community environments

*\*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. An Aboriginal person is a person of Aboriginal descent who identifies as such and is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an aboriginal person.*

**For further information**  
please contact the Deputy Principal on 69 252 801

## Aboriginal Trainee Field Officers Parks and Wildlife Group

**Have you a passion for caring and promoting Country?**

**Do you want to earn while you learn?**

**There are three positions available located in Bents Basin (two positions) and Blackheath.**

Are you interested in:

- working in conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources within the NSW National Parks?
- protecting the environment and motivating people to be environmentally responsible?
- assisting with nature and cultural activities?
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**Our one-year Aboriginal Traineeship Program offers you these opportunities!**


Check out [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) for more details including the selection criteria or contact Hala Daher at [hala.daher@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hala.daher@environment.nsw.gov.au), or (02) 9585 6780. Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package to apply. Applications close 13 May 2011.



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## Namatjira Haven Ltd Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre Alstonville NSW

Namatjira Haven is a community based government funded Centre based on the Far North Coast of NSW providing residential and outreach AOD programs and services to local Aboriginal communities. Currently we are inviting applications for the following position:

### Family Health & Wellbeing Professional

**Full time 5 days 38 hours per week**

This is an identified position and Namatjira Haven Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Namatjira Haven Ltd considers being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under S31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).

We are looking for a motivated, self-directed female professional with degree level qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or a related field and at least 3 years' experience in a case management, counselling and/or advocacy role working with Aboriginal women and children affected by AOD use.

The position holder will support the partners and families of men participating in our residential and transition programs to achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes. Services will be provided at our main centre in Alstonville and through outreach to local Bundjalung communities.

In addition to suitable qualifications and experience, the successful applicant will have knowledge of current trends in AOD treatment, an appreciation of aims and objectives of "Closing the Gap" initiatives, an understanding of issues faced by Aboriginal communities, excellent communication, research and evaluation skills, good computer literacy, a current driver's licence and reliable transport. A high degree of confidentiality is expected.

A very attractive remuneration package, consistent with qualifications and experience, will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and be willing to undergo Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Checks. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Administration on (02) 6628 1098.

**Applications close on 19th May at 5pm.**  
Interviews will be on or near 2nd June.



## MUSEUM VICTORIA

### SENIOR INDIGENOUS PUBLIC PROGRAMS OFFICER

Museum Victoria is seeking a Senior Indigenous Public Programs Officer to develop and deliver public programs that are designed to enhance the Bunjilaka experience at the Melbourne Museum.

Your primary responsibility will be to engage with the Australian Indigenous Community in the provision of programs which contribute to a greater understanding of Australian Indigenous Cultures.

The successful applicant will have a sound understanding of and strong relationship with the Victorian Aboriginal people and culture; well developed presentation skills; experience in interpreting galleries or exhibitions from an Aboriginal perspective; excellent communication skills, demonstrated capacity to work flexibly in a multifunctional team and be willing to obtain a Police and Working with Children check.

**HOW TO APPLY?**  
To view the position description, search 'employment' at [www.museumvictoria.com.au](http://www.museumvictoria.com.au); for more information about this position, please contact Caroline Martin on 8341 7300 or 0417 516 823. To apply, send your Resume and Covering Letter to [jobs@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:jobs@museum.vic.gov.au) quoting position number MV/6096 by COB Monday 16 May 2011. **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.**





## Life Without Barriers

Life Without Barriers is a national not-for-profit organisation working to support children and young people in crisis, people with a disability and those with a mental health issue.

### Case Manager, Aboriginal

Full Time, Permanent - Gosford

As a Case Manager, Aboriginal you will oversee the day-to-day provisions of services to children and young people by developing and coordinating the case plan along with the placement team. Life Without Barriers considers that being from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification under 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

#### Further Information

All applications must include a resume and address the selection criteria. To download an information package, please visit our website at [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au). Enquiries to Penny Howell on (02) 4033 4510.

**Applications close Friday 13th May 2011.**

*The successful applicants will be required to undertake suitability checks. Life Without Barriers is committed to the principals of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background and people with a disability to apply for this position.*



## Housing Officer

Regional Service Delivery Operations  
Communities

**Salary:** \$50 125 - \$55 896 p.a.

**Location:** Mackay

**REF:** QLD/DOC27522/11

**Key Duties:** Deliver a broad range of tenancy and property management services and advice to clients of the region.

Direct services are provided to clients that enable them to access housing products and services which best meet their needs.

**Skills/Abilities:** Possession of a current driver's licence is a mandatory requirement for appointment. Driving a government vehicle is an integral component of this role.

**Enquiries:** Dennis Leicht (07) 4967 0858

**Closing Date:** Monday, 16 May 2011

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



## Northern Territory Aboriginal\* Child, Youth and Families Peak Body

## Chief Executive Officer

**We are seeking a highly motivated leader with strong communication and engagement skills for an exciting new Aboriginal organisation in the Northern Territory.**

The Board of Inquiry report Growing them strong, together made 147 recommendations to reform the child protection system and child, youth and family services in the Northern Territory.

At the heart of the recommendations is the development and establishment of a new Aboriginal Child, Youth and Families Peak Body.

Once established, the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Families Peak Body will lead the development and implementation of Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agencies in the Northern Territory.

The Chief Executive will support and provide high level strategic advice to an interim Board of Directors, direct the day-to-day operations of the new peak body and work closely with Aboriginal communities and organisations and key stakeholders including NT Department of Children and Families and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

This position provides a unique opportunity to shape key services for Aboriginal children, families and communities in one of Australia's most diverse regions.

#### The successful candidate must have:

- A demonstrated knowledge of contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal children and families and Aboriginal organisations in the Northern Territory
- Experience in leading dynamic, robust Aboriginal organisations including negotiating and developing strong relationships with governments and other key stakeholders
- A high level of written and oral communications skills including in public speaking and media interviews
- A demonstrated ability to manage professional and experienced staff
- A commitment to achieving social change for Aboriginal peoples
- Knowledge or ability to acquire knowledge of statutory and non statutory child protection practice.

The successful candidate will be appointed for a period of up to two years Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

An excellent remuneration package will be offered.

Before applying please obtain selection documentation from [www.amsant.org.au](http://www.amsant.org.au) or by emailing [bronwyn.netluch@amsant.org.au](mailto:bronwyn.netluch@amsant.org.au)

Further information can be obtained by contacting Chips Mackinolty or Michelle Brown at the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) on 08 8944 6666.

**Closing date: 5pm Monday 23 May 2011**

\* The term 'Aboriginal' is taken to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Health

## Are you looking for a Life-Style Change or Career Progression?

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### Aboriginal Health Education Officer/Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

**Position No:** 23950

**Salary:** \$43,610-\$64,231 pa

**Enquiries:** Diann Tremain, (02) 6058 1725

**Close Date:** 18 May 2011

This is a designated position for persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*, New South Wales.

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*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants without an undergraduate degree, who have relevant experience, are urged to apply.*

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- Mentoring by Experienced Senior Health Managers
- Excellent Networking Opportunities

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply for positions.

#### For further information and application form:

Visit our website: <http://www.achsm.org.au/ghmp>

Phone: (02) 9878 1222 | E-mail: [nsw@achsm.org.au](mailto:nsw@achsm.org.au)

**APPLY NOW!**

**Closing date: Thursday 7 July 2011**



## Administrative Officer- Pathways

- Award winning Community Housing Provider
- Permanent position- 35 hours per week
- SACS Grade 3 Above Award

Bridge Housing Limited's (BHL's) mission is to build sustainable communities through the provision of affordable housing for those on low to moderate incomes. The BHL Pathways Team is key to this as it is responsible for providing access and demand services for those seeking social housing assistance. This includes assessing and processing applications, and offering appropriate housing advice.

BHL, based in Redfern, is seeking to recruit a Housing Administrator for the Pathways Team to provide support with general administrative duties and to complete specific Pathways related tasks to ensure the efficient operation of this service.

You will have a strong commitment to excellent customer service and have the ability to respond sensitively to people in crisis. You will have a good understanding of the community sector and a good working knowledge of word processing and general data entry skills.

## Receptionist

- Award winning Community Housing Provider
- Permanent position- 35 hours per week
- Benefits include Salary Sacrifice

Bridge Housing Limited (BHL) aims to provide a high quality and responsive housing service to all its tenants. There is now the opportunity to join the Reception Team in delivering this service as BHL is seeking to recruit a Receptionist to work at our front reception desk and switchboard, and to provide administrative support to the other BHL teams.

This is a varied and dynamic position. You will be the first point of contact for a range of clients so must be committed to providing an excellent standard of customer service whilst ensuring that callers and visitors are attended to in a prompt, efficient and courteous manner. You must have an eye for detail, possess accurate and fast data entry skills, along with a flexible attitude.

**To find out more about these opportunities, contact Kristin Shi at BRC Recruitment on 02 9299 2399 or send your CV to [kristin@brcrecruitment.com.au](mailto:kristin@brcrecruitment.com.au)**

**Closing date for applications is 18th May at 5pm.**



## Indigenous Energy Community Worker

Full time, contract

Work in Partnership with the AAL

**Kildonan UnitingCare and the Aborigines Advancement League (AAL) are working in partnership to address sustainability and affordability for the Indigenous community. We are seeking an Indigenous worker with an interest in supporting and advocating for Aboriginal people in financial hardship.**

The Indigenous Energy Worker will be employed by Kildonan initially for up to 12 months and undertake on the job training with our Financial Inclusion & Energy area. Throughout the project the Indigenous Energy Community Worker will attend regular meetings at AAL, who will provide a cultural perspective and be the future employer of the role.

Your primary responsibility will be to deliver energy efficiency education to the Indigenous community, gather information about fuel poverty and advocate for systemic change. The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of the Indigenous community to advocate about energy related issues.

Excellent relationship building and communication skills will be a must coupled with your result driven attitude and team spirit. It is critical that you show an understanding of the issues some of your clients will be facing, and therefore your ability to be empathetic and compassionate towards your clients is a given.

To be considered for the role you will have highly developed community engagement skills and a commitment to ongoing learning. Experience in working with financial hardship and/or energy efficiency issues is highly desirable.

A degree in a related field or relevant experience will be advantageous.

In return for your commitment to Kildonan and AAL, you will be provided with regular formal and informal supervision, a work environment that is committed to its staff's professional development and wellbeing, and be remunerated in accordance with your skills and experience, and the relevant Award.

As an employment prerequisite, you must have a valid drivers' licence, submit to a police records check, and hold or obtain a Victorian Working With Children Check. You will need access to a vehicle however expenses are reimbursed.

For a confidential discussion about the position, please contact Joanna Leece at Kildonan on 03 8401 0100

The position description, including selection criteria, can be obtained from [http://www.kildonan.unitingcare.org.au/jobs\\_list.php](http://www.kildonan.unitingcare.org.au/jobs_list.php)

If this sounds like you, please forward your cover letter and resume by **5pm on Wednesday 18th May to:**

Jo Watson  
People & Culture Officer  
[hr@kildonan.org.au](mailto:hr@kildonan.org.au)

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VCAT Exemption Application A345/2010

## Jobs that make a difference

## Disability Development and Support Officer DDSO-1

\$36,941-\$40,945 + Super

Disability Accommodation Services seek direct care workers to join the Southern Metropolitan Region's casual pool.

To be eligible for this exciting role, you will hold a Certificate IV in Disability or equivalent and be passionate about improving outcomes for people with a disability by promoting opportunities for participation in meaningful activities in all aspects of life.

You will build personal dignity and respect and increase decision-making and life opportunities for people with a disability. Applicants must be available for shift work including morning, afternoon, evening, active nights and sleepovers on week days, weekends and public holidays.

NOTE: Two of the total number of casual positions being offered have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pursuant to an exemption under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, granted by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

VCAT Exemption Numbers: A067/A068/2010/0042 & A067/A068/2010/0043.

**Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for a position contact Prue Stewart (03) 9213 2689**

**View the job description and complete the on-line application and on-line questionnaire at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers).**

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)





## Project Manager: Researcher Mentoring

**Ref 11137** The incumbent has the important role of developing and managing a mentoring scheme for researchers who are early in their career. The aim of the mentoring scheme is to increase early career academics' participation and success in the research aspects of their career.

- **Professional Development Unit**
- **Available on a fixed-term, part-time (0.4) basis from 1 July 2011 until 30 June 2013**
- **Salary (HEO7): \$65 302 to \$72 462 pa (full-time)**
- **Plus 9% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11.00 am Monday, 16 May 2011**

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our **Jobs@Flinders** website:  
[www.flinders.edu.au/employment](http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment)

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BARTON, ACT

Reference Number: 2968/SID

**APS Level 5-6 (Broadbanded) (Ongoing Vacancies)**  
**SALARY RANGE \$63,202 TO \$80,175 + SUPERANNUATION**

The successful applicant will manage projects funded under either the Indigenous Justice Program or the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Program. The Indigenous Justice Program funds projects that either divert Indigenous Australians from the criminal justice system or rehabilitate those in prison or juvenile detention. The Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Program provides grants to service providers to deliver legal assistance and support services to Indigenous victims of family violence and/or sexual assault. The programs are Indigenous specific and operate within the Australian Government's COAG Closing the Gap Framework.

Contact officer: Mark Canning (02) 6141 4807 or email  
[Mark.Canning@ag.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Canning@ag.gov.au)

For full details of this vacancy or to view other career opportunities visit our website at [www.ag.gov.au/employment](http://www.ag.gov.au/employment)

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## Program Coordinator Orange, NSW

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The Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network has an opportunity for a dedicated **Program Coordinator** to join their welcoming team in Orange, NSW. Play a strategic role in partnership building, governance & improving the strategic & operational management of drug & alcohol services in the region while receiving **generous remuneration of up to \$109,450 including super & optional salary packaging!**

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### Employment Consultant

New Horizons is seeking a highly motivated F/T **Employment Consultant (Disability Services)** with a positive and influential attitude to join a small team in Lambton, Newcastle. You will be responsible for enhancing the abilities of people to develop sustainable and positive outcomes. Enjoy **above award wages plus salary packaging, car allowance, fantastic conditions & monthly RDOs!**

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If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573.



## Want to make a difference in your local community?

A community based organisation which currently provides a range of services for young people and families across New England and North West NSW, is now establishing a new Family Referral Service in the region. While this service will have a focus on Aboriginal families it will provide referral support to all vulnerable families. This is an ideal employment opportunity for:

**Family Referral Workers**  
- 5 positions available:  
Tamworth, Inverell, Moree.

**Family Referral Service Manager**  
- located in Tamworth.

If you have relevant qualifications and/or experience, please contact Erin at Jobs Australia

Armidale on 1800 722 104  
or email [jparmidale@jobsaustralia.com.au](mailto:jparmidale@jobsaustralia.com.au)

**Applications close 5pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**



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### Namatjira Haven Ltd Drug & Alcohol Healing Centre Alstonville NSW

Namatjira Haven is a community based government funded Centre based on the Far North Coast of NSW providing residential and outreach AOD programs and services to local Aboriginal communities. Currently we are inviting applications for the following positions:

#### Reception/Administration

Full time 5 days 38 hours per week

#### Living Skills Facilitator

Part time 5 days up to 38 hours per week

#### Male Case Manager

**Alcohol & Other Drugs/Mental Health**  
Full time 5 days 38 hours per week (re-advertised)

*These are identified positions and Namatjira Haven Ltd considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Namatjira Haven Ltd considers that gender is a genuine occupational qualification for the position of Case Manager stated under S31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977(NSW).*

We are looking for motivated, self-directed professionals with the relevant qualifications for these positions and at least 3 years' experience in the chosen areas.

In addition to suitable qualifications and experience, the successful applicant will have an appreciation of aims and objectives of "Closing the Gap" initiatives, an understanding of issues faced by Aboriginal communities, excellent communication, research and evaluation skills, excellent computer literacy, a current driver's licence and reliable transport. A high degree of confidentiality is expected.

Remuneration packages will be consistent with qualifications and experience and will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Applicants must address the essential and common selection criteria as outlined in the information pack and be willing to undergo Prohibited Employment (Child Protection) and Criminal Records Checks. Information packs may be obtained by phoning Administration on (02) 6628 1098.

**Applications close on 19th May at 5pm.**  
Interviews will be on or near 2nd June.

## Indigenous Project Officer - Identified

**Operations Branch, Northern Region**

(Temporary until 30 June 2014. Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Community Safety**

**Salary:** \$68 688 - \$74 657 p.a.

**Location:** Townsville, Palm Island

**REF:** QLD/DCS2567/11

**Key Duties:** Develop a community education and engagement plan and enhance communication networks within the Palm Island community to increase resilience to the impact of severe weather events.

**Skills/Abilities:** Project co-ordination, research and evaluation skills with the ability to communicate and negotiate with confidence.

**Enquiries:** Wayne Preedy (07) 4796 9041

**Closing Date:** Friday, 13 May 2011

[www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)



## Legal Aid NEW SOUTH WALES

### Legal Support Officer Aboriginal Identified

Clerk Grade 1/2,

**Family Law Division, Central Sydney Office**  
**(Recruitment Action: HAC11/059)**

The Legal Support Officer provides a range of, clerical and administrative services including but not limited to, processing legal documentation, preparing correspondence, liaising with the various stakeholders, Government Departments and the general public and providing basic referral information services to clients to support the effective and efficient operation of legal services within Legal Aid NSW.

Full position details (including selection criteria) can be found at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au).

**Inquiries:** Shirl Acland on (02) 9219 5087

**Information packages:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

All applications must be submitted via the [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) website.

**Closing Date:** 22 May 2011



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health Network

Applications can be lodged on line at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Rotational Administrative Officer x 2

Permanent Part Time, 28hpw

The Maitland Hospital

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part time and casual positions.

This position has been advertised for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants eligible to apply must be a current employee of NSW Health and be employed in a permanent capacity or have been continuously employed for more than 12 months on a temporary full or part-time employment contract/s and have been through a merit selection process.

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person the following maybe requested:

- a confirmation with a common seal on it from an Aboriginal organisation; or
- a reference letter stating that the person is Aboriginal and accepted by community. (The letter must be supplied by an Aboriginal organisation).

Enquiries: David Ison, 02 4939 2150

Ref ID: 26030

Closing date: 15 May 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.

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**Bairnsdale Magistrates' Court**

The Koori Court is established as a division of the Magistrates Court in Victoria.

This is an exciting opportunity for a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent to work within Victoria's Judicial system.

The position will be based in Bairnsdale, and will have a wide range of duties which support the sitting of the Bairnsdale Koori Court, including engagement with East Gippsland Koori communities and service providers.

**Applicants seeking part-time employment are encouraged to apply.**

This is a designated Indigenous Position which has been granted exemption status by VCAT (Ex No. 183/2002 and extended by application No A289/2008).

All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks.

Position descriptions are available from **Careers @ Vic Gov**, or by telephoning **Mr Mason Atkinson**, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 96039415.

**Applications are to be forwarded to:**  
**Human Resources,**  
**Magistrates' Court Victoria,**  
**GPO Box 882G,**  
**Melbourne 3001 or email to**  
**mason.atkinson@justice.vic.gov.au**  
**Applications close 15 May 2011**

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## CAPE Police Citizens Youth Club Senior Instructor/ Pool Attendant & Activity Supervisor (Woorabinda)

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- Deliver group programs/sessions in compliance with safety and industry approved practice requirements,
- Maintain water quality in line with Department of Health and industry standards,
- Assist in and in partnership with the local Community, develop short & long-term programs for sport and recreation services for the local Indigenous Community and,
- Maintain good working relationships with staff, patrons, customers, Company and community representatives.

You must: have more than two years continuous instructional experience in the area of instruction, hold a certificate 3 or 4 in fitness or equivalent AQF qualification in a relevant practice area; have group level accreditation with relevant industry body and at least three years continuous membership; hold current senior First Aid or CPR certificate; have a Bronze Medallion (or willingness to obtain); and a Pool Life guard certificate (or willingness to obtain)

Eligibility to hold a Blue Card is mandatory and you must also have a strong commitment to working in and with the Indigenous community.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encourage to apply.

Detailed Position Descriptions are available at [www.pcy.org.au](http://www.pcy.org.au) —> Job Vacancies.

Send your resume and covering letter addressing the KSC (mandatory) to [vacancies@pcyc.org.au](mailto:vacancies@pcyc.org.au)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: COB FRIDAY 27 MAY 2011**

For further information phone Brett Toll 0488 146 841

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## Practice Support Coordinators – Family Wellbeing Unit

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Develop and sustain our volunteer programs. Review and evaluate the relevance of each program and assess their impact on the growth of our Family Wellbeing unit.

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Develop, implement and evaluate policy. Create foundation documents; prepare shared resources and advice to enhance the delivery and growth of our Family Wellbeing unit.

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**Duties/abilities:** Develop and implement strategies relating to people and culture so that the district has the necessary skills and capabilities to meet current and future health service needs, the organisational culture and management of people issues contributes to optimal employee engagement and productivity, and the district complies with all statutory requirements relating to people issues. It is preferred that the successful candidate reside on Thursday Island, however this may be negotiated.

Enquires: Tim Fitzgerald 0414 279 485.

Application Kit: (07) 4226 5124 or  
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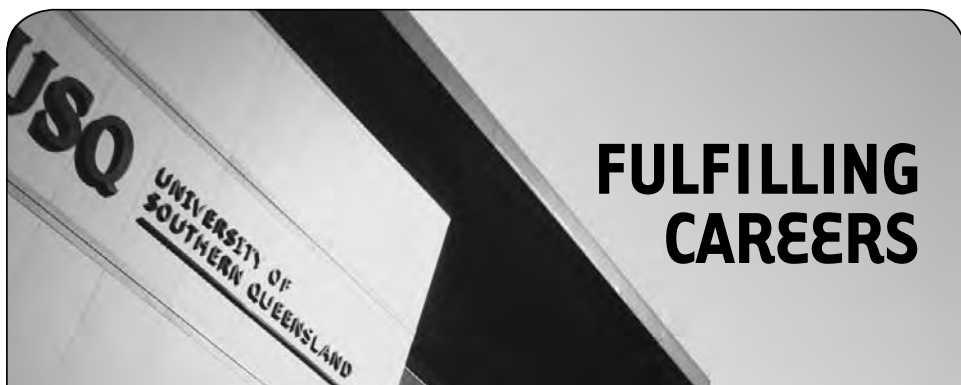
Reporting to the Executive Manager Djooraminda you will have experience in working with Tier One children with high needs. You will be responsible for ensuring the agency provides good quality care and appropriate support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children placed in the program. Tertiary qualifications and experience in a relevant discipline are a requirement for this role.

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\$46 384 to \$49 273pa  
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Term: Full-time continuing

Ref No: 0111352C

Closes: Friday 13 May 2011

The Student Relationship Officer (CAIK) is responsible for supporting the activities of the Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledges (CAIK), the Student Management Division and USQ through the provision of high quality administrative support and customer service to prospective and current Indigenous students and staff of the University. The role involves supporting Indigenous students through enrolment and re-enrolment, assisting with general administration enquiries and the management of student relationships for specified Indigenous student cohorts.

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REF NO. 259/11

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Enquiries: Professor Jenny Reath,  
Foundation Chair, General Practice  
0412 586 135, email [j.reath@uws.edu.au](mailto:j.reath@uws.edu.au)

Closing Date: 5 June 2011

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## MANAGER ABORIGINAL STRATEGY AND PROJECTS

Operational Programs,  
Specialist Operations Command

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 11/12

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Suburb: PARRAMATTA

Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/147

### Salary Package:

\$131,481. Salary: \$103,026 - \$119,149. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

### Job Description:

The Manager Aboriginal Strategy and Projects leads, manages and directs the design, implementation and development of strategies, programs and projects that respond to the needs of police working with Aboriginal communities and that promote awareness of Aboriginal issues and needs. It further provides similar project leadership and management for specific, identified, high priority Government or operational projects ensuring that they meet project goals and implementation targets.

### Job Notes:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the 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 National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a deep understanding of contemporary justice issues for Aboriginal Australians in a public policy and service delivery context
- Demonstrated management experience at a senior level including the ability to build highly successful teams
- High level conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills obtained in a results driven and client focused environment
- Sound knowledge of project management principles and experience in successfully managing and delivering complex people oriented projects
- Proven written and oral communication, negotiation and facilitation skills including the preparation of reports, submissions/presentations for executive management
- Broad knowledge of policies, practices, acts, regulations, standards and systems relating to the NSWPF
- Proven financial, time management and organisation skills
- A current Driver's License with a clear driving record for the past 12 months

### Enquiries:

Detective Superintendent Helen Begg on (02) 8835 8001 or [begg1hel@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:begg1hel@police.nsw.gov.au)

### Information Pack:

Rajendra Nath on (02) 8835 9126 or [nath1raj@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nath1raj@police.nsw.gov.au)

### Applications marked "Confidential" to:

The Commander, Operational Programs, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

CLOSING DATE: Friday 13 May 2011

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Office of  
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& Heritage

## Ranger (Aboriginal), Murwillumbah

Ranger Grade 1/2, Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: OEH 133-11

**Total Remuneration package to \$101,823 p.a. including salary \$51,060 p.a. to \$78,866 p.a.**

Assist in management of Office of Environment and Heritage estate through planning and implementing improvements and maintenance to facilities, exercising delegated authority for law enforcement and project managing for ecological restoration, wildlife management, weed control, and feral animal control to protect and conserve natural and cultural heritage. Review plans of management, and other environmental plans, undertake environmental assessments, natural resource surveys and inventories and cultural and Aboriginal site management in accordance with Department policies and guidelines and statutory requirements.

### Selection Criteria:

To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains the selection criteria for the position that must be addressed in your application.

### Job Notes:

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Progression through the scale is dependent upon achievement of identified competencies. The position of Ranger, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Rangers must meet the requirements of a specific medical with a clearance to undertake the fitness test to a moderate level, and task based physical assessment in order to undertake this position. The Position Holder will need to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Damien Hofmeyer (02) 6670 8600 or 0427 669 712

**Information Package:** Katrina Scott (02) 6670 8600 or [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Applications should be lodged online at [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the Recruitment Officer, Office of Environment and Heritage, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 1481.

**Closing Date:** Friday, 13 May 2011

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Office of  
Environment  
& Heritage

## Field Officer (Aboriginal), Byron Bay

Field Officer Grade 1 / 4 – AWU, Permanent Full-Time.  
Vacancy Ref: OEH 128-11.

**Total Remuneration package to \$68,243 p.a. including salary \$40,110 p.a. to \$53,512 p.a.**

Undertake maintenance and improvements to park infrastructure (facilities and grounds) including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Facilitate visitor relations and law enforcement activities. Contribute to ensuring the Department's obligations and aims are met, within the Region/Area, in terms of the enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe, recreational facilities.

### Selection Criteria:

To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains the selection criteria for the position that must be addressed in your application.

### Job Notes:

This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Caleb Scherger (02) 6620 9300 or 0427 864 613

**Information Package:** Administration Officer (02) 6620 9300 or [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

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**Closing Date:** Friday, 13 May 2011

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# Careers with Victoria Police



## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Aboriginal Advisory Unit, Community & Diversity Division

Operations Coordination Department

VPSG-3 Salary Range: \$53,502 - \$64,962

**POSITION NUMBER: 20013634 (LIAISON 54) - Swan Hill**

*Industrial Relations Exemption Applies -only Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply for this position.*

**Unit objective:** The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) position is based at the Swan Hill Police Complex. The ACLO will perform a liaison role between Victoria Police and the Aboriginal communities, fostering mutual trust, understanding and respect between Police and local Aboriginal communities. The ACLO will contribute to the accomplishment of the key objectives of the Victoria Police Aboriginal Strategic Plan, Victorian Implementation Review of the Recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (Phase 2) and the Victoria Police Way Ahead Strategic Plan 2008-2013.

### Duties:

- In partnership with Aboriginal groups, develop and maintain knowledge of Aboriginal issues within the local area and maintain a contemporary knowledge of relevant legislation, policies and procedures.
- Contribute to establishing effective communication and networking between Police Members, local Aboriginal community members and other government and non-government agencies.
- Establish and maintain a positive partnership environment in which Aboriginal communities are encouraged to communicate and interact with Police Members to resolve issues and actively promote awareness of the role of Victoria Police within Aboriginal communities.
- Assist in developing, implementing and providing appropriate training programs dealing with Aboriginal issues.
- Represent Victoria Police as required at meetings, forums or events that relate to Aboriginal issues.
- Participate in the development and implementation of appropriate strategies to improve service delivery to customers based on customer needs. Prepare briefing notes and reports.

*Note: This position requires security clearance, which will include fingerprinting. For this role you will be required to apply and pay for a Working with Children Check prior to receiving a job offer. A receipt of payment is required as evidence of this. The successful applicant will be bound by the Victorian Public Service (Non-Executive Staff-Victoria) Agreement 2006.*

**Please apply online and download full position description by visiting** [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) and enter reference 20013634.

The position description includes the key selection criteria - applicants must address the key selection criteria to be considered for the role including 3 referees. For further information about the role please contact Jacqui Marion, State Coordinator, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Program on (03) 9247 3040.

Closing date for applications midnight, Sunday 22nd May.

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Human Services  
Housing NSW

## Senior Project Officer

Clerk Grade 9/10  
Service Improvement Unit  
Central Sydney, Sussex Street  
Permanent Full-Time  
Job Reference No. 00000FVB

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$108,318per annum (Salary: \$89,076 pa - \$98,159 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

### Job Description:

The position is responsible for developing and managing service improvement frameworks, partnerships, strategies, plans and projects and facilitating the implementation of new policy initiatives in the Central Sydney Region with the intention of improving business sustainability and generating better outcomes for clients of HNSW.

### Selection Criteria:

- Direct service delivery experience in a human services environment.
- High level of project management experience and demonstrated organisational skills.
- Excellent communication, presentation, negotiation, influencing and consultancy skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to build and maintain key relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with others in a small task focused team.
- Demonstrated excellent conceptual and analytical skills and ability to solve complex problems.
- Tertiary qualifications in human services or business management, or equivalent experience.

### Job Notes:

This position is in the Service Improvement Unit (SIU), Central Sydney Region.

SIU adapts housing products and service initiatives to meet the local needs of the Region. It develops a framework for continuous improvement in service delivery initiatives, leads the development of external agency partnerships to broaden the range and quality of services available to clients, and assists Areas to improve service and estate planning. The unit manages implementation of Community Renewal and Regeneration and communication and consultation strategies with tenants and community housing providers. The unit is a key point of contact between the Regional office and Corporate units and the Regional office and local offices and implements new corporate initiatives into operational practice.

Further information about the position is available online and applicants must address all the selection criteria.

**Enquiries:** Mike van der Ley (02) 9268 3522 [michael.vanderley@housing.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michael.vanderley@housing.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages and to apply:** [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Position Number:** 00000FVB

**Closing date:** Friday 13 May 2011

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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
31/921	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	367267	404.06ha	113km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°39' Long 122°15'	Menzies
59/908	Maximus Resources Ltd	348533	427.47ha	60km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 28°58' Long 118°10'	Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
63/1327	Hannans Reward Ltd	355799	91.76ha	104km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 120°42'	Dundas
74/287	Galaxy Resources Ltd	368746	134.89ha	17km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°39' Long 119°53'	Ravensthorpe
74/415	Galaxy Resources Ltd	368737	62.24ha	26km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°45' Long 119°52'	Ravensthorpe

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 4 May 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 **4 August 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. 4 September 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 PROSPECTING LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5567	Auzex Resources Limited	47.74ha	20km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°59' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie
26/3837	Stan Harry Frederick Strindberg	19.99ha	13km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°05' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2085	John Thomas Broughton	6.18ha	63km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 122°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/1089	Internickel Australia Pty Ltd	23.65ha	112km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 119°53'	Menzies
31/1998	Michael Galea	160.25ha	79km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°29' Long 121°49'	Menzies
31/1999-2001	Michael Galea	505.28ha	81km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 121°50'	Menzies
39/5173	Anthony Gerald Pilkington	328.54ha	49km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 121°58'	Laverton
& 39/5175					
63/1852	Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd	174.9ha	21km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°23' Long 121°44'	Dundas
63/1853	Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd	8.39ha	14km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°18' Long 121°44'	Dundas
63/1860	Vulcan Minerals Ltd	93.75ha	9km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°08' Long 121°42'	Dundas
63/1861	Wear Services Pty Ltd	181.99ha	28km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 121°42'	Esperance
63/1862-3	Mincor Resources NL	305.72ha	18km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°05' Long 121°37'	Dundas
77/3932	Corona Mining Pty Ltd	25.65ha	64km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°15' Long 119°20'	Yilgarn
77/3948	Polaris Metals Pty Ltd	99.64ha	62km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°18' Long 119°46'	Yilgarn
77/3949	Polaris Metals Pty Ltd	104.03ha	59km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°20' Long 119°48'	Yilgarn
77/3985	Polaris Metals Pty Ltd	173.59ha	82km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°07' Long 119°50'	Menzies/Yilgarn
77/3986	Polaris Metals Pty Ltd	177.49ha	73km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°13' Long 119°51'	Yilgarn
77/4055	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	9.3ha	75km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°10' Long 119°14'	Yilgarn

**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: 4 May 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 **4 August 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.

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## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES- MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that **CALLABONNA URANIUM LIMITED** and its wholly owned subsidiaries, **FROME URANIUM PTY LTD** (ACN 127 624 971) and **CALLABONNA ENERGY PTY LTD** (ACN 127 112 350), of Level 2, 66 Hunter Street, Sydney NSW 2000, registered holder of and mining operator, proposes to carry out exploration mining activities on the following land located in South Australia.

**The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land is as follows:**

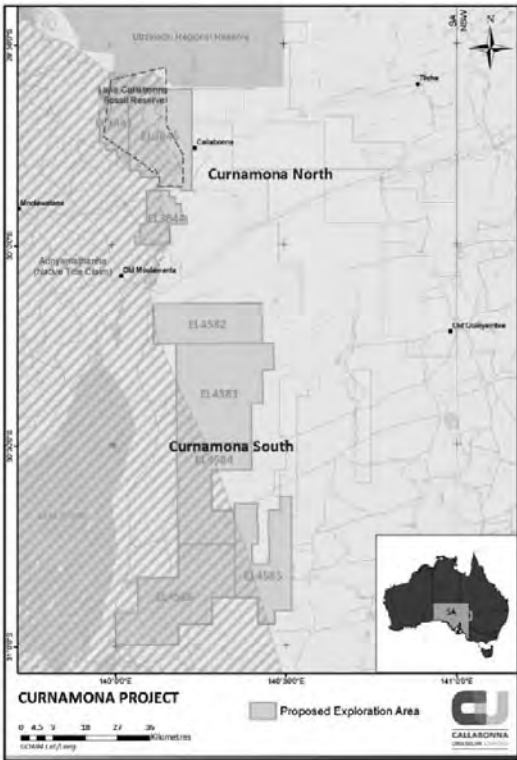
Exploratory drilling and geophysical surveying which will have minimum impact on the land. The proposed operations are authorised by the following exploration authority under the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*: Exploration Licences 3841, 3844, 3845, 4582, 4583, 4584, 4585, and 4586. Callabonna Uranium Ltd seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971 (SA). If, two months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971 (SA)*, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, Callabonna Uranium Ltd may apply *ex parte* to the ERD Court for a summary determination 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. Callabonna Uranium Ltd propose to rely on section 63O of the *Mining Act 1971* (Expedited procedure where impact of operations is minimal) on ground that the mining operations- will not directly interfere with the community life of the holders of native titles in the land on which the operations are to be carried out; and will not interfere with areas or sites of particular significance, in accordance with their traditions, to the holders of native title in the land on which the operations are to be carried out; and will not involve major disturbance to the land on which the operations are to be carried out. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this

notice is invited to contact the proponent Callabonna Uranium Ltd as follows:

**Callabonna Uranium Limited**  
Level 2, 66 Hunter Street, SYDNEY  
NSW 2000 Telephone: 02 9300 3366  
Email: kheath@callabonna.com.au.

**Contact:**  
Michael Raetz or Kate Heath.

### NOTICE INIATIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M



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**Position Enquiries: Professor Rhonda Griffiths,**  
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(Aboriginal targeted position)

PoliceLink, Operational Communications and Information Command,  
Specialist Operations  
Clerk Grade 1/2

**Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time**

**Suburb: LITHGOW**

**Vacancy Ref: NSWPF 11/149**

**Salary Package:**

\$62,507. Salary: \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:**

Customer Service Representatives will be required to answer calls from the emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance, Special Operations and Injury Management Notification) call queues, provide accurate, timely information to police, provide information and advice on a range of police issues as well as perform all activities within PoliceLink guidelines including:

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- Notify Team Leaders of all events, which are serious, unusual or newsworthy.
- By telephone, receive and process reports of crime and incidents from customers.
- Provide customers with qualified information and advice on a range of Police Force issues.
- Undertake customer telephone surveys.
- Assess all incoming information and initiate follow-up action as required.
- Operate computer keyboard, database information and other appropriate office equipment.

**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.
- Applicants must obtain an information package between the hours of 9am to 5pm Mon to Fri by calling (02) 4032 7304.
- Applicants must then undertake an initial call centre simulation test. Suitable applicants will then undertake a telephone screen.
- If you have any further enquiries 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 National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Effective oral/written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to and capacity to deliver quality customer service assistance.
- Ability to work independently and part of a team.
- Ability to identify and interpret appropriate sources of information.
- Demonstrated high level keyboard skills and experience in windows applications.
- Commitment to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day 7 days per week.
- The initial 12 months employment will require successful applicants to mainly work shifts scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday.
- Applicants must be prepared to undertake and successfully complete training in all PoliceLink business streams and Certificate III in Customer Contact.

**Enquiries/Information Pack:**

Hayley Gersch on (02) 4032 7304 or [nswpolice@randstad.com.au](mailto:nswpolice@randstad.com.au)

**Online applications to be submitted at:**

[www.randstad.com.au](http://www.randstad.com.au) OR [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

**Written applications marked "Confidential" to:**

PoliceLink Customer Service Representative Recruitment, Level 1, 119-125 Beaumont Street, Hamilton NSW 2303

**CLOSING DATE: Friday 6 May 2011**

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- Gunnedah South Public School - 02 6742 1899

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- Airds High School - 02 4625 5811
- Rosemeadow Public School - 02 4621 1733
- Tamworth South Public School - 02 6765 8426

SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER - ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

- Bidwill Public School - 02 9628 2444

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to **www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au**.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 20 May 2011**.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



Human Services  
Community Services

Customer Service Officer (Aboriginal)  
Clerk Grade 1/2  
Southern Region, Shellharbour  
Temporary Full-Time  
Position No: 0000FV5

Total remuneration package valued up to \$62,507 per annum (Salary: \$52,104 pa - \$56,644 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide front line services to the community from a local office (Community Service Centre or "CSC"), including a range of client and administrative services that contribute to the effective delivery of quality services in a CSC.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrate a capacity to provide a high level of client contact services and well developed interpersonal skills to work within a team.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the functions of a community services centre (CSC) and services delivered by the agency, as well as an awareness of the functions of other related human service organisations.
- General computer office skills, combined with good working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.
- Capacity to work well within an environment of fluctuating workloads and changing priorities.
- Capacity to develop a good working knowledge of Community Services financial, administration and other systems, (eg. KiDS, SAP Financials, SAP HR).
- Knowledge of office procedures and a capacity to understand and apply policies in undertaking administrative processes.
- Capacity to set up a range of office equipment (photocopiers, faxes, overhead projectors, printers) and to ensure operational efficiency of equipment for CSC staff.

Job Notes:

This is a Temporary Full-Time for a period of 12 months. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

It is an offence under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. The Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and the Commission for Children & Young People Act 1998 require that all recommended candidates are screened for national criminal records, relevant Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs), and relevant employment proceedings.

Enquiries: Helen Cranston on (02) 4255 6666

Information Packages and to apply on-line: [www.jobs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au)

Job Reference No. 0000FV5

Closing Date: 13 May 2011

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NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/2056	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	29.54km <sup>2</sup>	107km N'ly of Derby	Lat 16°21' Long 123°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/2069	Glintan Pty Ltd	78.15km <sup>2</sup>	60km S'ly of Derby	Lat 17°50' Long 123°39'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/2089	Blackfin Pty Ltd	19.53km <sup>2</sup>	86km SE'ly of Derby	Lat 17°55' Long 124°07'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1847	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	56.11km <sup>2</sup>	112km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°27' Long 116°06'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1850	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	281.4km <sup>2</sup>	181km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 26°46' Long 116°10'	Murchison
20/774	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	146.23km <sup>2</sup>	51km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°17' Long 118°22'	Cue
28/2128	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	8.86km <sup>2</sup>	83km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2130	Maxwell Peter Strindberg	11.81km <sup>2</sup>	79km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2138	Classic Minerals Ltd	47.24km <sup>2</sup>	95km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 122°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/431	Peter Romeo Gianni	14.92km <sup>2</sup>	44km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°34' Long 120°36'	Menzies
37/1063	Plasia Pty Ltd	168.76km <sup>2</sup>	27km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°03'	Leonora
37/1097	MLG Oz Pty Ltd	12.03km <sup>2</sup>	16km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°16'	Leonora
37/1103	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	21km <sup>2</sup>	10km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°24'	Leonora
38/2479	KEC Exploration Pty Ltd	178.69km <sup>2</sup>	86km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 123°14'	Laverton
38/2600	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	15km <sup>2</sup>	41km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 122°40'	Laverton
38/2616-20	Legend Mining Ltd	2675.82km <sup>2</sup>	92km N'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°12' Long 123°10'	Laverton
40/304	Alphabrass Resources Pty Ltd	35.89km <sup>2</sup>	44km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°21'	Menzies
40/305	Glenn William Baker	8.98km <sup>2</sup>	37km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°17'	Menzies
45/2763	Audax Resources Ltd	130.95km <sup>2</sup>	51km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°26' Long 120°13'	East Pilbara
45/3651	Tallrain Pty Ltd	67.68km <sup>2</sup>	32km NW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°13' Long 119°14'	Port Hedland Town
45/3726	XFE Pty Ltd	224.76km <sup>2</sup>	32km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°30' Long 120°26'	East Pilbara
45/3769	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	3.19km <sup>2</sup>	99km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°11' Long 118°46'	Port Hedland Town
45/3770	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	6.39km <sup>2</sup>	89km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°06' Long 118°44'	East Pilbara
45/3794	Bushwin Pty Ltd	66.88km <sup>2</sup>	46km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°54' Long 119°40'	East Pilbara
45/3819	Kevin George Stubbs	22.45km <sup>2</sup>	21km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°28' Long 118°42'	Port Hedland Town
45/3853	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	51.15km <sup>2</sup>	91km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 21°04' Long 120°47'	East Pilbara
45/3854-5	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	432.13km <sup>2</sup>	86km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°59' Long 120°48'	East Pilbara
47/1501	Giralia Resources NL	222.1km <sup>2</sup>	70km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°01' Long 116°51'	Ashburton
47/2246-8	Mt Stewart Resources Pty Ltd	672.37km <sup>2</sup>	76km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat 20°40' Long 117°52'	Port Hedland Town/ Roebourne
47/2410	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	34.98km <sup>2</sup>	19km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°42' Long 116°29'	Ashburton
47/2417	Dragon Energy Ltd	62.86km <sup>2</sup>	18km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°21' Long 117°38'	Ashburton/Meekatharra
47/2446	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	53.69km <sup>2</sup>	115km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°41' Long 116°40'	Ashburton
47/2461	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	150km <sup>2</sup>	110km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°12' Long 118°07'	Ashburton/ Port Hedland Town/ Roebourne
52/2624	State Resources Pty Ltd	3.14km <sup>2</sup>	30km SE'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°24' Long 117°51'	Meekatharra
52/2625	State Resources Pty Ltd	34.82km <sup>2</sup>	19km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°22' Long 117°43'	Ashburton/Meekatharra
52/2659	Partisan Resources Pty Ltd	43.91km <sup>2</sup>	72km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°54' Long 120°06'	Meekatharra
52/2673	Mincor Resources NL	425.27km <sup>2</sup>	116km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°49' Long 117°43'	Meekatharra
52/2674	Mincor Resources NL	67.93km <sup>2</sup>	138km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°39' Long 117°35'	Meekatharra
53/1599	Phosphate Australia Limited	216.22km <sup>2</sup>	62km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°07' Long 121°11'	Wiluna
53/1601	Zeus Uranium Ltd	264.39km <sup>2</sup>	57km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°26' Long 120°18'	Wiluna
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53/1612	Brutus Constructions Pty Ltd	24.46km <sup>2</sup>	37km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 120°48'	Wiluna
57/855	Soaraway Development Pty Ltd	128.96km <sup>2</sup>	121km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 29°04' Long 119°21'	Menzies/Sandstone
57/862	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	73.02km <sup>2</sup>	59km NE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°33' Long 119°38'	Sandstone
59/1711	Western Iron Ore Pty Ltd	29.87km <sup>2</sup>	23km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°22' Long 117°29'	Yalgoo
59/1734	Bruce Smith	11.95km <sup>2</sup>	58km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat 29°21' Long 116°35'	Perenjori
59/1736	Drew Griffin Money	159.3km <sup>2</sup>	76km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°54' Long 116°05'	Murchison/Yalgoo
63/1452	Wirraway Metals and Mining Pty Ltd	60.6km <sup>2</sup>	58km W'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°47' Long 121°04'	Esperance
63/1477	Australasian Mining Limited	119.14km <sup>2</sup>	77km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°09' Long 120°57'	Dundas
69/2898-9	Vanguard Exploration Pty Ltd	505.81km <sup>2</sup>	152km SE'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 24°27' Long 120°38'	Wiluna
69/2906	Vanguard Exploration Pty Ltd	112.15km <sup>2</sup>	167km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 24°45' Long 120°20'	Wiluna
69/2910	Wirraway Metals and Mining Pty Ltd	198.1km <sup>2</sup>	100km NE'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°37' Long 126°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
70/3577	Darling Range South Pty Ltd	147.57km <sup>2</sup>	23km E'ly of Manjimup	Lat 34°11' Long 116°23'	Bridgetown- Greenbushes/Manjimup
70/3765	Michael Ashley Giles	85.4km <sup>2</sup>	5km NW'ly of Wongan Hills	Lat 30°47' Long 116°39'	Wongan-Ballidu
70/3963	Paul Winston Askins	200.96km <sup>2</sup>	26km N'ly of Mount Baker	Lat 34°24' Long 117°45'	Cranbrook/Plantagenet
70/3964	James Ian Stewart				
	Paul Winston Askins	198.69km <sup>2</sup>	44km SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat 34°15' Long 119°13'	Jerramungup
70/3983	Urban Minerals Pty Ltd	288.82km <sup>2</sup>	19km SE'ly of Manjimup	Lat 34°23' Long 116°14'	Manjimup
70/4017	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	154.39km <sup>2</sup>	79km N'ly of Dalwallinu	Lat 29°34' Long 116°43'	Perenjori
70/4030	Kaolin Resources Pty Ltd	180.17km <sup>2</sup>	15km SW'ly of Quairading	Lat 32°04' Long 117°18'	Beverley/Quairading
70/4031-2	Kaolin Resources Pty Ltd	399.21km <sup>2</sup>	12km SW'ly of Cunderdin	Lat 31°44' Long 117°08'	Cunderdin/Quairading/ York
70/4033	Kaolin Resources Pty Ltd	203.62km <sup>2</sup>	15km W'ly of Quairading	Lat 31°59' Long 117°14'	Beverley/Quairading
70/4034-5	Kaolin Resources Pty Ltd	408.81km <sup>2</sup>	10km N'ly of Kellerberrin	Lat 31°33' Long 117°40'	Kellerberrin/Tammin
77/1794	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	56.43km <sup>2</sup>	80km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°05' Long 119°30'	Yilgarn
77/1827	Tamile Pty Ltd	35.56km <sup>2</sup>	56km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°18' Long 119°32'	Yilgarn
77/1838	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	2.98km <sup>2</sup>	130km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°38' Long 119°35'	Menzies
77/1839	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	2.98km <sup>2</sup>	135km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°36' Long 119°38'	Menzies
77/1841	FE Limited	26.86km <sup>2</sup>	132km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°36' Long 119°40'	Menzies
77/1872	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	50.09km <sup>2</sup>	13km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°54' Long 119°37'	Yilgarn
77/1879	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	110.37km <sup>2</sup>	133km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°38' Long 119°19'	Menzies
77/1880	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	86.47km <sup>2</sup>	136km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°38' Long 119°07'	Menzies
77/1886	Pembury Prospecting Pty Ltd	17.76km <sup>2</sup>	50km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°25' Long 119°45'	Yilgarn
77/1887	Pembury Prospecting Pty Ltd	14.8km <sup>2</sup>	49km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°24' Long 119°41'	Yilgarn
77/1893	Joachim Joseph Kubler	20.8km <sup>2</sup>	89km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°01' Long 119°26'	Yilgarn
77/1913	Partisan Resources Pty Ltd	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	60km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°18' Long 119°43'	Yilgarn
77/1914	Partisan Resources Pty Ltd	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	59km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°19' Long 119°44'	Yilgarn
77/1915	Partisan Resources Pty Ltd	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	58km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°20' Long 119°46'	Yilgarn
80/4383	William Robert Richmond	84.65km <sup>2</sup>	70km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°44' Long 127°16'	Halls Creek
80/4483	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	52.3km <sup>2</sup>	125km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°10' Long 128°04'	Halls Creek
	Geological Resources Pty Ltd				
80/4537	Geological Resources Pty Ltd	228.18km <sup>2</sup>	71km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°41' Long 128°02'	Halls Creek
80/4561	Kimberley Mining Pty Ltd	3.23km <sup>2</sup>	94km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 19°03' Long 127°28'	Halls Creek
80/4562	Kimberley Mining Pty Ltd	3.24km <sup>2</sup>	57km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°44' Long 127°36'	Halls Creek
80/4563	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	32.59km <sup>2</sup>	51km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°46' Long 127°41'	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:** 4 May 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 **4 August 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. 4 September 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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Position Description and application information is available via:  
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**Closing date: COB Monday 23 May, 2011.**

**Interviews scheduled for Monday 30 May 2011.**

## Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services

PO Box 218, Fitzroy, VIC, 3065  
Ph: (03) 9419 3888 Fax: (03) 9419 6024

## CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

**SWAN HILL REGION**

**This is an identified Aboriginal position.**

The Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service Co-operative Ltd seeks to employ a Client Service Officer for the Swan Hill Region and to be based at Swan Hill.

**Essential Criteria:** Demonstrated knowledge of the Victorian Legal System, excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills, understanding of the legal issues faced by the Koorie community, a commitment to and understanding of Koorie culture, ability to communicate effectively with the members of the Koorie community and individuals, the ability to work in a multi-skilled environment, word processing skills, computer literacy, networking and a current Victorian driver's licence.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a criminal records check.

**Applications must address the Selection Criteria** which may be obtained by contacting Lance Zampaglione or Jenny Logan on (03) 9419 3888.

Applications should be marked '**CONFIDENTIAL**' and addressed to:

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service  
P.O. Box 218  
Fitzroy Victoria 3065

**Applications close on:**

**Friday 15th May 2011 at 5:00pm**

**and will be accepted by facsimile on (03) 9419 6024.**

Exemption number A356/2000 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995.



## HICSA Manager

**Part Time (32 hours per week),  
2 year contract**

**\$65,000 (pro rata) incl. super + travel allowance + salary  
packaging benefits**

The Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA) aims to establish a welcoming and culturally affirming place in Healesville for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members. As part of this growing organisation, the Manager will facilitate the vision of HICSA by working independently and flexibly to coordinate the development and management of projects and programs focussed on building a healthy, strong and skilled community.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.*

For further information and to obtain a copy of the position description please contact **Anne Jenkins** on **0408324780**. To apply, submit your application via email to **admin@hicsa.org.au** or mail to **HICSA, PO Box 597, Healesville, VIC 3777**.

**Applications close:**

**Friday 20 May 2011**

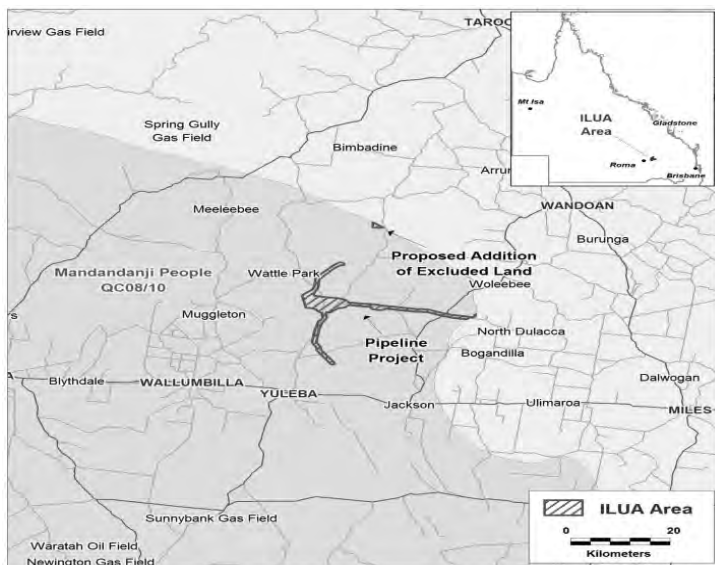
## PUBLIC NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (AREA AGREEMENT) UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) FOR PART OF THE AUSTRALIA PACIFIC LNG PROJECT

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (**APLNG**) proposes to develop a world scale, long-term coal seam gas (**CSG**) to liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) project in Queensland (**APLNG Project**). The APLNG Project comprises 3 principal components: the further development of APLNG's Queensland-based CSG fields in South Central Queensland; the construction and operation of a high pressure underground gas transmission pipeline system from the gas fields to a LNG facility on Curtis Island near Gladstone where the CSG will be liquefied (**Pipeline Project**); and the construction and operation of the LNG facility and of ancillary onshore and marine facilities including a marine offloading facility and an export terminal containing specialised LNG loading facilities and berths so that the LNG can be exported to international markets.

In addition, APLNG is the holder of Authority to Prospect Number 606 (**ATP606**). APLNG is seeking the amendment of ATP606, by the Minister under section 100 of the Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004, to add land previously excluded from ATP 606 because such land may be subject to Native Title (**Excluded Land**). The Excluded Land comprises Sub-blocks d and e on Block 1939 as shown on the Charleville Block Identification Map created by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

APLNG proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**), pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (**NTA**), with the native title claim group for the Mandandanji People native title determination application (NNTT No. QC08/10, Federal Court No. QUD366/08) (**Mandandanji Claim**). The ILUA will relate to:

- that part of the Pipeline Project that is depicted on the map in this notice; and
- the addition into ATP606 of that part of the Excluded Land that is shown on the map in this notice, (together, **ILUA Project**).



The proposed ILUA area is located wholly within the external boundaries of the Mandandanji Claim. The native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim is described in the claim as the biological descendants of

Nellie Edwards, Weribone Jack Senior, Combarngo Bill and Mary Weribone.

The ILUA will provide for the consent of the native title parties to certain Agreed Acts to be set out in the ILUA, including the grant of all approvals and land tenure for the ILUA Project and the undertaking of the ILUA Project. APLNG will be seeking that the non-extinguishment principle apply to the proposed Agreed Acts.

Authorisation of the ILUA by the persons who hold or may hold native title in the ILUA area is sought in accordance with the NTA. As a result of responses to public notices and other inquiries, the native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim has been identified as the persons who hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA area.

### Details of ILUA Authorisation meeting

An authorisation meeting for the proposed ILUA will be held as follows:

**Date and Time:** Saturday, 28 May 2011, 8:00 am registration and a meeting start time of 9:30 am.

**Place:** Roma Bungil Cultural Community Centre, Cnr Bungil and Quintin Streets, Roma, Queensland, 4455.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To authorise the ILUA between APLNG and the native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim.

You are invited to attend the meeting if you consider that you fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim, as described in this notice. If you intend to attend the authorisation meeting, or if you have any questions in relation to it, please contact **Ms Lorraine Tomlinson, Mandandanji Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd on 3886 8723 by 4:00 pm on Monday 16th May 2011**, if possible, so that arrangements can be made for the purposes of catering. Attendees at the meeting will be required to register with their name, contact details and the identity of the apical ancestor through whom they assert membership of the native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim.

If you consider that you are a person who holds or may hold native title in relation to land or waters within the area of the ILUA Project and would like to attend the authorisation meeting, but you **do not** consider that you fall within the description of the native title claim group for the Mandandanji Claim as described in this notice, please immediately contact:

Ms Charlotte Bigge,  
Native Title and Cultural Heritage  
Co-ordinator

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited  
GPO Box 148, BRISBANE  
QLD 4001

Telephone: (07) 3867 0907  
Facsimile: (07) 3369 7840

Please ensure that your response is provided to Ms Bigge by no later than 16th May 2011 and clearly sets out:

- your name and contact details; and
- details of the apical ancestor through whom you claim to hold native title in the ILUA area.

## Victorian Electoral Commission **VEC**

*The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) conducts elections for the Parliament of Victoria, and elections and polls for local government and various community organisations. As a politically impartial organisation, the VEC also plays a key role in promoting public awareness and understanding of elections.*

*An exciting and demanding position has become available in the VEC's Community Education Team working to promote democratic participation within the Victorian Indigenous community.*

### Community Engagement Officer - Aboriginal Communities

**VPSG-4, Salary \$66,235 - \$75,151 plus superannuation  
Fixed term to 31 March 2013**

The Community Education Team works year round encouraging democratic participation and electoral awareness amongst a range of audiences. These groups include: young people; people experiencing homelessness; people with disabilities; Indigenous Victorians and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Community Engagement Officer will drive the VEC's Aboriginal engagement strategy and deliver community-based education initiatives to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in Victoria.

The ability to communicate and negotiate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous communities and organisations, and an understanding of current issues affecting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are essential.

The Community Engagement Officer - Aboriginal Communities is an identified position and, subject to exemption A265/2009, is only available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

**For a more detailed position description and key selection criteria please see [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au) or [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

**Applications must address the key selection criteria.**

**For further information please contact Ms Alex Markham on (03) 9299 0599 or email [alex.markham@vec.vic.gov.au](mailto:alex.markham@vec.vic.gov.au)**

**Applications must be received by 5.00pm Wednesday, 11 May 2011.  
Previous applicants need not reapply.**

The VEC is an equal opportunity employer subject to exemption A147/2009.



***vec.vic.gov.au***  
***Every vote will shape Victoria***





Health

South Western Sydney

Local Health Network

Coordinator, Aboriginal Day Centre (AHEO Non-Grad)

Ref: 19182

Salary: \$21.99–\$32.39 ph, P/T 32 hpw at Macarthur Health Services.

Enq: Larry Johnson.

Ph: (02) 4654 6157.

Closing Date: 13 May 2011.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Please apply online by visiting:  
http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal Adolescent & Family Counsellor/Case Manager

Mt Druiitt Area

Applications are sought from individuals who are interested in working with young people who are experiencing substance use and other related issues.

This is an identified position under section s14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Relevant qualification &/or experience working with client group will be highly regarded.

For further enquiries and application details please contact in the first instance Julie Dubuc: (02) 8886 2803 or visit [www.noffs.org.au](http://www.noffs.org.au) for a full position description.

Closing Date C.O.B. 9 May 2011



FIELD OFFICER

2 Positions

Western Sydney

Moree NSW

Many Rivers Microfinance provides microenterprise development services, including microfinance, to assist Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to establish and develop micro and small businesses.

We are recruiting motivated and capable people to full-time positions in the Western Sydney and Moree regions.

For a position description, including required competencies, please contact Chief Operating Officer, John Burn, on 0416 099 585 or [john.burn@manyivers.org.au](mailto:john.burn@manyivers.org.au)

Indigenous and non-Indigenous applications encouraged.

[manyivers.org.au](http://manyivers.org.au)



Deadly Days Coordinator

Location: Negotiable across North Coast Institute

Status: Temporary Full-Time up to December 2012

Job Reference No: 11/017/NCI

Salary: \$71,469 - \$84,759 pa

Duties: Coordinate collaborative approaches to ensure a high standard of implementation and excellent stakeholder relations in the Deadly Days Festivals project, including planning, implementation, monitoring budget, stakeholder communication and reporting.


Information Package: Applicants must obtain an Information Package in order to proceed. Please download the application directly from our website [northcoast.tafensw.edu.au](http://northcoast.tafensw.edu.au) under Employment Vacancies or forward an email to [ncit.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:ncit.recruitment@tafensw.edu.au) or phone 1800 008 233.

Job Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Closing date: Friday 27 May 2011



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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
31/483	Heron Resources Ltd	902.73ha	87km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°29' Long 121°54'	Menzies
45/1195	Donald Kimberley North	347.29ha	26km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°30' Long 118°28'	Port Hedland Town
45/1211-3	FMG North Pilbara Pty Ltd	576.2ha	72km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°17' Long 119°03'	East Pilbara

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 4 May 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 **4 August 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. 4 September 2011**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
<b>EPC1867</b> This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 13 km E from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°24'S Long.148°17'E Local Government Area: <b>Isaac Regional Council</b>  <b>Part 2</b> Approx. 10 km SE from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°27'S Long.148°13'E Local Government Area: <b>Isaac Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <b>Block Number</b> <b>Sub-blocks</b> 1204                      r, w  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <b>Block Number</b> <b>Sub-blocks</b> 1275                      n, o	<b>Area Coal Pty Ltd</b>  <b>132 643 193</b>
<b>EPC1994</b>	Approx. 17 km S from Nebo Centred at approximate Lat.21°50'S Long.148°39'E Local Government Area: <b>Isaac Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> 25 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 8 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <b>Block Number</b> <b>Sub-blocks</b> 1568                      o, t, y 1640                      d, j, o, t, u	<b>MCG Resources Pty Ltd</b>  <b>129 717 531</b>

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December, 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

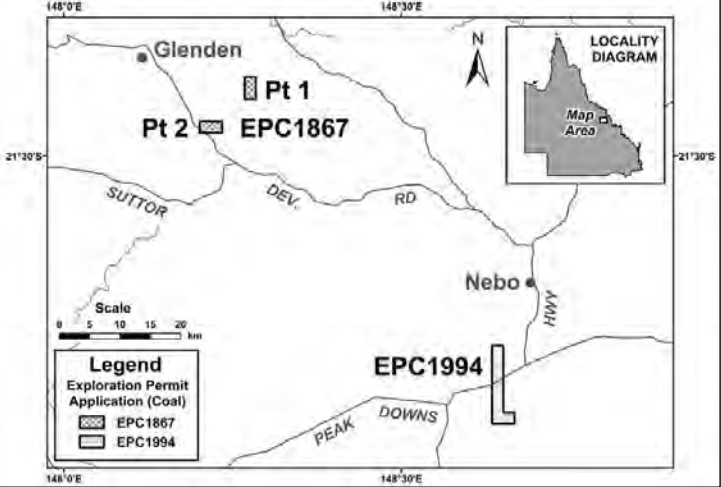
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)


Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 25 May 2011**





Queensland Government

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

THE KOORI MAIL, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011. 61



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ARROW LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

#### Authorisation meeting 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 gasfields and the construction and operation of pipelines, facilities for gas processing, gas liquefaction and power generation and all other associated infrastructure to allow Arrow to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Arrow LNG Project (**Arrow LNG Project**).

Arrow proposes to enter into two Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) (**ILUAs**) under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth) with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of that part of the **Arrow LNG Project** shown on the maps below (**ILUA Areas**).

The **first ILUA Area** is partly located within the outer boundaries of Native Title Determination Application (QUD 372/06) (Wiri People Core Country Claim) (**Wiri Claim**) but includes some additional areas outside of the **Wiri Claim** boundary.

The **second ILUA Area** is within the external boundaries of the former Native Title Determination Application (QUD 6251/98) (Wiri People #2) which overlaps with Native Title Determination Application (QUD 380/08) (Barada Barna People).

The **Wiri People** are described in the **Wiri Claim** as the descendants of the following Wiri ancestors:-

Albert Butterworth; Jinny Clark; Nellie Emmerson; Mary Johnson; Jerry & Janie, parents of Booyah McDonald; Flora Reed; Roger of Nebo; Sarah Sauney; Sophie Skeen; Donald Tears; Dick of Nebo, father of Sam Murray & Jessie; Billy & Molly, parents of Jessie Cotherstone & Billy Sullivan; Harry, father of Flora Doyle & Lilly; King & Meg King; Ida Hess and Maggie Barker.

A meeting will be held for the **Wiri People** for purposes of authorising

the **two** proposed ILUAs in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUAs will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the **Arrow LNG Project** within the **two ILUA Areas**.

All those persons who consider that they are Wiri People or who otherwise hold or may hold native title in either of the two ILUA Areas are invited to attend as follows:-

##### 1. Wiri Authorisation Meeting

**Date:** 28 May 2011

**Time:** 9.30am

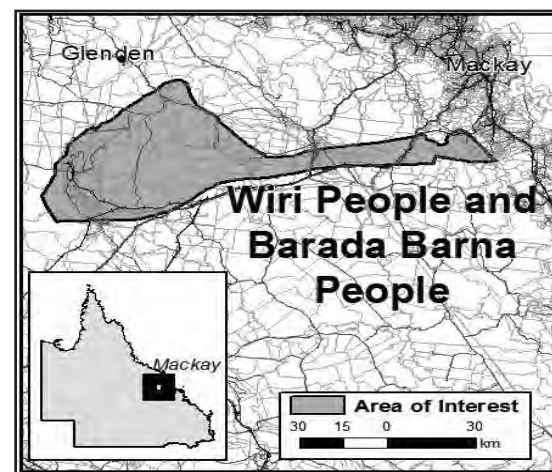
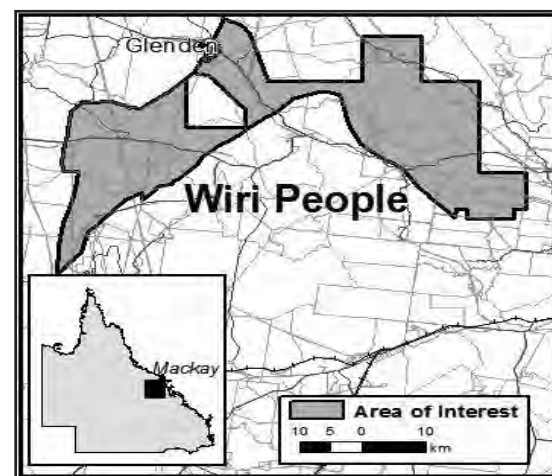
**Venue:** Ocean International, 1 Bridge Rd, Mackay, 4740

To register an intention to attend the authorisation meeting and to arrange reasonable travel assistance, please contact **Sandlewood** on (07) 3277 4801 or 0417 758 071 no later than **4.00pm on Tuesday 24 May 2011**.

##### 2. Other Interested Parties

**Any Barada Barna** person who holds or may hold native title in relation to the **second ILUA Area**, is requested to refer to a separate public notice for a Barada Barna authorisation meeting for ILUAs for the Arrow LNG Project in relation to land and waters over which they hold or may hold native title. Information and contact details are listed in that separate public notice.

**Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title** in either of the two ILUA Areas is invited to contact **Tahnee Grocock** on (07) 3009 5400.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ARROW LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PROJECT

#### Barada Barna authorisation meetings for proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth)

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Both **ILUA Areas** are entirely located within the outer boundaries of Native Title Determination Application (QUD 380/08) (Barada Barna People) (**Barada Barna Claim**) area. The **first ILUA** covers a large part of the Barada Barna Claim to the south. The **second ILUA** covers a smaller part of the Barada Barna Claim to the north.

The **Barada Barna People** are described in the Barada Barna Claim as descendants of the following Barada Barna ancestors:-

Bob Lotus; Lizzy Payne; Daisy (wife of Booyah McDonald); Maggie (wife of Toby Barker & Peter Darwin & Michael Angus); "Polly" Mary (wife of Robert Noble & Bert Fox); Robert Noble; Lizzie (wife of Paddy Flynn); Polly (wife of Thomas Mitchell); and Lucy Ross.

A meeting will be held for the Barada Barna People for purposes of authorising the **two** proposed **ILUAs** in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth). The proposed ILUAs will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or incidental to, the **Arrow LNG Project** within the **two ILUA Areas**.

All those persons who consider that they are Barada Barna People or who otherwise hold or may hold native title in either of the **two ILUA Areas** are invited to attend as follows:-

##### 1. Barada Barna Authorisation Meeting

**Date:** 28 May 2011

**Time:** 9.30am

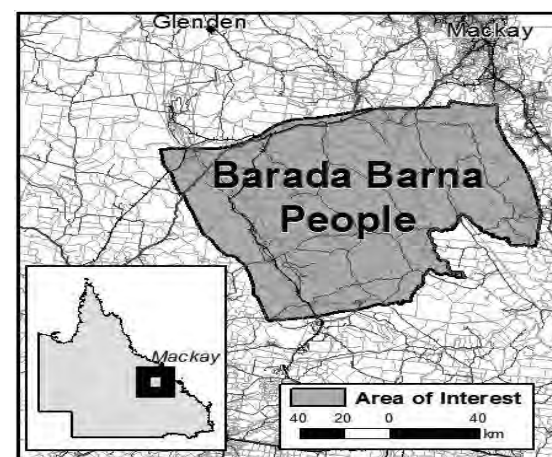
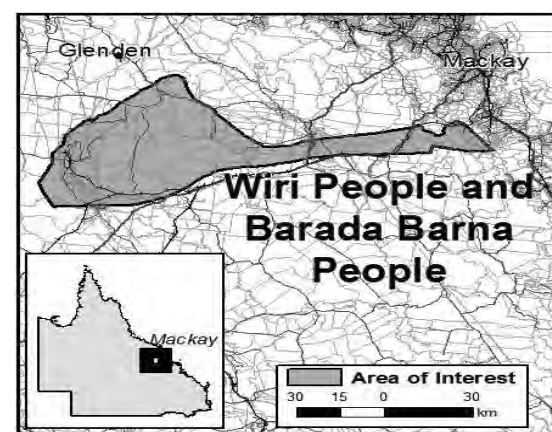
**Venue:** Pink Lily Lagoon, South Walker Creek Access Road, via Nebo, 4742

To register an intention to attend the authorisation meeting and to confirm travel arrangements, please contact **Judi Cavanagh** on (07) 4959 8822 no later than **4.00pm on Friday 20 May 2011**.

##### 2. Other Interested Parties

**Any Wiri person** who asserts that they hold or may hold native title in relation to the **second ILUA Area**, is requested to refer to a separate public notice for a Wiri authorisation meeting for ILUAs for the Arrow LNG Project in relation to land and waters over which they hold or may hold native title. Information and contact details are listed in that separate public notice.

**Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title** in either of the **two ILUA Areas** is invited to contact **Tahnee Grocock** on (07) 3009 5400.



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**Arrow** proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreements) (**ILUA**) under Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth) with all persons who hold or may hold native title in respect of that part of the **Arrow LNG Project** shown on the map below (**ILUA Area**).

The **ILUA Area** is entirely located within the outer boundaries of Native Title Determination Application (QUD6244/1998) (Birri People) (**Birri Claim**) made on behalf of the **Birri People**.

Persons who consider they are **Birri People** or who hold or may hold native title in relation to the **ILUA Area** are invited to attend.

##### Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting

**Date:** 4 June 2011

**Time:** 9.30am

**Venue:** Rydges Southbank Townsville Hotel  
23 Palmer Street, Townsville, 4810

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise the proposed **ILUA**. The proposed **ILUA** will give consent to all future acts necessary for, or

incidental to, the **Arrow LNG Project** within the **ILUA Area**. Authorisation of the **ILUA** is sought in accordance with the requirements of section 251A of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth).

The **Birri People** are described in the **Birri Claim** as the descendants of the following Birri ancestors:-

Barney Anderson; George Bowen; Maggie Callaghan (also known as Mary-Ann Callaghan); Dick Clark; Magdalene Claussen (Kyle); Lily Cook and Dick Cook or Cecil "Pincher" Cook; Paddy Daly; Eric Dinduck; Victor Diprose and May Albury (nee Dirprose); Reg Dodd (Snr); Arthur Emmerson (Snr) and Nellie Emmerson; Sambo Callaghan; Dick Hegarty (also known as Dick Dinduck or Dick Allan); Tom Iffley; Tommy King and Alice King; Rosie Kyle and Dan Kyle; Norah Smallwood; Jimmy Larry; Billy Lightning and Alice Lightning; Lizzie Morgan (also known as Janet Twist); Major Mitchell; Elsie New Island; Mary O'Sing; Emily Prior (Picard); Bob Roberts; Rosie Shilling; Sophie Skeen; Dolly Tarpot/Langton (nee Dunrobin); Jean Tears, Maude Tears, Donald Tears and Minnie Tears; Janet Twist and Albert Twist; Daisy Wake; Charlie Watson, and Sharper "Woodhouse".

**Anyone who is a Birri person** and who would like to attend the authorisation meeting, should register their interest with **David Miller** or **Algon Walsh (Jr)** on (07) 4721 3343 no later than **4.00pm on Thursday 2 June 2011**.

**Anyone who otherwise holds or may hold native title** in the **ILUA Area** is invited to contact **Tahnee Grocock** on (07) 3009 5400.





Thunder keeps rolling along

THE Northern Territory Thunder kept their unbeaten North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) record intact with a six-goal win over the Redland Bombers at Traeger Park, Alice springs on 23 April.

Thunder won 21.10 (136) to 15.12 (102). It was a close game, with Redland taking it up to the Thunder in a fast-paced first quarter that produced 11 goals and both sides reached the century mark by full-time.

Thunder full forward Darren Ewing continued his great start to the season, kicking eight goals.

On a perfect Alice Springs autumn night,

the NT midfield were in overdrive and the pace of the game never slowed.

Captain Cameron Ilett again was at his best, gathering 25 touches and kicking four goals. He was awarded the Anzac Medal for his best-on-ground performance.

After that win, the Thunder were outright leaders at the top of the NEAFL ladder after Mt Gravatt had a bye.

A week earlier, the Thunder continued their dream start to the season, beating the Broadbeach Cats in a top-of-the-table clash at H&A Oval, in Queensland.

The win on the road gave Thunder their best start to a season since the club began. It was also the first time that Thunder had

won three games in a row and was set up on the back of another defensively strong performance.

Alice Springs midfielder Matthew Rosier was inspirational in his run down and tackling efforts.

Shaun Tapp and Shannon Rusca stood tall across the half back line, while ruckman Kenrick Tyrrell provided first use around the ground to Jake Dignan and the other Thunder midfielders.

The day however again belonged to full forward Darren Ewing, who kicked nine goals in a clinical display.

Scores: Thunder 20.11 (131), Broadbeach 10.7 (67).

Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)

State of Queensland  
Notification day: 18 May 2011



**QI2011/006 Djiru People Tenure Resolution ILUA**  
**Description of the agreement area:**  
The area subject to this agreement covers about 183 hectares and is located over various lots in the area to the east of Tully as shown on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

**The parties to the agreements and their contact address:**  
Dawn Hart, John Clumpoint, Charity Ryan, Beryl Buller, Rae Kelly, Margaret Murray and John Andy on their own behalf and on behalf of the Djiru People; and  
Djiru Warrangburra Aboriginal Corporation  
C/- North Queensland Land Council  
61 Anderson Street  
Cairns QLD 4870

State of Queensland  
Crown Law  
Level 11, 50 Ann Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000



**QI2011/007 Djiru People Protected Areas ILUA**  
**Description of the agreement area:**  
The area subject to this agreement covers about 94 square kilometres and is located over various conservation areas in the area to the east of Tully as shown on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

**The parties to the agreements and their contact address:**  
Dawn Hart, John Clumpoint, Charity Ryan, Beryl Buller, Rae Kelly, Margaret Murray and John Andy on their own behalf and on behalf of the Djiru People; and  
Djiru Warrangburra Aboriginal Corporation  
C/- North Queensland Land Council  
61 Anderson Street  
Cairns QLD 4870

Wet Tropics Management Authority  
1st Floor, Cairns Corporate Tower  
15 Lake Street, Cairns QLD 4870

State of Queensland  
Crown Law  
Level 11, 50 Ann Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000



**QI2011/008 Djiru People & Ergon Energy ILUA**  
**Description of the agreement area:**  
The area subject to this agreement covers about 272 square kilometres and is located in the area east of Tully as shown on the locality map. The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

**The parties to the agreements and their contact address:**  
Dawn Hart, John Clumpoint, Charity Ryan, Beryl Buller, Rae Kelly, Margaret Murray and John Andy on their own behalf and on behalf of the Djiru People  
C/- North Queensland Land Council  
61 Anderson Street  
Cairns QLD 4870

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited  
C/- MacDonnells Law  
Level 9, 120 Edwards Street  
Brisbane QLD 4001

**The agreements contain the following edited statements:**  
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]  
In relation to all three agreements in this notice "future act" has the meaning given in the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) [NTA].

**QI2011/006 Djiru People Tenure Resolution ILUA**  
5.1 The parties: (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts; and (b) agree to the validation of any invalid acts done on the Agreement Area prior to Registration, to the extent that they are Future Acts.  
6.1 To avoid any doubt, Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to the Agreed Acts.  
"Agreed Acts" means all acts necessary to give effect to this Agreement and the Conservation Agreement [including the Surrender; declaration of the ALA (Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld)) Freehold Area as Transferable Land and grant to the ALA Grantee, being either a Registered Native Title Body Corporate or a Prescribed Body Corporate nominated by the Djiru People; entering into and being bound by the Conservation Agreement; dedication, use and management of a national park, nature refuge, reserves (including the construction of infrastructure that is consistent with the dedicated purposes) and a road; the possible grant of a lease under the Land Act and all things authorised under the lease; the doing of any activities by DERM (Qld Dept of Environment and Resource Management) within the National Park Area for the management of that Area; and all acts necessary to give effect to these acts].  
9.1 The Surrender is intended to extinguish any Native Title that may exist in relation to the Surrender Area.  
"Surrender" means the surrender of Native Title in relation to the Surrender Area to the State; ["Surrender Area" is described in Schedule 2 of the agreement; contact Karrell Ross on the details below for a copy of the description of the Surrender Area] ;  
**QI2011/007 Djiru People Protected Areas ILUA** does not contain any relevant statements.  
**QI2011/008 Djiru People Ergon Energy ILUA**  
5.1 and 5.2 The Parties consent to the doing of any particular future act and any class of future acts specified in this Agreement [This includes: Minor Works and access to conduct Minor Works; use and access of land siting electricity infrastructure in existence at the execution date and any adjacent land required for use and maintenance; future acts on Aboriginal land with prior written consent of the entity holding Aboriginal Land; and subject to Cultural Heritage Management Processes stipulated in Agreement, the grant of any easement, licence or permit over relevant Electricity Infrastructure. Minor Works include tree lopping clearing in the immediate vicinity of Electricity Infrastructure or required for the safe operation, use or public safety in relation to operation of the Electricity Infrastructure; repairing or reinstating any damaged or destroyed Electricity Infrastructure to the pre-existing state; maintaining and inspecting Electricity Infrastructure; installation of street light poles and service/intermediate poles that are tied into the existing powerline systems in urban areas/town precincts only; accessing the Agreement area at reasonable times for the purpose of undertaking these works].  
5.10 The Parties agree that Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA does not apply to any future act, to which the Parties have consented, within this Agreement.  
6.1 and 7.7 [In addition, the Native Title Party consents to the State of Queensland granting Ergon Energy any tenure or other interest over land within the Agreement Area on which Electricity Infrastructure is located or on the relevant access tracks. The parties also consent to the maintenance and repair of the relevant access tracks].

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:**  
These three applications for registration of ILUAs have been certified by the North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Aboriginal Corporation, the representative body for the area concerned. The area covered by each agreement is shown in the respective maps. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the areas covered by any of the agreements may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of the agreements if they think that the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified.  
If you wish to object to the registration of any of the agreements (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the areas covered by the agreements) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the applications to register the ILUAs have not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).  
You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns, Qld, 4870 by 18 August 2011.**  
Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management (QLD). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.  
**For assistance and further information about this application, call Case Manager, Karrell Ross on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).**

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# Origin not on Soward's radar



Jamie Soward scores for the Indigenous All Stars against the National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars at Skilled Park, Gold Coast, in 2010. Picture: Wayne Quilliam



JAMIE Soward gave NSW coach Ricky Stuart another fine example of his consistency in St George Illawarra's 24-10 Anzac Day win over the Sydney Roosters, but the Dragons five-eighth says it doesn't change his opinion on State of Origin.

Dragons team-mates again backed Soward for the Blues No 6 shirt, but the man himself was just as quick to distance himself from their praise.

Soward always bristles when asked about Origin, because the feeling of being talked up and then ignored is all too familiar to him.

However, with Rooster Todd Carney out of the frame, Soward appears to have his best chance yet of making a debut.

"That's their opinion, my team-mates," Soward said.

"Obviously, it's nice to be able to hear them talk about it, but I'm not talking about it. I'm just playing footy and whatever happens, happens.

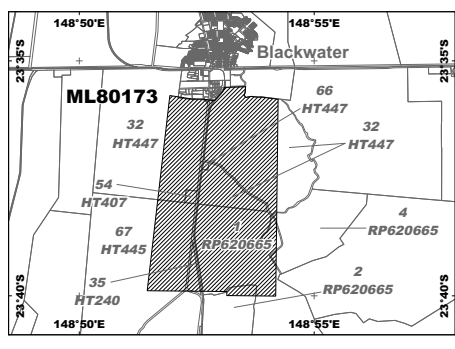
"I honestly don't think about it at all, I can genuinely say that. I don't go home and think about it or worry about it, it just doesn't come into my mind.

"Why would I? They haven't picked the team yet and they haven't said you're the man or anything." – AAP

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, 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).

Mining Lease 80173 sought by Blackwater Coal Pty Ltd, over an area of 3325 ha, centred approximately 5km South of Blackwater in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty five (25) 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 Employment, Skills and Mining, 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 (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Rockhampton Mining District, Level 5, 34 East Street, Rockhampton, QLD 4700 Telephone: (07) 4938 4126.

**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 Lease. 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](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 25 May 2011**



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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR COAL NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of Exploration Permits for Coal shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

**Nature of Act(s):** The grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified, for a term not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 5, 10 December 2010 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 2, October 2010.

**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: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

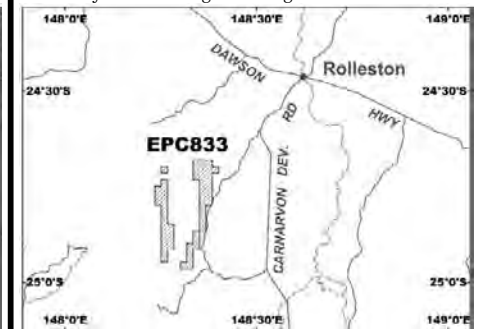
**Further Information:** Further Information about the proposed grants may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Notification Day: 25 May 2011**

Exploration Permit 2201 sought by Shenhua International Pty Ltd, ACN 118 366 591, over an area of 48 sub-blocks (149km<sup>2</sup>) centred approximately 69km West of Taroom, in the locality of Banana Shire Council.



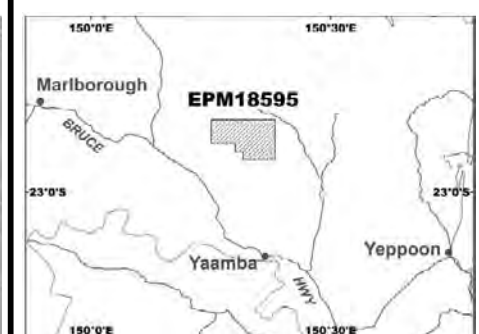
Exploration Permit 833 sought by West Rolleston Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 117 316 775 (90%) and Citic West Rolleston, Pty Ltd, ACN 117 281 651 (10%) over an area of 51 sub-blocks (197 km<sup>2</sup>) centred approx. 50km SW of Rolleston in the locality of Central Highlands Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 18770 sought by Donald Robert Douglas, over an area of 48 sub-blocks (154 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 28km NW of Ravenswood, in the locality of Burdekin Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 18595 sought by David John Sims over an area of 33 sub-blocks (104 km<sup>2</sup>), centred approximately 27km NNW of Yaamba, in the locality of Rockhampton Regional Council



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# Merritt stays a Bunny



SOUTH Sydney's Nathan Merritt has signed a new deal that will keep him at the National Rugby League (NRL) club until the end of the 2014 season.

Merritt, 27, is one of three players still at the club after playing in the Rabbitohs' re-instatement season in 2002. The speedster has scored more than 100 tries in the process.

John Sutton, who also will remain until the end of 2014, was widely thought to be on his way out of the club, but the decision to announce Michael Maguire as coach from the start of next season, has seen the local junior extend his stay.



NATHAN MERRITT

Rabbitohs chief executive Shane Richardson was delighted to have kept Merritt and Sutton and said he was proud to reward players who had come through the club's juniors.

## Mainstays

"Nathan and John have been mainstays of our NRL side for many seasons and were proud to be able to make them ten-year players at our club with these contract extensions,"

Richardson said.

"Nathan has a fantastic try-scoring record, in the top five of all time at this famous club.

"These guys are products of the South Sydney juniors and were pleased to have them in our squad."

Merritt, who had a stint at Cronulla earlier in his career, says he could not see himself leaving Souths again.

"South Sydney is my home. It is the club I've dreamed about playing for since I

was a kid," he said.

"I'm proud to represent this club and the district each week."

Sutton and Merritt provided good news for Souths in the midst of speculation that Parramatta will make a big play for their halfback Chris Sandow (see P78).

"I really think if Chrissy (Sandow) hangs around I really think we can gel and go forward for the club," Sutton said.

"He's got a tough decision to make but I hope he stays." —AAP

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, 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 five (5) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) 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 Employment, Skills and Mining, 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 (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mount Isa, 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa, Qld 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747 2103.

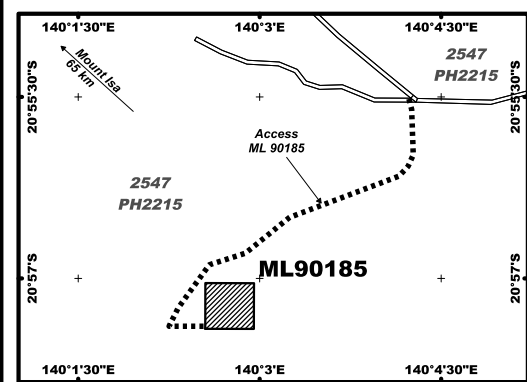
**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day 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](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 18 May 2011**



Mining Lease 90185 sought by Broughton Minerals Pty Limited, over an area of 48.53 ha, centred approximately 65 km SE of Mount Isa in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, 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 ten (10) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding ten (10) 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 Employment, Skills and Mining, 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 (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 5762.

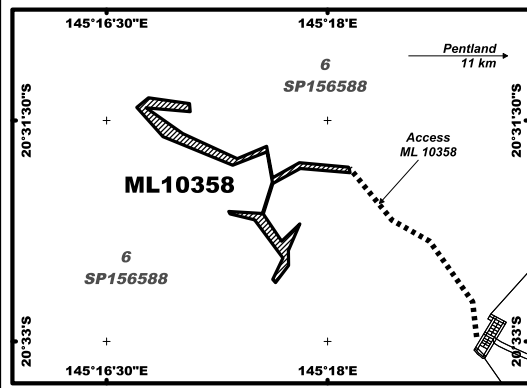
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**Notification Day: 18 May 2011**



Mining Lease 10358 sought by Clyde Ian Doxford (50%) and Jason Read (50%) over an area of 45.44 ha, centred approximately 11 km West of Pentland in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



## Gold Coast to host Murri rugby league tournament



A MURRI rugby league carnival is being planned for the Gold Coast, and organisers are hopeful it will attract between 20,000 and 30,000 people.

It will be held in September at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba. Gold Coast community magazine *Be Counted* said organisers were expecting 56 teams to take part in the Queensland Murri Carnival (QMC).

It said the Gold Coast City Council had thrown its weight behind the event on the recommendation of its Community and Cultural Development Committee.

Committee chairman Bob La Castra told *Be Counted* that the aim of the carnival was to raise the level of Indigenous representation in the elite level of rugby league from 11 per cent to 15 per cent.

"This event will provide an opportunity for players to work towards representation at a national level and hopefully early a reputation as a high competitive and desirable tournament5 in which to compete," he said.

"With the QMC expected to involve 2000 competitors and 30,000 spectators, this event has the potential to bring significant economic benefits to the Gold Coast."

*Be Counted* said the carnival would aim for 32 men's teams competing for the Lionel Morgan Cup.

Officials also were planning a 16-team under 15 competition in a knockout format, leading to the selection of a Queensland under 15 team, and eight women's teams leading to State and National selection.



# More accolades

## Wingard a rising star

By PETER ARGENT



Award for the best rookie talent in South

CHAD Wingard, already being touted as a top ten selection at the November National Australian Football League (AFL) Draft, was the round three selection in the 2011 Powerade Star Search

Australian State League football.

Originally from the Imperials Football Club in Murray Bridge and a current member of the SA under 18 squad, Wingard played his third League game on Friday night 15 April against the pre-season favourites, the Eagles, at Adelaide Oval.

He kicked two goals in the Double Blues' convincing win and collected 20 possessions (13 kicks, seven handballs) along with five marks, to be high amongst the best players.

"Chad is a super talent, but still pretty 'green'," coach Luke Norman said.

"He's full of ability and has a big future.

"He has a good attitude, he's attentive and very coachable.

"He's the type of footballer who can play anywhere on the ground.

"But I believe he's best suited around the goals at this stage of his career."

Sturt, decided underdogs going in the clash, won the game by 58 points and the result was attributed in no small part to Wingard's strong performance off half forward flank.

### Talented sportsman

The Aboriginal talent was an elite junior basketballer before football took priority. (See *Koori Mail* edition 499 – P98)

Last year Wingard was a part of the successful South Australian under 18 side under the tutelage of former Magarey medallist Brenton Phillips, which finished with four wins from five games.

It is expected Wingard will have a significant leadership role at this level in 2011.

Interestingly, since this award started in 2007, only a trio of Indigenous footballers had previously been nominated.

In the inaugural year, current Sturt vice-captain Josh Cubillo was nominated while playing at North Adelaide in round four, while South Adelaide's Brad Hunter was selected in round ten.

Current Crows Jared Petrenko gained a nomination in round 11, 2008.

The Powerade Star Search Award recognises the talented youngsters making their mark in SANFL ranks.

To be eligible for the award, nominees are required to be aged 21 or under at 1 January 2011, and to have played no more than eight State League games at the start of the 2011 season. AFL rookies are eligible for the award unless promoted to the senior list of their AFL club.

Players who are suspended by the Tribunal in 2011 are ineligible for the award.

The 2011 Powerade Star Search Award winner will receive a \$2000 cash prize.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant												
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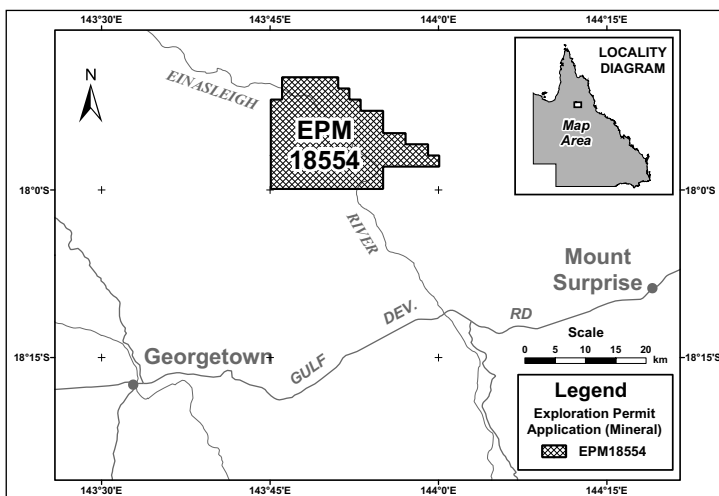
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Chad Wingard pictured in 2010.

## New Qld boss



THE Queensland Rugby League (QRL) has appointed former employee and Valleys forward Robert Moore as the successor to long-term managing director Ross Livermore.

Livermore will stand down at the end of July after 30 years in the position.

Moore worked previously for the QRL as educational development manager and is currently the Deputy Director-General for Sport and Recreation Services with the Queensland Government.

"It's a real honour to be appointed to this position," said Moore, 51.

"I am looking forward to continuing the fine work that has been achieved over the years and further strengthening rugby league in Queensland from grassroots footy to the highest level." – AAP



# ‘Subi’ culture grows

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



SUBIACO is becoming yet another West Australian Football League (WAFL) club developing a strong Indigenous culture and with Allistair Pickett and his teenage son Alliston, Adam Cockie, Des Headland and a host of others now key parts of their line-up.

Unlike South Fremantle, Swan Districts and Claremont in the WAFL, Subiaco doesn't have the history of being a strong breeding ground of Indigenous players, but that is now changing.

Headland and Allistair Pickett are perhaps Subiaco's two favourite Indigenous players.

Headland was drafted with the No 1 selection by Brisbane in the AFL draft in 1998 and went on to play in a premiership with the Lions and 166 games in the AFL with Brisbane and Fremantle.

He has now returned to Subiaco following the end of his AFL career and 37-year-old Pickett remains one of the competition's best players.

## Most decorated

He is also the most decorated over the past decade, having won two Sandover Medals as the League's best player, claimed a club fairest and best award and played in the Lions' premierships of 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Last year he also made history playing with his teenage son Alliston and the pair continue this year.

Pickett has worked hard on being a mentor for all the Indigenous players at the club. In recent years that has been crucial to the development of Marty Smith and Raphael Stack.

This year the club's Indigenous contingent has continued to grow, with Jordan Eades, Sonny Dann and Rhonen Maher coming



ADAM COCKIE

on board.

Subiaco coach and former West Coast Eagles dual premiership player Chris Waterman has been tremendously impressed with the attitude that Headland has brought back with him to the WAFL.

"Des has been a terrific player, but his last two or three years have frustrated the hell out of him, but less intensity on the body enables him to get through two sessions a week and that's all that he needs," Waterman said.

"He went into the AFL, played in a premiership and became a very good player, but I think he'd really like to come back to his old club and make a big impact. He has seen the success that Subi has had over the past eight years,

so he would like to be part of re-starting that going forward."

Cockie was restricted to just seven AFL games with West Coast due to injury, but when up and going, there's no doubt his quality as a midfielder.

Waterman is backing him to have a big year, and if he stays healthy, to be back in the AFL in 2012.

"He got to round ten the year before and broke his collarbone, then last year hurt his knee, but maybe being out of the AFL system and training two or three nights a week will hopefully see him get through the season to play 15 or 20 games without as much stress on his body," Waterman said.

"If he can do that, clubs will again look

at him to get back into the AFL because we know he is a quality player."

While the likes of Pickett, Headland and Cockie are strong leaders and role models with the club, first-year Subiaco player Jordan Eades has found himself in trouble.

The 19-year-old crossed over to Subiaco last summer from rival club Perth, where he showed plenty of promise and was a potential AFL draftee.

But Eades is on a string of charges and has been remanded to appear in court on 1 June.

Part of his bail conditions say he is available to train and play with Subiaco.

The club said that for now, it would stick by him.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
<b>EPM17073</b>  This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 4 km ENE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.17°40'S Long.145°09'E Local Government Area: <b>Tablelands Regional Council</b>  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 11 km E from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat. 17°41'S Long.142°13'E Local Government Area: <b>Tablelands Regional Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 26 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 8 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number</b> <b>Sub-blocks</b> 1382                    t, u, y, z 1454                    d, e, j, k  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 7 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number</b> <b>Sub-blocks</b> 1455                    c, d	<b>Contin NQ Pty Ltd</b> <b>111 243 282</b>

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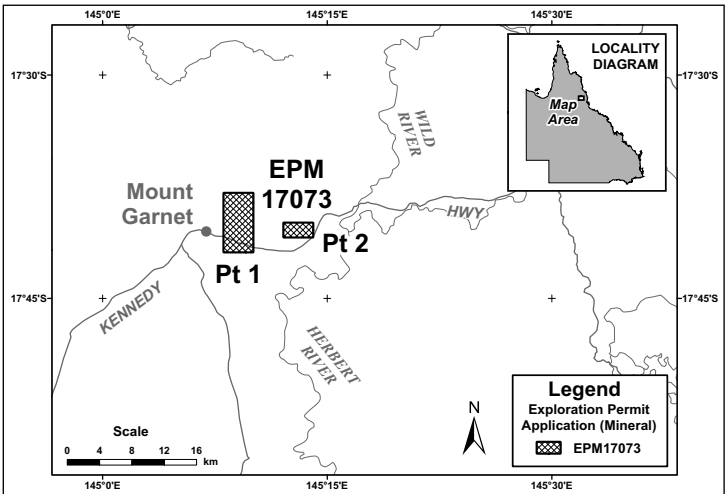
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# 50 of our best from



**ARTHUR BEETSON**

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modern era.

He was also awarded the Norm Smith Medal for 'best on ground' in the 1997 and 1998 AFL grand final wins and has been given various other accolades in a star-studded career.

Among his achievement was runner-up to the Brownlow Medal in 2001 and a third 2000. He also collected the Michael Tuck Medal in 2003 and Jim Stynes Medal (International rules series) in 2005, along with captaincy of his country, the Aboriginal All Stars and the 2008 Dream team.

### 9. Arthur Beetson (Rugby league)

'Big Artie' is a living legend of the game and his performance for Queensland in the very first State of Origin match secured the future of this series.

He played for Redcliffe, the Balmain Tigers, Hull (UK), Eastern Suburbs and Parramatta Eels, along with having an extensive coaching career.

Beetson became the first Indigenous Australian to captain his country in any sport.

He won 29 Tests and World Cup caps and was the 1975 and 1977 World Cup captain.

### 10. Gavin Wanganen (AFL)

Nick-named the 'Indian rubber man' because of his flexibility, Wanganen played in two AFL premierships with Essendon and Port Adelaide over a decade apart.

Wanganen was a first Aboriginal Brownlow Medallist and first Indigenous footballer to 300 games, being among of the finest players ever.

He also captained the Port Adelaide Football Club as they entered the AFL and won premiership with the foundation club, the Port Adelaide Magpies as a 16-year-old in 1990. Naturally, he's in the code's Hall of Fame.

### 11. Johnathan Thurston (Rugby league)

A dual Dally M Medal winner, playing as a goal-kicking halfback, Thurston started his career at the Canterbury Bulldogs before moving to the North Queensland Cowboys in 2005. He was a member of the Bulldogs' 2004 NRL premiership and also represented Queensland and Australia, along with the Aboriginal



**JOHNATHAN THURSTON**

All Stars.

In the 2008 State of Origin series, Thurston won the Wally Lewis Medal and in 2010 collected the Preston Campbell Medal in the 2010 NRL All Stars Game.

He was one of Cleo magazine's 50 Most Eligible Bachelors in 2006.

### 12. Adam Goodes (AFL)

While still playing the game, Goodes already holds an privileged place in AFL/VFL history as a dual Brownlow Medallist, 2005 premiership player, three times All-Australian and member of the Indigenous Team of the Century and has represented his country in the International rules series.

At 194cm tall and weighing 96kg, Goodes has the capacity to play any position on the ground.

On top of his sporting achievement, he is associated with several Indigenous sport and community programs.

### 13. Johnny Mullagh (Cricket)

From Western Victoria, Mullagh was part of the famous 1868 Aboriginal cricket tour of England.

He was a skilful all-rounder, being a right arm bowler and right-handed batsman he has been described as 'the (W G) Grace of Aboriginal cricketers'.

His performances were impressive enough for him to join the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) as a professional.

### 14. Michael Ah Matt (Basketball)

Becoming Australia's first Indigenous Olympic basketballer after his selection for the 1964 Tokyo Games, Ah Matt was selected on the 1968 team as well, but the side didn't get through the pre-Olympic tournament.

Finally, in 2010, Ah Matt was inducted in Australian basketball's Hall of Fame. He was already a member of the Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame.

Originally from Darwin, he moved to South Australia and joined the South Adelaide Panthers. Eventually, he would play a then record 588 games over 20 seasons for his club in his adopted State.

### 15. Laurie Daley (Rugby league)

Daley represented Australia on 31 occasions and has since been named as one of the nation's finest players of the 20th century. He played primarily as a centre



**ADAM GOODES**

and then five-eighth for the Canberra Raiders during their most successful period in the 1990s.

In February 2008, Daley was named in the list of Australia's 100 Greatest Players (1908-2007), which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.

In August, that year, Daley was named at five-eighth in the Indigenous Team of the Century.

### 16. Lance Franklin (AFL)

A player with freakish abilities at the very top level of his code, Franklin became the first Indigenous player to kick 100 goals in a season.

Nicknamed 'Buddy', Franklin primarily plays as a centre half-forward, but is equally capable of playing anywhere on the ground.

Despite his height (196cm) and weight (101kg), Franklin is one of the most athletic players, having the pace of a small man, being able to kicking amazing goals, or bring down big marks.

### 17. Nathan Jawai (Basketball)

Known in some circles as 'Baby Shaq', Jawai was the first Indigenous Australian to be selected in the 2008 NBA by Indiana Pacers. He was drafted 41st overall in the 2008 NBA Draft, however, his rights were traded to the Toronto Raptors. He currently plays for the Serbian team KK Partizan.

Jawai was part of the 2009 Australian men's basketball squad.

### 18. Maurice Rioli (AFL)

Rioli was a renowned performer on the big stage, playing as a midfielder with superb ball-handling skills and lightning reflexes.

He hails from the Tiwi Islands and played 118 games for the Richmond Tigers between 1982 and 1987. He was a three-times All-Australian and won a Norm Smith Medal in 1982, along with collecting three Simpson medals in the WAFL. First making his mark in the NT Football League, Rioli was one of eight brothers to play for the 'Green Machine' St Mary's.

He was also a key member if the 1980 premiership with South Fremantle and passed away last year, aged 53.

### 19. Chad Reed (Motocross)

A motocross rider was born



**LAURIE DALEY**

and raised in Kurri Kurri (NSW, Hunter Valley) Reed, lives in Florida, USA.

He started riding motorcycles aged seven and won numerous amateur competitions.

In Australia he won two Supercross championships before racing in Europe.

Reed moved to the USA in 2002, and after numerous successes won the 2004 AMA Supercross championship, then finished second in both 2005 and 2006. He is one of Australia's highest paid sportsmen/women.

### 20. Jeff Dynevor (Boxing)

Jeff 'Mitta' Dynevor, first Aboriginal athlete to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal in 1962 for boxing

He won the bantamweight division and was one of three Aboriginal boxers, all from Cherbourg, in that year's Australian team.

He fought alongside his friends Barney and Adrian Blair at this event.

### 21. Patrick Mills (Basketball)

Mills played for his country in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and was selected into the 2009 NBA draft by the Portland Trailblazers.

He's currently plays as point guard for the Trail Blazers and is one of the first Indigenous Australians to play basketball in the NBL and is one of the youngest players ever to don a singlet for the Australian Boomers.

From Marist College in Canberra, he was the Trail Blazers' second round selection at pick 55 overall.

### 22. Tom Dancey (Athletics)

Dancey was just the second Aboriginal man to win the famous Stawell Easter Gift sprint race over a century ago – in 1910.

He is one of just four Aboriginal men to have won this famous 120-metre foot race.

Dancey was buried in an unmarked grave in 1957 in his home town of Dirranbandi, in south-western Queensland. A headstone and a statue were unveiled just two weeks ago.

### 23. Benn Harradine (Field athletics)

Harradine was Australia's first Indigenous field event athlete to represent at the Olympic Games (Beijing 2008) and World Championships in Berlin.



**LANCE FRANKLIN**

He holds the Australian and Oceania records for discus throwing.

### 24. Tony Mundine (Boxing)

Mundine held the Australian middleweight, light heavyweight, cruiserweight and heavyweight titles and Commonwealth middleweight and light heavyweight titles at times during a extensive and productive career, being the only Australian boxer to fight in four separate weight divisions.

In 1986 was he awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for 'service to sport, particularly to boxing and to Aboriginal youth' and is the father Anthony Mundine.

### 25. Patrick Johnson (Athletics)

Discovered at the Australian University Games in Canberra in 1996, Johnson is a world-class sprinter.

In 2003 while in Japan, he became the first Australian to break ten seconds (9.93) for 100 metres in legal conditions, making him the 17th fastest man in history.

Johnson won the marquee men's 100m open sprint at the 2006 Telstra A-Series.

### 26. David Wirrpanda (AFL)

A Victorian who moved to the West, making his debut as a 16-year-old for the West Coast Eagles, Wirrpanda made 227 appearances before retiring in 2009 in a career full of achievements.

He was an an All-Australian, represented Australia in International rules matches against Ireland and was the inaugural AFL Community Leadership Award winner in 2003.

He was highly respected as a player on and off the field.

His David Wirrpanda Foundation ([www.dwf.org.au](http://www.dwf.org.au)) helps underprivileged young people.

### 27. Dale Shearer (Rugby league)

A star of rugby league in the 1980s and 1990s, Shearer was a Queensland State of Origin and Australian representative winger and fullback.

He also played club football in Queensland, New South Wales and England.

Shearer is still the all-time top

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# Aust sports arenas



**GREG INGLIS**

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try-scorer in State of Origin history and was named on the wing of the Indigenous Australian Team of the Century.

## 28. Jack Marsh (Cricket)

Jack Marsh was the Australian first-class cricketer of Australian Aboriginal descent, representing New South Wales in six matches from 1900-01 to 1902-03.

A right-arm fast bowler of extreme pace, Marsh was blessed tremendous athletic qualities and was regarded as one of the outstanding talents of his era.

His career was curtailed by continual controversy surrounding the legality of his bowling action.

## 29. Greg Inglis (Rugby league)

Inglis is a versatile back, having played in several positions during his career. He originally played on the wing or in the centres and has even played at fullback.

In November 2009, Inglis won the highly coveted Golden Boot Award as the world's best player, and this year he joined the Rabbitohs from the Melbourne Storm after much controversy.

## 30. Michael Long (AFL)

Long began his football career with St Mary's Club in Darwin before coming to Essendon in 1989, via West Torrens.

After 12 years with the club and 190 games, he won the 1993 Norm Smith Medal and was a member of the 1993 and 2000 Bombers flags, along with captaining the club.

Long then started working as an ambassador and chaired the Long Walk Foundation.

In 2007 he was inducted to the AFL Hall of Fame.

## 31. Jay North (Soccer)

A versatile defender, North is playing for Tromsø, in Norway.

After racking up more than 40 Qantas Joeys, young Socceroos and the Under 23s national games, he has now played 34 times at senior level for Australia.

He originally joined the Brisbane Strikers and was one of the youngest players to join the National Soccer League.

He's also played for Sydney Olympic, Perth Glory, the Newcastle Jets and Incheon United (Korea), along with representing his country at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics.

## 32. Joshua Ross (Athletics)

Ross began to star as a track and field athlete in 2003 with his win in the famous Stawell Gift.

He ended his career in November 2009 as the third



**MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

fastest Australian over 100 metres of all time (10.08 seconds).

He represented Australia in the 2004 Athens Olympics, during the world championships in 2005 and 2009 and the Commonwealth Games in 2006.

## 33. Rohanee Cox (Basketball)

Cox is a guard who stands at 182cm tall and plays in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) with the Townsville Fire. Among her accolades, Cox won the Eddie Gilbert Medal in 2008.

She was a member of the Australia women's squad for 2008 Summer Olympics that collected a silver medal, after losing the final to the Americans.

Cox has represented his country more than 100 times at junior and senior levels.

## 34. Michael O'Loughlin (AFL)

A skilful and creative forward, O'Loughlin is one of the most decorated Indigenous Australian players in the history of the Australian Football League.

His achievement include being a member of the Indigenous Team of the Century, just the third player with Aboriginal heritage to play 300 AFL games, and a 2005 premiership player.

His representative honours include twice achieving All-Australian selection, playing for Australia twice in the International rules series and a Fos Williams Medallist as best player for South Australia in State of Origin football.

## 35. Stacey Porter (Softball)

A powerful hitter, Porter was first selected for the national team in 2002 and also plays professionally in Japan.

Porter was a member of the national team that won a silver medal at the 2004 Olympics and a bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics

She captained the Australian women's softball team during the International Softball Federation's world championships in Caracas, Venezuela, in 2010.

## 36. Wendell Sailor (Rugby league/rugby union)

A dual international, Sailor played 14 rugby league games and 37 rugby union matches in Australian colours.

Sailor debuted in rugby league for the Brisbane Broncos in 1993 before switching to rugby union, returning to rugby league with the St George-Illawarra Dragons, with a first grade tally of 222 games.

He also made 47 appearances for the Queensland Reds and New South Wales in rugby union.



**FAITH THOMAS**

## 37. Faith Thomas (Cricket)

Faith Thomas (née Coulthard) had a full and rewarding work and sporting career.

She was hockey player and cricketer.

She became the first Indigenous Australian to play cricket for her country.

Along with her pioneering efforts on the cricket field, she was the first of six Aboriginal nurses in South Australia to complete training in 1954, and was the first in South Australia to become a public servant, working widely in the area of Aboriginal health and community services.

## 38. Lionel Morgan (Rugby league)

Primarily playing on the wing during his career, Morgan was the first Indigenous Australian to be selected to play in a recognised rugby league Test match.

He was named amongst the nation's finest of the 20th Century.

## 39. Roger Rigney (Australian football – SA)

A disciple of Sturt's greatest coach Jack Oatey, Roger 'The Wombat' Rigney played 211 senior games between 1959 and 1971 kicking 250 goals in South Australia.

Despite being only 157cm tall, Rigney was an important component in the Double Blues' stellar era, playing in each of the five consecutive premierships between 1966 and 1970.

He was later inducted into the Double Blues Hall of Fame.

## 40. Stephen Michael (Australian football – WA)

Michael was an outright star of WAFL for a decade from 1975 with South Fremantle.

Over a 243-game career, he kicked 231 goals and was a key member South's 1980 premiership side. He holds the WAFL record for the most consecutive league games with 217.

Resisting innumerable offers by VFL clubs to move east, it is often suggested his was the best player to never play in the VFL.

A strongly-built, high-leaping ruckman, Michael won the Sandover Medal in 1980 and 1981. He represented Western Australia in State or State of Origin football on 17 occasions, captaining the side three times.

## 41. Des Abbott (Hockey)

Abbott, a cousin of Indigenous Kookaburra team-mate Joel Carroll, played in the Australian men's hockey squad in the Commonwealth Games 2010 in Delhi.

A noted silky skilled midfielder



**MARK ELLA**

or striker, Abbott has tremendous ball control, and the ability to bring players into the game.

From the Northern Territory, Abbott first debuted for his country just after his 21 birthday and has now played upwards of 80 appearances for his country.

## 42. Eddie Gilbert (Cricket)

An exceptionally fast bowler, despite not being overly tall, Gilbert played first-class cricket for Queensland during the 1930s.

He played in 19 Sheffield Shield matches, taking 73 wickets at a solid average of 29.75.

A further 14 wickets were taken off touring MCC, West Indies and South Africa sides.

On November 6, 1931 Gilbert famously dismissed the world's greatest batsmen – Don Bradman.

## 43. Travis Dodd (Soccer)

A leader of Adelaide United for the past couple of seasons, Dodd also has the honour of becoming the first Aboriginal soccer player to score a goal in senior national colours.

He posted his 100th match milestone with Adelaide United in 2009, being the second person to in the National Soccer League to achieve this milestone.

An Adelaide boy, Dodd had previous represented his country at under 17 and under 20 levels.

He will play for Perth Glory next season.

## 44. Percy Hobson (Field athletics)

Percy Hobson, a high jumper, was the first Indigenous Australian field athlete to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal in the 1962 Games in Perth.

Hobson won the men's high jump, clearing his equal highest ever.

He jumped 6ft 11in (211cm) to win his gold, at the second Commonwealth Games held in Australia

## 45. Kyle Vander-Kuyp (Athletics)

Adopted at five weeks of age by Pat and Ben Vander-Kuyp, Kyle developed into an elite track athlete, predominately in hurdles.

Vander-Kuyp improved the Oceania record in the 110m hurdles to 13.29 seconds at the 1995 World Championships.

He competed at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games, as well as the 1994 and 1998 Commonwealth Games.

## 46. Ken Hampton (Athletics)

A sprinter from the Northern Territory, Hampton was a schoolboy athletics champion and won the 1961 Bay Sheffield 130-yard race in a time of 12.4



**ANDREW McLEOD**

seconds.

In 2009 Hampton was inducted to the Bay Sheffield Hall of Fame.

After his sporting heroics, Hampton became a community leader and Anglican deacon, and the first Aboriginal Justice of Peace in South Australia.

## 47. Joe Johnson (Australian football)

Joe Johnson, a true pioneer of his sport it recognised as being the first Indigenous Australian to play in the VFL/AFL.

Born in NSW, Johnson was recruited from Victorian Football Association (VFA) club Northcote, before moving across to Fitzroy Football Club in 1904 and playing in back-to-back premiership teams in the next two seasons.

In 1907 he moved back to the VFA as playing-coach of Brunswick, taking them to an inaugural premiership in 1909.

Johnson's son Percy Johnson, grandson Percy Cummings and great-grandsons Robert and Trent Cummings also played at the top level.

## 48. Gorden Tallis (Rugby league)

The 'Raging Bull', Tallis played rugby league from 1992 to 2004, captaining Australia and Queensland as well as the Brisbane Broncos, where he won three premierships and a Clive Churchill Medal.

At the height of his career, Tallis was considered the best second-rower in the world and in 2008 was named in an Indigenous Australian rugby league Team of the Century.

## 49. Anthony Mundine (Boxing)

A boxer and former rugby league player, Anthony 'The Man' Mundine is two-times WBA Super middleweight champion and IBO middleweight champion, along with being a NSW State of Origin representative rugby league player.

He played NRL with the Dragons and the Broncos.

He's the son of the legendary Tony Mundine.

## 50. Cliff Lyons (Rugby league)

Nicknamed 'God' and a favourite son at the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, Lyons played mainly in the five-eighth. The international-level rugby league during the 1980s and 1990s.

Lyons has a Clive Churchill Medal and is a dual Dally M Medallist, having played more than 300 first-grade games with the Sea Eagles.

He played in premierships with them in 1987 and 1996, and also represented New South Wales and Australia.



# Barba an eye-catcher



BEN Barba has drawn comparisons with Billy Slater and Matt Bowen as he thrusts his name before Queensland State of Origin selectors.

With his speed, flair and an uncanny knack for scoring tries from anywhere on the field, the young Canterbury fullback is the hottest young player in the National Rugby League (NRL).

Eight tries in his five games before last weekend have boosted Barba's status as an Origin player of the future.

Barba is in the Maroons' initial squad of 25 for the Origin opener, but selectors Des Morris,

Gene Miles and Alan Smith are set to remain loyal to Melbourne halfback Cooper Cronk to fill the utility job in record-breaking Queensland's squad for Origin I on 27 May.

"That's fortunately the depth we've got at the moment going through a golden period," Miles said when asked about Barba's rapid development.

## Options open

"Things always happen around Origin time, whether it be injuries, suspensions or guys facing charges, so you have to keep all your options open.

"He's definitely a player we're watching, but Cooper (Cronk) has done a magnificent (utility)

job after we were left scratching our heads to find someone to replace Karmichael Hunt."

The consensus is while Barba possesses all the attacking weapons, he still needs more NRL experience to develop the toughness needed for the inferno of Origin football.

Still, he is impressing the right people.

Brisbane's Queensland Origin centre Justin Hodges likes what he sees from Barba and was wary of the 21-year-old ahead of last Friday's NRL clash between the Broncos and the Bulldogs.

"He's playing some great footy," said Hodges. "He reminds you a bit of Matty Bowen who could come on late in the second

half (of an Origin) and sting you around the ruck."

Hodges noted Barba was playing a similar attacking style to Slater.

"He's not bashing himself up the middle. He's waiting and he knows who to follow these days and it takes a clever fullback to do that," said Hodges.

"That's what makes Billy so great."

Barba hails from Mackay and was the 2010 Deadly winner in the Most Promising New Talent in Sport category.

Born in June 1989 in Darwin, Barba joined the Bulldogs in 2008 and hasn't looked back.

His rapid development as a genuine NRL star had not surprised north Queenslanders.



Ben Barba pictured at a north Queensland All Blacks carnival.

## All Blacks regular

Barba has entertained crowds at numerous All Blacks carnivals over the years and even when he doesn't play, he's always happy to have his picture snapped with Aboriginal fans from remote communities.

At the October 2009 Bindal All Blacks carnival at Townsville, a dominating performance by Barba led Mackay Stallions to a 30-22 win over Bindal Sharks in the final.

Barba scored three tries and booted two goals for a tally of 16 points even though he came under heavy scrutiny from quality opposition.

He was named player of the carnival.

At the 2008 Frank and Vern Daisy carnival in Townsville, Barba

and brothers Marmin and Aaron shone when Mackay Stallions scored a big 56-4 win over Western Warriors in the final.

Ben scored three tries and for good measure, chipped in with seven goals as the Barba brothers scored an amazing 44 points between them.

His proud father, Ken Barba told *The Koori Mail* at one All Blacks carnival that the North Queensland Cowboys didn't show any interest in his promising son.

When he retires from the NRL, Barba may even find his way to the Torres Strait's premier sporting event, the Island of Origin.

He would qualify to play for Boigu Island side Malu Kiai. — AAP and Alf Wilson

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## REGISTRATION CLOSSES 29TH JULY

## Maher completes Boston Marathon 'in a breeze'



ALICE Springs footballer and long-distance runner Charlie Maher recorded a personal best

when he ran the famous Boston Marathon in 3:22.13.

It was Maher's second marathon in the United States, having completed the New York Marathon last November.

His time in Boston was ten minutes inside his New York run.

Australia marathon legend Rod de Castella invited Maher to join him in Boston.

de Castella won the Boston Marathon 25 years ago in 2:07.51 and race officials invited him to the 2011 event as their guest.

de Castella said after the 2011 race that Maher had conducted himself in Boston 'with distinction in every aspect and endeared himself to many'.

"It was only his second marathon – some four months

after New York – and off only about two months of training," de Castella said.

"Running conservatively over the hilly and tough course, he finished strongly.

"No major problems, all good. He said he felt strong, was a little worried about the famous Boston hills, especially the infamous Heartbreak Hill, but as it turned

out they weren't as hard as he expected."

The 27-year-old Maher was part of de Castella's 2010 Indigenous Marathon Project, where he and three other Aborigines, under the guidance of de Castella, prepared and ran in the New York Marathon.

By completing the Boston Marathon on 18 April, Maher raised \$1700 for the Western Desert

Dialysis House – a life saving service for his community. Alice Springs has the world's highest percentage of people on dialysis.

Maher finished Boston 5490th overall and was the 4769th male to finish and in his age division finished 2684th.



CHARLIE MAHER



# History re-written

## AFL legend discovers Aboriginal heritage

By PETER ARGENT



RECENT research has uncovered that 1987 Carlton Australian Football League

(AFL) premiership player Mark Naley has Aboriginal heritage. His grandfather Charles Gordon Naley was among nearly 80,000 men who forged the Anzac tradition at Gallipoli, initially volunteering in 1914. But family lore had suggested he had Afghan forefathers. A member of the 16th Battalion, Naley was among the first of the Allied assaults at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915.

"I knew that grandad fought at Gallipoli, but only found out about his nationality from the war records," Naley said.

"When I initially spoke about this, it was about acknowledging his feats and the sacrifices that he and the people from this era made for us today."

What it also does is change some sporting facts that have previously been etched in stone.

He now becomes the South Australian National Football League's (SANFL's) second Magarey Medallist with an Indigenous heritage, following 1989 winner Gilbert McAdam – and also adds his name to the list of Indigenous AFL premiership players.

### Great players

Debuting a League level back in 1980 for the Panthers, he was a part of an epoch where South Australian football had a quartet of champion rovers, who, along with Naley, were regarded around Australia as among the best small men in the code.

His peers included John Platten, Tony McGuinness and Tony Antrobus.

Each of the four collected the highest individual honour in SA football – the Magarey Medal – and all were a part of the flood of Croweaters who plied their trade in the VFL/AFL.

Noted for balance, being highly skilled on both sides of his body and having strong knowledge of where the goals were, Naley had all the attributes that are now commonly attributed to elite footballers.

"Interestingly, no one else in my extended family had much connection with sport," Naley said.

"So my natural talents with a football in my hand must have something to do with my



MARK NALEY

heritage."

Naley began his football with Sacred Heart College, but called himself a 'rebel' because he didn't want to play school football, instead donning a jumper for his league club.

"Joining South Adelaide, Mark progressed through the junior grades to be a part of the successful 1979 Reserves flag

winning side," South Adelaide historian John Althorp said.

"He played his first game as a State footballer in 1981 and continued to represent the State until 1989, and then again in 1991 and 1992; winning the Tassie Medal as Best and Fairest in the 1987 National Football League Carnival, and the Fos Williams Medal as South Australia's best player in 1991.

### Remarkable season

"Mark had previously been runner-up for the Magarey Medal in 1981 (to Norwood's Michael Aish) and 1982 (to Tony McGuinness), but in 1991 he finally won the medal in a remarkable season that saw him win a number of other awards.

"He played in a total of 236 games for South Adelaide before he retired in 1993, which was the sixth highest number of games ever played for this club.

"Having won the Knuckey Cup in 1984, he was made a life member of South Adelaide in 1993."

In the middle of his football

career, Naley moved to Melbourne, where he had a highly successful 65-game, 74-goal career with Carlton between 1987 and 1990, with the pinnacle being the 1987 flag.

"Before the mid-1980s, there was only a trickle of SA players going to Victoria," Naley said.

"By the time I got across, most of the big names had arrived in numbers, including all of us four rovers.

"I played the first handful of games in the seniors at Carlton, but was actually selected to play for SA while having a spell in the reserves.

"I collected the Tassie Medal and my form improved from there.

"The grand final was an amazing experience, as the noise before the first bounce is unforgettable – it makes you stand a little bit taller – and try that bit harder.

"A number of my family and friends are still Carlton supporters, even in these post-Crows era because of that day."

On his return to the SANFL, Naley imprinted himself into

SANFL history, winning the 1991 Magarey Medal.

"It was my first year back from Carlton and I was pretty hardened," Naley said.

"It is amazing now, even two decades later, that a week doesn't go by when someone makes mention of that medal win in some way."

He was a part of SANFL football at its zenith, playing State of Origin football alongside some of the great names that South Australian has ever produced.

### Composed

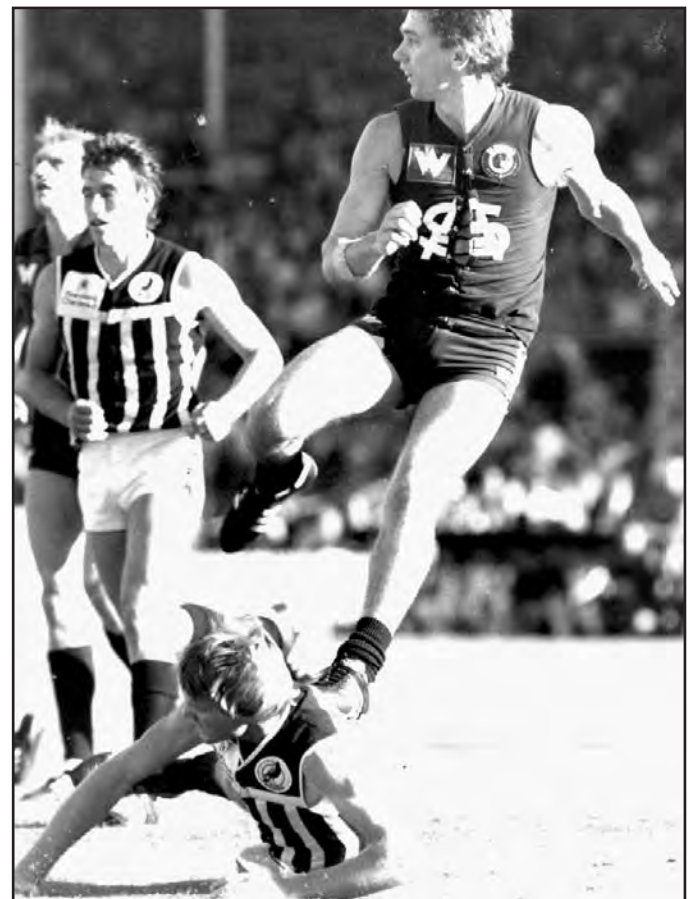
He had the skill, cunning, and composure to stamp his own mark among them.

Naley vividly recalls great tussles with Platten (when at Hawthorn) and Tigers rover Dale Weightman, suggesting the latter had all the attributes, being able to run all day and had a bit of 'mongrel' in him.

Naley's status as a footballer continued to grow, with selection as a member of the South Adelaide's Greatest Team and the SANFL Hall of Fame.



These pictures show Mark Naley in his heyday.





# Their day in the sun



Brandon Matera lines up goal number four.

By PETER ARGENT



IN an astounding comeback on a sunny Easter Saturday at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide, the Gold Coast produced a breakthrough Australian Football League (AFL) victory in round five of the 2011 campaign.

Three Aboriginal talents – two in the embryonic days of their AFL careers – were a part of this epic victory.

Brandon Matera, the 171cm, 68kg pocket rocket, was a sensation, kicking four goals, including two critical ones in the final term in just his fourth game at this level.

Second draft selection Harley Bennell, from Western Australia, also kicked an important goal in the last term and had 12 disposals, Harrod Harbrow was a strong performer in defence.

Harbrow, although just 22, is regarded as a senior player at the fledgling club.

"A really pleasing effort from our players," Suns coach Guy McKenna said in the post-match press conference.

"Slowly but surely, the boys are playing longer patches of good football.

"We are moving in the right direction.

"Today we showed that Gold Coast spirit – that never-say-die attitude."

Previous to this clash, the Suns had endured three large defeats, starting with a 119-point loss to Carlton, followed by 71-point defeat by the Western Bulldogs, and then a 15-goal loss to Melbourne at the Gabba.

With Port Adelaide, fresh off a morale-boosting win over Adelaide, 40 points up deep in the third quarter, this contest was heading in the same direction as the previous three.

## Eight-goal surge

From the point where Daniel Motlop kicked his fourth goal for the Power deep in the third quarter, the Suns kicked eight of the next nine goals to collect an unlikely, but meritorious inaugural victory by three points.

The game wasn't over until after the final siren, as Power forward Justin Westhoff marked in the dying seconds before the final whistle.

After the siren he lined up from 40 metres out on a 45-degree angle.

But his kick slipped to the right and this sparked riotous celebrates by the Gold Coast players and their supporters.

Among the 21,287 patrons at AAMI Stadium, there were a surprisingly strong number of Gold Coast fans.



Harley Bennell embraces fell West Australian Jacob Surjan after the game.



Jarrod Harbrow looks for a team-mate with one of his clearance kicks.



The Suns' Brandon Matera celebrates his fourth goal.

## Rising Star nominee expects mates to follow

THE FLIGHT from Perth to south-east Queensland is the longest trip possible in the AFL world, but it is one that Brandon Matera did without a moment's hesitation.

Matera can lay claim to being one of the true foundation Gold Coast players when he was taken as a nominated 17-year-old from WAFL club South Fremantle in 2009.

He spent 2010 playing for Gold Coast in the VFL, which he says was a solid foundation for him playing the first four matches of this season.

"Playing a year in the VFL, when I probably wouldn't have got many games in the WAFL, definitely helped. It was a good team and I put a bit of weight on. Moving over was probably the best thing

I'd done," Matera told [afl.com.au](http://afl.com.au).

The early grounding has held him in good stead as Matera has earned himself the honour of becoming Gold Coast's first ever NAB AFL Rising Star nominee for his four-goal effort in the Suns' historic win over Port Adelaide on 23 April.

Being the first Suns nominee is no mean feat at a club packed with the best young teenage footballers in the country.

### Expects other nominees

Not surprisingly, Matera says he expects up to half a dozen team-mates to join him as Rising Star nominees before the season is out.

"Hopefully we get a few this year. We've got a few good young blokes, so

hopefully we get five or six out of the team by the end of the year," Matera said.

"Blokes like Dave Swallow and Trent McKenzie should be up there. Zac Smith, Luke Russell and Josh Toy should be up there too."

Matera has adapted well to the Gold Coast life, sharing a house with McKenzie and fellow former West Australian Swallow in Ashmore, just five minutes from the club's base in Carrara.

He says there has been a good feeling at the Suns all season, despite some heavy early losses and that the entire group had faith that the first win wasn't far away.

"I always thought we had a chance before the game (against Port Adelaide) and so did most of the team. We thought

if we stayed with them and played four quarters, we'd have a crack," he said.

"At half time we were only a bit behind them and we hadn't been that close in any of our matches and we thought we could win it."

Matera speaks highly not only of his fellow first-year players, but also the Suns' senior players, namely captain Gary Ablett, who he said had received unfounded criticism for his leadership of the team.

"Gazza's a great leader. He's probably the best leader I've been around. With all the senior boys in there, they get into you and you learn a bit off them," he said.

"It's been good having them down there. They bring a lot of experience and advice." – AFL BigPond Network



## Palm's Charters Towers rodeo cancelled

By ALF WILSON



THE Palm Island rodeo, which was to be held at Charters Towers on 14 May, has been cancelled because of high costs and 'other unforeseen circumstances'.

However, a rodeo to be run under the Palm Island banner at Mungalla Station, near Ingham, on 17 September 17 looks certain to go ahead.

Organisers on the Palm Island side are Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe, with the ring action under the wing of Townsville man John Moss, of Bucko Billy Rodeo.

Mr Moss told *The Koori Mail* that due to high costs and 'other unforeseen

circumstances', the Charters Towers event was cancelled.

"The decision was made on 19 April, even though the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council generously offered \$2000 towards it. At least \$7000 was required, so we had no option but to cancel it," Mr Moss said.

Many Palm Islanders had contacted relatives in Charters Towers to organise accommodation for the rodeo.

The 2010 rodeo planned for Palm Island also was cancelled twice because of wet weather.

It was originally switched to Charters Towers for May because the bucking bulls are from stations nearby.

The first rodeo on Palm Island in 32

years was held in 2008 and attracted huge support from mainland competitors and spectators.

The 2009 rodeo on Palm was also very well supported.

Now, all energy is being put towards the September 17 rodeo at Mungalla Station.

Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation spokesman Jake Cassady said everybody there was looking forward to it.

Mr Cassady has been liaising with the Shortjoes and Mr Moss.

It is expected hundreds of Palm Islanders will travel to Mungalla Station and numerous competitors from there will be up for big prizemoney.

"Hopefully this can become an annual event for Mungalla. This is good for our tourism enterprise as it will lift the profile of our organisation and promote the Mungalla tourism experience," Mr Cassady said.

"It's also a time to celebrate and heal from the natural disasters of a major cyclone and numerous floods and the financial hardships the corporation has to battle through in the past year.

"The event will generate a great atmosphere, with camping, barbecues and big kup murri; there will be cart rides down to the wetlands, stalls, tours, rides for the kids and we want all the communities in the region to enjoy the experience of Mungalla Station."

## Barba's state of mind

### RUGBY LEAGUE



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it was size that counted against my representative ambitions rather than race.

In Queensland, they seem to have a different approach.

Talent is what counts first and the belief that all Queenslanders will rise to the occasion.

I have made my belief in Jamie Soward's capacity to handle Origin in an earlier column.

I stand by that belief and hope he gets his chance.

I am also happy for Ben because at an early stage of his career, he was almost tossed back because he was perceived as not big enough to make the grade.

Every time he goes into post-try celebration mode, someone at the Brisbane Broncos must feel like drowning their sorrows.

While Bulldogs fans are becoming more familiar with Barba's freakish feet each week, they are most likely unaware that he slipped straight through Brisbane's net and into the Kennel four years ago.

The Mackay product revealed he was cut loose as a member of Brisbane's development squad prior to linking with Canterbury mid-way through 2007.

"I was in their development program for a couple of years – when I was 15 and 16," Barba said.

"There was definitely a desire to play for the Broncos.

"It just didn't work out, and the Bulldogs gave me an opportunity which has been great.

"I wasn't disappointed – I just fell out of the system. I was only a young kid back then."

#### Leading try-scorer

Barba is this season's leading try-scorer with eight touchdowns, but he struggled to make a mark with representative selectors as a teen and couldn't crack a single Queensland State side.

The Bulldogs first became aware of Barba's prowess in 2006 when veteran scout Ken Kennedy spotted him carving up opposition teams in Mackay.

Well-aware of the 21-year-old's

potency in attack, Bulldogs coach Kevin Moore is most pleased about Barba's positional and support play this season.

He is just one of a new crop of Maroons point-scoring machines named in the 25-man Queensland State of Origin squad.

Along with established game-breakers Johnathan Thurston, Darren Lockyer, Justin Hodges, Billy Slater and Darius Boyd comes a new batch of Maroons-in-waiting such as the Canterbury Bankstown fullback, and wingers Daniel Vidot (Canberra) and Jharal Yow Yeh (Brisbane).

Other would-be debutants include prop Martin Kennedy (Sydney Roosters).

Some are recalled, like Jacob Lillyman (Warriors), who played the last of his four games in 2008, and Dallas Johnson (North Queensland), who played 12 games before going to Super League at the end of 2009.

It was a big week for Barba, who turns 22 in June.

He became a father for the

second time, with daughter Bronte born last week.

Bulldogs chief executive Todd Greenberg said the 21-year-old's selection had a message for every player in the NRL.

"Our club is really proud Ben has been included in this squad," he said.

"It gives every player hope representative games for your country or State are not far away if you play well every week, and Ben is certainly doing that for us."

It is a message I hope reaches Ricky Stuart and his advisers.

Jamie Soward has been outstanding for the Dragons since round one.

He now seems able to control the tempo of a game and his kicking game has been exemplary (see P64).

It is no coincidence that the Dragons are favoured to once again to take out the premiership.

Perhaps NSW needs more than a change of coach and players.

It needs a change of state of mind.

LAST week provided a strong contrast between the selection process for the NSW and Queensland State of Origin teams.

While debate raged in NSW about the potential selection of Jamie Soward for the Blues given the situation with Todd Carney, Queensland calmly introduced Ben Barba to their extended squad with barely a ripple of negative comment (see P70).

Sometimes, I wonder whether they should call the series State of Mind rather than State of Origin!

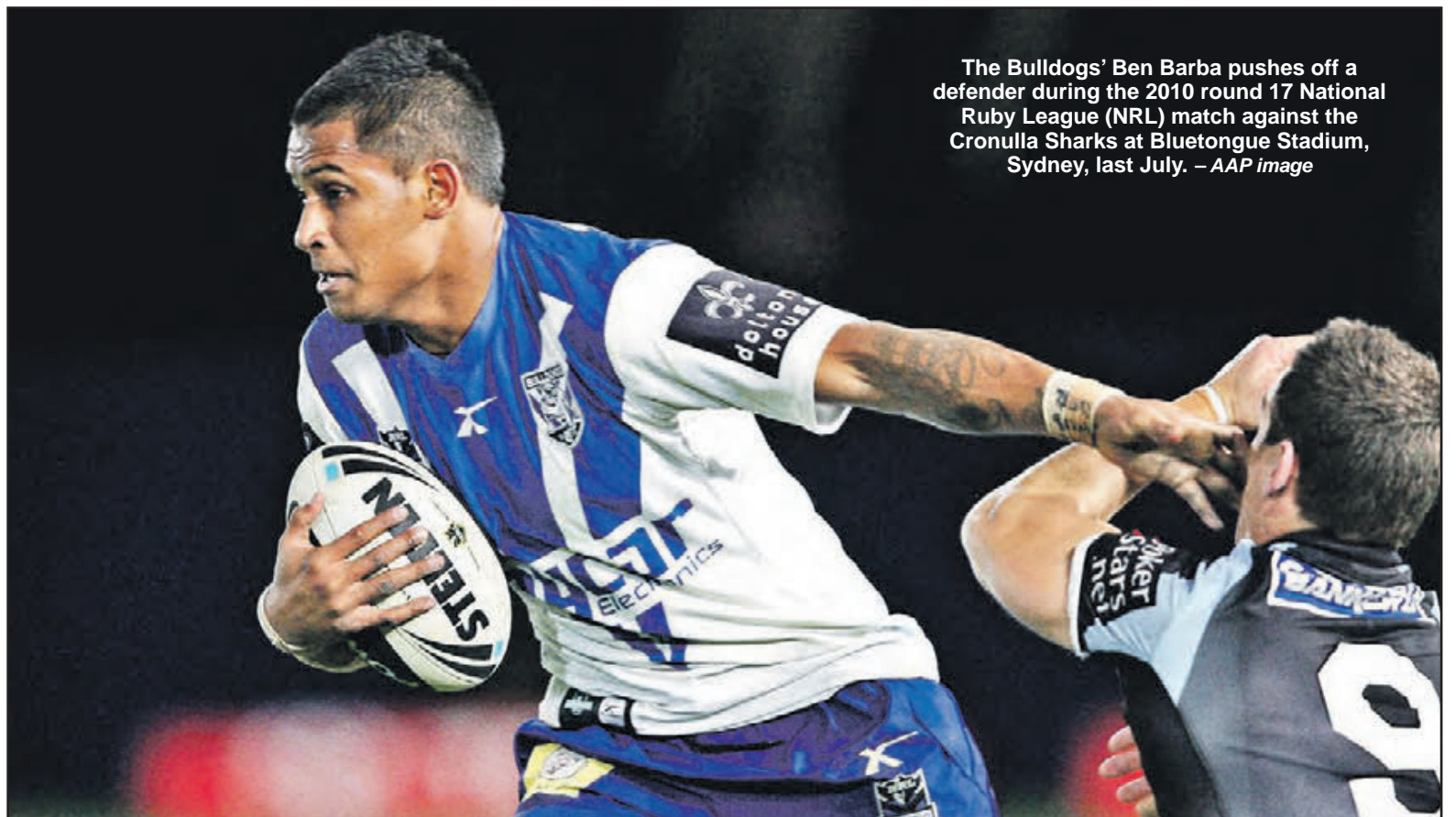
Let me get something straight from the start.

I believe the whole issue around Soward is his size and his perceived weakness in defence.

The fact that Barba and Soward are Aboriginal is of interest to me and the readership because of who we are.

In football terms, I believe that the issue is more about size and not about racial stereotyping, although I do agree that there are still many fans who group Indigenous players as talented, but unreliable.

But in my personal experience,



The Bulldogs' Ben Barba pushes off a defender during the 2010 round 17 National Rugby League (NRL) match against the Cronulla Sharks at Bluetongue Stadium, Sydney, last July. – AAP image



# True Anzac spirit

**T**HE Australian Football League (AFL) match between Collingwood and Essendon every year at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) on Anzac Day is one of the true highlights of any season.

It is an occasion as much as it is a match and the solemnity of the pre-match ceremony makes it a memorable experience.

On the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) tour to Europe, we were privileged to attend the dawn service at Anzac Cove at Gallipoli.

For every member of the tour party, it was a memorable experience, but as an Aboriginal Australian, it was an emotional experience for me on a number of levels.

While injustices of the past can never be undone, the recognition of wrongs can be an important part of the healing process.

Since the Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generations, there seems to be a greater willingness to address these wrongs and the role of Indigenous peoples in the services is one of them.

It has been long overdue.

The lack of acknowledgment of the services of our Indigenous veterans throughout Australia who were not appropriately recognised upon their return from conflict, or for services provided for Australia has been a cause of much pain for all involved.

Records show that until the 1940s, Indigenous soldiers were

excluded from formal ceremonies because of their Aboriginality.

The prejudice lingered for long after the protocol changed.

For a long time, Indigenous volunteer were not recognised for their efforts when they returned from war.

Aboriginal men and women who fought overseas came back here to their country and didn't get the recognition their white counterparts received for their services.

Prior to the end of the Vietnam War, Aborigines who fought for their country came back to much the same discrimination as before.

## Barred from clubs

Many were barred from RSL clubs, and most were not allowed the right to vote.

Nor were Aboriginal people included in the Census until 1967.

Aborigines, when volunteering to serve for this country, had to sign a document to deny their Aboriginality.

But that is starting to change, with specific initiatives aimed at recognising the sacrifices made by these volunteers and their families.

The Honouring Indigenous War Graves Association travels around the country providing headstones and ceremonies for the families of fallen veterans.

It's a process that takes time, and takes a heavy emotional toll on all involved.

But at the centre of this, as with other forms of recognition, is

## Magic's Moments



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a sense of acceptance and closure.

That is why attending the actual ceremony was such an emotional one for myself.

It was a ceremony of not only commemoration, but also one of inclusion.

The AFL Academy group arrived in Istanbul and boarded a bus for the five-hour trip to the Gallipoli Peninsula to attend the Anzac Day dawn service at Anzac Cove.

Entering through the security checkpoint, we could see the stands, large video screens and

stage set-up from a distance.

It had the look of an outdoor rock concert.

The stands were reasonably full and the grounds in front of them were covered with people in sleeping bags crammed in head to toe and side by side.

In an eerie way, it gives an impression of a battlefield lined with bodies.

Most of those who took up the ground in their sleeping bags had arrived at least 24 hours in advance.

We arrived relatively late at almost 1am.

As a consequence, the touring party needed to separate and find seats as best we could.

As dawn approached, there were as many as 8000 people present, about the same number of Australians who were killed in the Gallipoli campaign.

## Aussies, Kiwis

It was a gathering of mostly young Australians and New Zealanders, like it was 96 years ago when the Anzacs landed on this surprisingly small stretch of coastline.

As we watched on the large screens, a documentary with original footage was shown.

You were reminded that the eight-month Gallipoli campaign was a military disaster.

Gallipoli was fundamentally a battle to control the peninsula, as it commanded the Dardenelles, the narrow straits that controlled access to the Black Sea and Istanbul.

The campaign shifted to a land invasion when the Navy

could not penetrate the Dardenelles, and April 25 1915 the Anzacs landed for the first time.

Ninety-six years later, for us, finally, after a long, cold night, the dawn service began.

The service was like many the young Academy players had seen at home, but it was the historical significance of where they were which made this time important.

Following the service, we gathered at the beach cemetery and in a symbolic and emotional moment, Josh Growden, a South Australian member of the Academy, laid the wreath on behalf of his family, the group and the AFL.

Josh's great-grandfather was a World War I veteran and his grandfathers were World War II veterans.

He was wearing his grandfathers' medals.

The fact that many of the soldiers who lost their lives on this harsh, steep terrain of scrub and gullies were as young as the Academy players was not lost on the boys or the parents travelling with them.

While this visit may for most be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, it remains to be seen if it is a life-changing one.

For me, it was a time for reflection – one that was emotional and at the same time strangely reassuring as we commemorated the service of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who served our country.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

## Swans come unstuck in the big wet

The Sydney Swans' Adam Goodes loses control of the ball during their round six match against Carlton at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Friday night. Carlton finally snapped their Sydney hoodoo, coming from behind to beat the Swans by 16-points at a rain-soaked SCG. The Blues' last AFL win in the harbour city came way back in 1993, but they overturned a 14-point half-time deficit in appalling conditions to prevail 12.15 (87) to 10.11 (71).

— AAP image





# \$35,000 for LMRDT



MORE than \$35,000 was raised at the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team's Champions of Sport dinner, where about 280

people gathered at Dockside, at Sydney's Cockle Bay Wharf.

Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team (LMRDT) Executive Officer Thomas Evans said the 13th

annual dinner was a great success.

"It was a fantastic celebration of the work the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team does across Australia," Mr Evans said.

"There was a great turnout and the generosity shown to help us raise more than \$35,000 is just absolutely fantastic.

"These funds will help us greatly in continuing to deliver our programs to a

high standard.

"In the next few months we have various regional tournaments throughout Australia, which will all lead to the selection of six teams to contest the Santos National Indigenous Under 16 Championships on the Gold Coast from 13-15 August.

"We also have the National Indigenous under 18 Schoolboys side travelling to Melbourne at the end of

June to compete in the Australian Schools Division 2 Championships, which will be a great tournament and a brilliant opportunity for the boys."

The 2011 annual Champions of Sport Dinner was also attended by some notable guests, including renowned Australian football coach Kevin Sheedy and former Qantas Wallabies legend and current Wallabies assistant coach Jim Williams.



Three Wallabies, from left, LMRDT president Gary Ella, current Wallaby star Kurtley Beale and Lloyd McDermott. Pictures: Amanda James



Ruth Simons (from Dtarawarra Pty Ltd, an Aboriginal company and long-time supporter) and LMRDT product Benjamin Schreiber, now playing Sydney first grade rugby union with Southern Districts.



Lloyd McDermott with daughter Phillipa.



Guest speaker Kevin Sheedy.

# Abbott to miss tournament



AUSTRALIA'S men's hockey coach Ric Charlesworth's planning for London Olympics gold will crank up a gear this week when his all-conquering Kookaburras play their first tournament of 2011 – but they will have to do it without Indigenous star Des Abbott.

The Darwin striker is out injured, as it captain and World Player of the Year Jamie Dwyer,

Charlesworth's troops swept aside all before them last year, becoming the first team to win the World Cup, the Champions Trophy and Commonwealth gold in the same year – losing just one competitive match in the process.

And despite being red-hot favourites to triumph in London, Charlesworth, who takes a new-look squad to Malaysia for the Azlan Shah Cup, is wary of peaking too soon.

"The Olympics is the main aim for

everybody in this squad and we have always understood that," Charlesworth said.

"Now that the Commonwealth Games are out of the way, we know where the main goal is and I don't see what we achieved last year as a barrier for us, it just re-enforce that we need to get even better at the things we did well."

Injuries to Dwyer and Abbott have forced Charlesworth to pick an inexperienced squad for the seven-team tournament, which starts tomorrow (5 May).

Charlesworth concedes it is not ideal to have so many players missing, but said it was a genuine test of those with Olympic aspirations.

"There is nothing we can do about it, but we have what we consider to be a good group of players and a couple more making their debut, and it is an important opportunity for them," he said.

"It's an opportunity for the squad to

show its strength and for players to keep in it when the others return.

"There is always competition and that's good for our squad, and the more players we believe that can play at this level, the better."

The round-robin tournament features Malaysia, South Korea, New Zealand, Great Britain, India and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Abbott has backed up his success at the Northern Territory Sports Awards by being named the Foster's Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Athlete of the Year.

NT Sport and Recreation Minister Karl Hampton said Abbott was quickly becoming one of the Territory's greatest hockey exports after several years of success playing for the Kookaburras.

"The Northern Territory Institute of Sport continues to produce top-class athletes who excel at the national and international level," Mr Hampton said.

– With AAP

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# Racism rears again



Hawthorn Australian Football League star Lance Franklin, who was subjected to racial taunts by a spectator at Aurora Stadium, Launceston, on 16 April.



AUSTRALIAN Football League (AFL) Chief executive Andrew Demetriou has called on the football fan accused of racially vilifying Hawthorn star Lance Franklin to apologise for his actions.

Franklin was subjected to a verbal attack while playing for the Hawks against West Coast at Aurora Stadium in Launceston on Saturday 16 April.

"It should go without saying that there is absolutely no place for racism in our game and the community," Demetriou told *afl.com.au*.

"The AFL's Racial and Religious Vilification code has played a significant role in changing attitudes on and off the field, but unfortunately there is still the occasional person out there who doesn't get it.

"I'd like to think the person responsible for these comments would be big enough to come forward and apologise to Buddy for what happened and also to those people at the game who had to listen to this abuse."

## Contribution praised

Demetriou praised the contribution made to Australian rules football by Indigenous players and those from other multicultural backgrounds.

"This is a cause for celebration – not denigration," he said. "That is something I believe strongly – not only as CEO of the AFL – but also in my role as chair of the Australian Multicultural Advisory Council.

"Buddy Franklin is not only a proud Hawthorn player, but somebody who is also rightly proud of his heritage and he is entitled to feel upset and angry about these sort of vile comments.

"Fortunately these types of incidents are rare in the modern game, but anybody who does engage in this sort of unacceptable and anti-social behaviour can expect to be



**"It should go without saying that there is absolutely no place for racism in our game and the community."**

– AFL chief Andrew Demetriou

dealt with harshly.

"This would involve being ejected from the ground, having their membership revoked and also being subjected to equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws."

Tasmanian Sport and Recreation Minister Brian Wightman said he was extremely concerned to learn of allegations of racial abuse.

He said racism was totally unacceptable and had no place in Tasmania.

"The State Government condemns this behaviour in the strongest possible terms," he said.

"No one should have to put up with this sort of abuse, on or off the sporting field, and I was appalled to learn that Buddy Franklin was targeted by someone

in the crowd.

"I attended that game and I am shocked that this sort of behaviour was happening in the stands.

"One person's actions do not represent all Tasmanians, but the message it sends about us, to the rest of the country and to our friends and partners at the Hawthorn Football Club, is an ugly one.

"We must all do that we can to stamp out this sort of behaviour wherever we find it."

Mr Wightman said the State Government, in partnership with the Australian Sports Commission, supported the Play by the Rules Program, which was all about creating safe, welcoming and fair sporting clubs and sporting events.

"Whether we are watching or playing, sport should bring us together and bring out the best in us," he said.

"I understand Hawthorn are following up this issue and are seeking to identify the individual involved and I encourage anyone who can help to step forward.

"I have contacted the Hawthorn Football Club today to offer our support in stamping out racism and to assist in identifying the man concerned."

## Uneasy

While Hawthorn and the AFL roundly condemned the racial abuse of Franklin, the star player has remained uneasy at being at the centre of a vilification storm.

After being shown video footage clearly capturing his interaction with a West Coast Eagles fan late in the fourth quarter of the round four match, the Hawks forward is believed to have told his club he could not be sure that the vision depicted the offender.

Meanwhile, Hawthorn received several calls from fans claiming to have heard the racial taunts at Aurora Stadium, and Hawks CEO Stuart Fox said the club was intent on identifying the culprit.

Aurora Stadium management said it was

reviewing CCTV footage from the fourth quarter, and that – if identified – the culprit could be fined up to \$1000.

The AFL and the AFL Players' Association, while decrying racism, said it was relying on further information from Franklin to pursue the case. But in his meeting with Hawthorn bosses it is understood Franklin indicated he did not want to be involved in the matter further.

AFL chief Andrew Demetriou said the person responsible should be 'big enough' to come forward and apologise to Franklin and others in the crowd who had heard the abuse.

Franklin, who did not lodge a complaint with a Hawthorn official on match day, later met Hawthorn's CEO and football manager to discuss his recollections of the events. His grievance surfaced only after a teammate became aware of the racial vilification to which Franklin was subjected.

By the following Monday, the players' association Indigenous and Multicultural Manager Nadia Taib was counselling Franklin over the episode, and Hawthorn's hierarchy became involved.

"He was disappointed," Fox said. "He has certainly moved on now. My chat with him indicated he wanted to move on. He wanted his feelings known, but he was just shocked. It's like we've made some big inroads into this issue over many years, and it just feels like it had a little backwards step on the weekend."

AFL spokesman Patrick Keane said the league would appreciate leads from the public as it tried to identify the spectator.

"We have match vision of the person we assume it to be," Keane said.

"We think we have vision (of the taunting), but that ultimately has to be confirmed by Lance – the most important thing is when Lance said it happened."

Franklin booted six goals as Hawthorn held off a spirited challenge by the West Coast Eagles to win 10.12 (72) to 9.11 (65).



# Snub 'may help Prince reign'



ANOTHER snub by Queensland selectors may be just what Gold Coast halfback Scott Prince needs to reignite his National Rugby League (NRL) season, according to Titans boss Michael Searle.

Prince was a big name casualty when the Maroons named a 25-man squad for the 25 May 25opening Origin clash at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, with selectors opting for Cooper Cronk as Test No 7 Johnathan Thurston's deputy.

Another glaring omission was Cowboys fullback Matt Bowen after he was leapfrogged by Ben Barba.

Exciting Bulldogs fullback Barba is one of four rookies in the squad.

The others were Broncos flyer Jharal Yow Yeh, in-demand



SCOTT PRINCE

MATT BOWEN

Sydney Roosters prop Martin Kennedy and Canberra winger Daniel Vidot.

At 31, Prince may be tempted to think his representative days are numbered, especially with the halfback battling for consistency

in a Titans side.

But Searle hoped the omission would work in Prince's favour.

"This is good motivation to prove some of the knockers wrong," he told said.

"It is up to him to grab the bull

by the horns in the next three or four weeks and prove to the selectors that he is worthy of consideration."

Titans coach John Cartwright had warned this week their disappointing season start may come back to bite them on the representative front, with a 6 May trans-Tasman Test also on the horizon.

But Searle said: "JT (Thurston) got selected in the side last year and the Cowboys were running last, so I don't think it really matters how your team is going.

"At the end of the day, selectors will pick a team that is best for the job at hand and the only thing Scott can control is his form in the next month.

"And I can think of no greater motivation than being left out of a 25-man squad."

Bowen has been snubbed despite helping revive the

Cowboys this season.

Coincidentally, selectors opted for Barba – a player who asked Bowen for fullback tips during the Indigenous All Stars camp.

Vidot and Yow Yeh will be vying for a wing spot left vacant by Israel Folau's AFL defection and Lote Tuqiri's broken arm.

Queensland will be aiming for a sixth straight series win in captain Darren Lockyer's swansong year.

The Queensland squad is: Matt Ballin, Ben Barba, Darius Boyd, Petero Civoniceva, Cooper Cronk, Ben Hannant, Ashley Harrison, Justin Hodges, Greg Inglis, Dallas Johnson, Martin Kennedy, Jacob Lillyman, Darren Lockyer, Nate Myles, Corey Parker, Matt Scott, David Shillington, Billy Slater, Cameron Smith, David Taylor, Sam Thaiday, Johnathan Thurston, Willie Tonga, Daniel Vidot, Jharal Yow Yeh. – AAP

# Fight outside the ring

By ALF WILSON



be resolved.

The veteran trainer said he had been forced into a corner and may have to throw in the towel if an answer can't be found.

Dennis trains a big team of Aboriginal boxers at the Palm Island PCYC.

The Palm Island club is affiliated with the Amateur Boxing League – a breakaway group formed several years ago in NSW.

While the Boxing League has thrived, no League boxers are eligible to represent Australia at the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, or World titles and other international tournaments.

Boxers must be registered with Boxing Australia or affiliated State organisations such as Boxing Queensland (BQ) if they want to represent their country,

## Potential champions

Realising that he had a couple of Palm Island boxers with the potential to represent Australia, Dennis arranged for some of his fighters to join Boxing Australia.

But now, talented Aboriginal boxers who are members of the rebel Boxing League face a ban of four years, which would make them ineligible for selection in the Australian team for the London Olympic Games.

Boxing Queensland has used its website to issue the warning.

The threat was brought to the attention of *The Koori Mail* by a north Queensland Aboriginal boxing trainer who did not wish to be named.

"To all unaffiliated clubs, coaches and boxers, Boxing Queensland have no alternative but remind all parties that to protect our boxers and association, any individual or club who joins Boxing



Palm Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis with his two most promising fighters, Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm Island. Dennis says the pair are worthy of consideration for selection in the Australian team for the London Olympics.

Queensland and subsequently rejoins the breakaway group will be ineligible to rejoin Boxing Queensland for a period of four years. This will in effect make it impossible for your boxers to aspire to the Olympics or Commonwealth games or any representation for their country, so think carefully. This comes into effect from now," Boxing Queensland said.

## Unhappy

The Amateur Boxing League was born in northern NSW when some associated with the sport were unhappy with the administration of Boxing Australia.

There are several Boxing League clubs in Queensland, including the all-Aboriginal Palm Island club.

In an offer of reconciliation with the rebel Boxing League, Boxing Queensland said: "Your organisation can join Boxing Queensland simply by affiliating the whole organisation. In this way all of your clubs would be eligible to box on any BQ

tournament throughout Queensland and compete against any BAI (Boxing Australia Incorporated) club in any State. You would also be entitled to compete in the State titles and gain selection in the State team to compete at the Australian titles (automatic selection if you win the State title), ultimately representing Australia at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World titles etc.

"Once affiliated, your boxers would become registered BQ boxers and would need AIBA blue medical books which your local sub-zone (Nth Qld) would supply and retain registration fees.

"It is up to you! Act now and give your boxers the opportunities they deserve... Speak up."

*The Koori Mail* emailed Boxing Queensland secretary Allan Nicolson for comment, but did not receive a reply.

*The Koori Mail* also emailed a senior representative of the Boxing League, but no response was forthcoming.

## Compromise

Palm Island boxing supremo Ray Dennis appealed for compromise when he learned of the BQ edict.

This year Palm Island boxers have fought at Boxing Queensland, League and bouts organised by a third rival group called Global.

Palm boxers have mostly competed at League tournaments.

The League has a strong presence in north Queensland.

But this year Dennis registered some boxers with Boxing Queensland because he felt that two of his charges – Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm Island – had the ability to the win Olympic selection.

"I have been told that the Queensland Boxing Association will place four-year bans on any of their boxers who take part in the rival Boxing League or Global tournaments," he said.

"To my knowledge, Palm Island has the only all-Aboriginal boxing club in Australia and we have seven fighters registered with

the Association and League so that threat includes some of my team."

Dennis said he did not know why the rebel League and Global groups were formed in the first place, but he is appealing for reconciliation to take place so that Australia's best fighters are in line for representative honours.

He said it appeared to him that some of the boxers in the League and Global organisations were of a higher standard than some of BA's best boxers.

"The Australian Institute of Sport is supposed to be a school of excellence, yet at the last Olympics, nine Aussie boxers fought and eight of them lost their first bout," he said.

## Medal chance lost

"If the association wants to put a four-year ban on some of our Australian boxers, they may be banning a boxer capable of winning a gold medal.

"If the League, Global and Boxing Australia champions could fight off, they may be able to find the best boxers to represent our country at the London Olympics instead of putting a ban on possibly the best in the country.

"I doubt that the League or Global will return to Boxing Australia."

Dennis also said the Queensland Boxing League was not doing Palm Island boxers any favours when it raised the cost to registration from \$22 to \$37 for seniors, and \$11 to \$26 for juniors.

"Many of our boxers never seem to have any money and putting the cost up is no way to assist boxing on Palm Island," he said.

"When he travel to tournaments, it costs \$57.50 a return ticket for the ferry between Palm and Townsville and half price for children.

"When we get to the mainland, we have to pay for accommodation for at least two nights and the cost of hiring a bus when we regularly travel away from Townsville.

"The League has increased our fees and yet while our boxers are only in that body, they have no chance of representing Australia.

"And if Boxing Australia wants to ban my best boxers, they are also putting a ban on me and I will be forced to give up training on Palm Island."



# NRL buoyed by AFL windfall



**NATIONAL** Rugby League (NRL) boss David Gallop claims rugby league fans and administrators

should be buoyed by the Australian Football League (AFL) securing a new broadcasting deal worth in excess of \$1 billion.

The AFL last Thursday announced a five-year, \$1.253-billion deal had been struck with Foxtel, the Seven Network and Telstra for the rights to show the game on television, internet and mobile platforms from 2012.

NRL broadcasting rights are due for renewal ahead of the 2013 season, with many in the game hoping for a similar payday, which would represent a significant upgrade on the current deal with the Nine Network and Fox Sports worth \$100 million a year.

"Everyone in rugby league should be excited by that outcome, it shows the hunger for sports rights and the number of media platforms that want rights," Gallop said.

"If you look at our results in terms of ratings, then we are entitled to be very optimistic about how we're placed.

"It's a result that we should be encouraged by."

Gallop confirmed that he hoped to have a deal in place by the end of 2011, but prolonged negotiations in the establishment of the independent commission were stalling the start of talks.

"No-one wants to commence negotiations until the structure's finalised, but we've got a year longer to run than the AFL, so we've got plenty of time to get the deal done," Gallop said.

As current rights holders, the Nine Network have first and last bidding rights in the fight to show NRL, which regularly outstrips the AFL in terms of nationwide ratings.

## Wants NRL rights

The Seven Network has indicated it is keen to make a play for NRL rights, with chairman David Leckie on Thursday claiming his station's huge investment in AFL would not impact on its ability to bid for rugby league.

The NRL has indicated it would look be willing to explore the possibility of sharing games to maximise the game's earning potential, with State of Origin seen as the jewel in the crown for broadcasters.

Leckie indicated his network – which secured four AFL matches per round with the remainder on Foxtel – had not ruled out on-selling some of its rights to

Nine or Ten.

There was speculation that any deal with Nine could result in Seven being handed an NRL game in return, with Nine currently broadcasting two games on Friday nights – one live and one on delay – and another match on one-hour delay on a Sunday.

Meanwhile, Sydney Swans superstar Adam Goodes says player demands for a bigger share of AFL revenue are set to grow louder now that the AFL's massive new broadcast deal has been confirmed.

"We feel like we've been doing the hard work for the past five years, we want to start reaping a bit of the benefits," the dual Brownlow Medallist said.

"If you're at the end of your career like I am, or you're one of those players who are three or four years in, you really want to see some of the benefits for the hard work that we've been able to do in the past five years."

Goodes is the Swans' delegate on the AFL Players' Association (AFLPA), which wants the AFL to lock in 27 per cent of its revenue for player salaries.

"Those sorts of discussions will definitely heat up in the next couple of months and hopefully we can get the deal that we want," Goodes said. – AAP



**ADAM GOODES:** "We (the players) feel like we've been doing the hard work for the past five years, we want to start reaping a bit of the benefits."

## Here's the AFL deal:

- All nine matches each week to be shown live and commercial-free on Foxtel and Austar.
- Four matches per week to be telecast by Channel Seven. More of the free-to-air games to be shown live, with some on delay.
- Seven to show matches on its main channels in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania and on Seven Mate in NSW and Queensland.
- Seven to broadcast all finals live to all parts of Australia.
- Seven reserves the right to on-sell some matches to another free-to-air network.
- All matches involving the eight non-Victorian clubs will be broadcast on free-to-air TV in their home states.
- Foxtel to reinstitute an AFL-only channel in addition to its regular three FoxSports channels.
- Telstra awarded mobile phone and online rights and will stream all nine matches each week via mobile phones and tablets.
- The Brownlow Medal to be shown live on Seven and Foxtel/Austar.
- The finals series to be shown live on Seven and Foxtel/Austar, with the exception of the grand final, which will be live only on Seven.
- The deal is worth \$1.253 billion to the AFL, including a cash contribution of \$1.118 billion. – AAP

# Heat on Souths to keep Sandow



**SOUTH** Sydney halfback Chris Sandow has underlined his sudden emergence as

one of the National Rugby League's (NRL's) most in-demand players, leading the Rabbitohs to a come-from-behind 31-12 victory over Cronulla at ANZ Stadium on Friday night.

Sandow scored two crucial second-half tries as Souths bounced back from an early 12-0 deficit, scoring 31 unanswered points in a five tries to two win.

The Rabbitohs' No 7 is off-contract at the end of this season and reports suggest Parramatta have made a big play for him on the recommendation of supercoach Wayne Bennett.

Sandow has borne the brunt of much of the criticism of Souths' 3-5 season start, earning a reputation for sparking comebacks, but being unable to get his side home.

But there was no such criticism on Friday night as he added five from five and a trademark field goal to his two four-pointers, prompting league great and Nine Network commentator Andrew Johns to laud him as Souths' best player this year.



**Chris Sandow** pictured during a return visit to his home community of Cherbourg, Queensland.

The win stems a three-match losing streak for Souths, whose hope for the finals will have returned, while the Sharks are in freefall having now lost five straight.

Souths' chief executive Shane Richardson said he was hopeful Sandow

would stay after the club had thrown the 22-year-old a lifeline in 2008 when he was cut loose by Gold Coast.

"We're a good chance of re-signing him, but you never know," Richardson said.

"We brought Chrissy into the club, the

Gold Coast threw him out.

"The bottom line is he had problems and we've worked with him, he's been really great for the club... we feel he's part of the family of the club.

"So it will be like losing a family member if he leaves, but that happens in football and that's a decision he's got to make for his future."

Pressure is mounting on South Sydney to step-up negotiations with Sandow as their No 7 options for next year continue to dwindle should he leave the NRL club.

## Gower rumour

The rumour mill was in overdrive last week that Souths had snared a replacement for him in former Penrith half Craig Gower.

But Gower's manager Greg Willett slammed reports his client had done a deal with the Redfern-based club.

"I haven't had an offer from Souths... I haven't had a contract from Souths and Craig hasn't signed anything from Souths," Willett said.

"I haven't even spoken to Souths about an offer. I just don't know where all of this has come from." – AAP



## Basketball organisers say register now



ORGANISERS of the sixth annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championships have urged teams to nominate as soon as possible.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association last week reminded participants that they had just 13 weeks in which to register for the tournament, to be held this year in Adelaide from 19-23 September.

It will be held at Starplex Stadium, 18-20 Alexander Avenue, Evanston Park, Gawler, with play between 9am and 4pm

each day.

There will be men's and women's A grade divisions and under 18, under 16 and under 14 divisions for boys and girls.

Tournament director Nikita Ridgeway says the tournament is the only Indigenous basketball event of its kind in Australia and showcases more than 50 teams – from the best to grassroots – from throughout Australia.

Team registrations close at 5pm on 29 July.

To obtain an information and registration pack, contact Nikita Ridgeway at email [nikita.ridgeway@gmail.com](mailto:nikita.ridgeway@gmail.com) or mobile 0415 095 661.



● LEFT: The Northern Territory Hoops for Health women's team and officials at the 2010 tournament in Melbourne, where they emerged the A grade winners.

Picture: Trevor Walley

# Geale is unfazed by task

## Challenger says he's ready for 'defining contest'



DANIEL Geale says his world title shot against International Boxing Federation (IBF)

middleweight champion Sebastian Sylvester is coming at the perfect time in his career and he's not worried about the bad record of Australian fighters in Germany.

Geale agrees the fight in Sylvester's home State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will be the defining contest of his career.

Geale will take on Sylvester on Sunday (8 May) at the Jahn Sport Forum in Neubrandenburg.

The 30-year-old Sydney-based Tasmanian previously held the less established International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight title, which he contentiously lost on points to compatriot Anthony Mundine

That was the only blemish on a professional career which has otherwise yielded 24 wins – 15 by KO.

"Over the last few years I've been definitely peaking, I'm getting stronger all the time, getting better all the time," Geale said on the eve of his departure for Germany.

"I think it's perfect for me. I've timed it pretty much spot on and we've just got to go over there and do it on that day."

Geale isn't fazed at taking on Sylvester in Germany, where several Australians have lost major bouts over the past decade.

Among those Aussies who suffer big fight heartbreak in Germany were Mundine, Danny Green, Bob Mirovic, Kali Meehan, Jamie Pittman and Shannan Taylor, who unsuccessfully challenged Arthur Abraham for the same title Geale will be after.

### 'Stay positive'

"You've just got to stay positive and not let that affect me," said Geale, who is now in Germany.

"I'm a pretty relaxed guy, so I'm not going to let it bother me too much."

"Just focus in on myself and make sure I get the job done."

Sylvester, also 30, will be making the third defence of the title.

Sylvester (34-3-1, 16 KOs) has fought one other Australian,



Daniel Geale with the Pan Pacific International Boxing Federation belt he once held.

stopping Peter Mitrevski Jr in the eighth round of their World Boxing Association (WBA) Inter-Continental middleweight title fight in Germany in December 2006.

"He's a guy with a lot of experience, he's got a lot of rounds under his belt, he's been the distance plenty of times," Geale said of Sylvester.

"He's a stayer, he knows how

to survive, but also knows how to rack up the points and has a great jab as well."

"It's a huge step for us, but I've been there in the amateurs, I've fought plenty of fights internationally."

"I have to be definitely convincing against this guy because if it's close, I know I'm not going to get the decision."

"I have to have a high work rate. I have to be scoring as well, I can't just be throwing punches and hitting nothing, I have to be very accurate."

Geale said former middleweight world title contender Khoren Gevor, who fought once in Australia against Ian McLeod in 2005, was a potential sparring partner for him in Germany. – AAP





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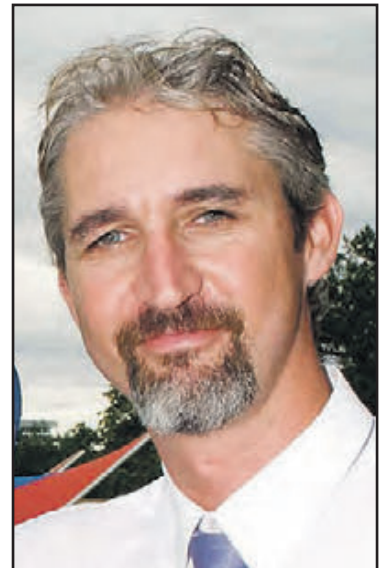
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# 50 of the finest

**T**O celebrate 500 editions of *The Koori Mail*, sports correspondent Peter Argent has come up with a list of 50 all-time Indigenous Australian sportsmen and women who have had big impacts – not just in sporting arenas – but also in other endeavours.

Argent says that while he has ranked the sportsmen and women from one to 50, the rankings are not critical.

Indeed, he says it could well be argued that other Indigenous sportsmen and women who don't

make his top 50 list could well be considered by readers to be worthy of inclusion.

Argent says his list is far from definitive and we invite *Koori Mail* readers to tell us what they think. Readers are welcome to agree or disagree with Argent's top 50.

Send your comments and top 50 list to [sport@koorimail.com](mailto:sport@koorimail.com)

Be sure to include your address in your email and feel free to attach a head and shoulder picture of yourself for possible publication.

It's over to you...

## 1. Evonne Goolagong-Cawley (Tennis)

Growing up in the small country town of Barellan in NSW, this shy country girl became the First Lady of Australian tennis.

Goolagong won the Australian Open singles four times, along with the French Open on clay in 1971, and two Wimbledon singles titles, in 1971 and a second after motherhood in 1980.

In total, she won 14 Grand Slam titles.

## 2. Cathy Freeman (Athletics)

Beginning athletics at an early age, Freeman would become the Olympic champion at the Sydney in 2000 after being a silver medallist four years earlier.

She also owns a couple of world championship 400-metre medals from 1997 and 1999, along with a handful of Commonwealth titles.

Freeman also lit the flame at the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics.

## 3. Graham Farmer (AFL)

A champion footballer originally from West Perth, 'Polly' Farmer was the man who changed Aussie rules

with his ruck work and penetrating handball skills. He played a key role in the 1963 Geelong Cats' flag and was selected in the AFL Team of the Century, the West Australian Team of the Century (as vice-captain) and the Indigenous Team of the Century (as captain).

## 4. Lionel Rose (Boxing)

Rose, an Australian bantamweight boxer, became the first Aborigine in boxing history to win a professional world title. He held the WBA bantamweight title from February 27, 1968 to August 22, 1969.

He was Australian of the Year in 1968, being the first Aborigine to be awarded the honour.

In the same year he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

## 5. Nova Peris-Kneebone (Hockey-Athletics)

Peris-Kneebone was a member of the Australian women's hockey team at the 1996 Olympics, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal.

In 1997, she switched sports, becoming a track athlete.

Just 12 months later, she became a double gold medallist in the 1998 Commonwealth Games (Kuala Lumpur) winning the 200m sprint and being a part of the Australia's 4x100 metres relay win.

She would also compete in the 2000 Olympics in track events.

## 6. Jason Gillespie (Cricket)

Jason Gillespie and is the first acknowledged Aboriginal person to become a Test cricketer.

Primarily a quick bowler, Gillespie took 259 wickets in 71 Tests (at an average of 26.13) making him Australia's sixth-highest wicket-taker.

Gillespie also proved his capabilities as a lower order bat, with a highest Test score of 201 not out against Bangladesh at Chittagong. This was the highest score and first double century ever by a night watchman.

He is developing a career as a cricket coach.

## 7. Mark Ella (Rugby union)

Considered as one of his country's all-time greats in the game they play in Heaven, despite his early retirement in his mid-20s.

Ella played at five-eight and by 1982 he was given the honour of captaining the Wallabies.

He played 25 tests for his country and in 2005 he was one of the inaugural five inductees into the Australian Rugby Union Hall of Fame, while back in 1997 he was inducted into the International Rugby Hall of Fame.

## 8. Andrew McLeod (AFL)

Currently the games record holder at the Adelaide Crows, having played 340 AFL games, McLeod is one of the elite Indigenous footballers of all time and one of the greatest of the

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## The top 50

1. Evonne Goolagong (tennis)
2. Cathy Freeman (athletics)
3. Graham Farmer (AFL)
4. Lionel Rose (boxing)
5. Nova Peris (hockey-athletics)
6. Jason Gillespie (cricket)
7. Mark Ella (rugby union)
8. Andrew McLeod (AFL)
9. Arthur Beetson (rugby league)
10. Gavin Wanganeen (AFL)
11. Johnathan Thurston (rugby league)
12. Adam Goodes (AFL)
13. Johnny Mullagh (cricket)
14. Michael Ah Matt (basketball)
15. Laurie Daley (rugby league)
16. Lance Franklin (AFL)
17. Nathan Jawai (basketball)
18. Maurice Rioli (AFL)
19. Chad Reed (motocross)
20. Jeff 'Mitta' Dynevor (boxing)
21. Patrick Mills (basketball)
22. Tom Dancey (athletics)
23. Benn Harradine (athletics)
24. Tony Mundine (boxing)
25. Patrick Johnson (athletics)
26. David Wirrpanda (AFL)
27. Dale Shearer (rugby league)
28. Jack Marsh (cricket)
29. Greg Inglis (rugby league)
30. Michael Long (AFL)
31. Jay North (soccer)
32. Joshua Ross (athletics)
33. Rohanee Cox (basketball)
34. Michael O'Loughlin (AFL)
35. Stacey Porter (softball)
36. Wendell Sailor (rugby league-rugby union)
37. Faith Thomas (cricket)
38. Lionel Morgan (rugby league)
39. Roger Rigney (Australian football)
40. Stephen Michael (Australian football)
41. Des Abbott (hockey)
42. Eddie Gilbert (cricket)
43. Travis Dodd (soccer)
44. Percy Hobson (athletics)
45. Kyle Vander-Kuyp (athletics)
46. Ken Hampton (athletics)
47. Joe Johnson (Australian football)
48. Gorden Tallis (rugby league)
49. Anthony Mundine (boxing)
50. Cliff Lyons (rugby league)