



NT Intervention four years on...



Salute to his mother

Stolen Generations member Neville Austin with a photo of his mother Eileen. AAP Image



'A SALUTE to a mother who never gave up loving me', is how Neville Austin sums

up the Victorian Government's apology for failing to ensure his reunification with his mother Eileen. On Friday, Mr Austin became the first Victorian member of the Stolen

Generations to receive such an apology for his experiences, as well as undisclosed compensation.

He was made a ward of the state in 1965 when he was 15-months-old, after his mother was unable to meet the Social Welfare Department's boarding-out payments. Ms Austin repeatedly tried to regain custody of, and re-establish

contact with, her son but the Social Welfare Department did not arrange for them to meet or have any contact until 1977, when Mr Austin was 13.

Because Mr Austin's case was settled out of court, it carries no weight as a legal precedent. However, it is believed dozens of similar claims are being considered.

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Fresh consultations ordered; opponents detail 11 demands



THE fourth anniversary of the controversial Northern Territory Emergency Response – the NT Intervention – has been marked with a

Federal plan for more consultations as well as demands for its end.

The Intervention, ordered by the Howard Government after the release of the 'Little Children are Sacred' report detailing child sexual abuse in the NT, has been continued by the Labor Government.

But after ongoing criticism, Prime Minister Julia Gillard has now released a new discussion paper, titled 'Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory', and ordered a fresh round of consultations to determine a 'new way forward'. She wants her Government to 'tackle the issues many Indigenous people confront every day'.

Opponents – and there are plenty of them – have in turn released an 11-point list of demands outlining alternatives to the Intervention. Among them are the abolition of compulsory income management and blanket alcohol bans, getting rid of government business managers, increased Government investment in all communities and an end to land lease requirements.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples has urged NT Aboriginal people to have their say in the new consultations, as has Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda.

The Central Land Council says it hopes the Government paper signals a more consultative approach.

NT Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council chairwoman Bess Price has maintained her strong pro-Intervention stance, saying more consultations would 'make it more confusing for people who have already got used to the idea of the Intervention'.

'Little Children are Sacred' report co-author Rex Wild, QC, dismissed the consultations, saying the 2007 report had already identified the urgent matters.

And Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, a senator from the NT, said the announcement of new consultations had exposed four years of neglect.

In another development, Woolworths and Coles supermarkets in Alice Springs banned the sale of cheap wine casks, as part of an alcohol crackdown in the town.

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Former PM Kevin Rudd tells the *Koori Mail* how he 'hijacked' the Opposition on the day of the national apology

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My FAMILY ELLEN WARRIA – Badu Island, Torres Strait



I LOVE living on Badu Island in the Torres Strait. That's where most of my family are and they are all very precious to me.

I also enjoy cooking for visitors to our beloved island, which I did when hundreds came from around the Torres Strait for the 2011 Island of Origin rugby league series over the Queen's Birthday weekend earlier this month.

I was part of a small team who prepared a free breakfast for them put on by the local council. The breakfast included hot dishes, cereal, fruit and everything else they would get on the mainland.

It gave the players and referees something before the football. And lots of complete strangers came up to say hello after eating the breakfast we prepared.

I was born on Thursday Island. I married Albert Warria, and have five children – two boys and three girls – and five grandchildren.

Having lived on Badu Island for 25 years, I know just about everybody and

have many warm friends. We're a close-knit family.

I also like going fishing, sewing and pampering my grandkids.

During the Island of Origin carnival, I sat with lots of family and I couldn't have been happier. I love them all. They included my nieces Enid Baira and Tahlea Mareko, daughter Lasika Warria, grand-daughters Sarah Warria, aged five months, Mena Warria, 10 months, Faye Warria and Layannie Warria, both aged two.

We're all avid football fans and getting to watch a sport we enjoy and being together as a family was just great.

I live in a real paradise here on Badu and having such a big and loving family makes it even better.

Sometimes I travel to Cairns or to nearby St Paul's Village on Moa Island, where my dad Sam Kris and mum Addie Kris (nee Oui) live. They're both elderly and I love spending valuable family time with them. – As told to Alf Wilson

From left, Enid Baira, Lasika Warria holding Sarah Warria, Ellen Warria, Tahlea Mareko holding Mena Warria. Front: Faye Warria, Layannie Warria.

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OUR CHILDREN



Students from Inverell High School pictured with NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello near the Myall Creek Memorial in northern NSW during this year's commemoration service. See a report and more photos on Page 31.

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At home in Laura



Traditional owner Tommy George checks out the dancing at this month's Laura Dance and Cultural Festival, held in the north Queensland Cape York community. The three-day event, held every two years, attracted more than 300 dancers from up to 20 Cape communities, as well as an estimated 5000 spectators. Organisers were pleased with the event, saying 'culture' had been the real winner. See Pages 35-39 for our coverage. Photo: Mahala Strohfeltd



A NEW report shows spending on Indigenous health is increasing. The report, by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), shows that in 2008-09, 3.5 per cent (\$3.7 billion) of Australia's total health expenditure was on Indigenous Australians. This compares with \$3.1 billion spent two years earlier.

Indigenous people make up about 2.5 per cent of the Australian population.

The report, 'Expenditure on health for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 2008-09', estimates that average health expenditure a person was \$6787 for Indigenous Australians in 2008-09, compared with \$4876 for each other Australian.

"This represents a per-person ratio of 1.39 – that is, \$1.39 was spent on health per Indigenous Australian for every \$1 spent per non-Indigenous Australian," said Teresa Dickinson, from the AIHW. "This ratio increased from 1.31 in 2006-07."

"Relative to the non-Indigenous population, Indigenous people are high users of publicly provided services, such as public hospital and community health services.

"On the other hand, Indigenous Australians tend not to use as many medical, pharmaceutical, dental and other specialist health services that are, for the most part, privately provided."

Community health services, including those provided by the Federal Government funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, accounted for just over

Expenditure tops \$3.7b in 2008-09

22 per cent of all Indigenous health expenditure, compared with 4.5 per cent of all non-Indigenous health expenditure.

"Per person expenditure on public hospital services for Indigenous Australians was more than double that for non-Indigenous Australians," Ms Dickinson said.

"Again, this reflects the patterns of use of different service types between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Conversely, more was spent on non-Indigenous Australians in benefits paid through the Medicare Benefits Schedule and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

The vast majority (91 per cent) of total health expenditure for Indigenous Australians in 2008-09 was by governments: 48 per cent by state and territory governments and 43 per cent by the Federal Government.

"For non-Indigenous Australians, 69.5 per cent of total health expenditure was by governments," Ms Dickinson said.

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Second Miles Franklin award to Kim Scott



Author Kim Scott pictured in Sydney earlier this year.
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ABORIGINAL author Kim Scott has taken out Australia's most prestigious literary award – the Miles Franklin – for the second time with *That Deadman Dance*.

Mr Scott, whose full-time job is as an academic at Curtin University, won the \$50,000 award a decade ago with *Benang*, a novel of race and family in Western Australia, an award he shared with Thea Astley's *Drylands*.

"As an Indigenous writer I think there is such enormous potential and promise in front of us... there's a lot happening around the country and there are enormous things to move forward towards," Mr Scott told reporters after receiving his award in Melbourne's State Library last Wednesday.

It was the first time in its 55-year history that the Miles Franklin Literary Awards were held outside New South Wales.

Mr Scott's book was described by one of the judges, Professor Gillian Whitlock, as a post-reconciliation novel as it tells the story, set in the 1870s in Western Australia, of Aboriginal and Western cultures meeting head-on.

"I winced a little bit when I heard that description," admitted Mr Scott.

"There is a lot of reconciling – particularly reconciling ourselves to our shared history – that is yet to happen."

As for the future of books, with major bookstore chain Borders closing its doors, Mr Scott said it was the story that was important.

"It's story that matters," he said.

"Books give a wonderful... one-on-one for several hours but whether they are paper or electronic, the business of inhabiting someone else's head is really important."

Mr Scott was one of three authors on the shortlist, the others being previous winner Roger McDonald with *When Colts Ran* and Chris Wolmersley's *Bereft*. – AAP

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Covenant is still on job



MINING magnate Andrew Forrest has just two days to find 6000 job offers.

The CEO of Fortescue Metals Group has been leading a three-year campaign to help break the cycle of unemployment and poverty among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Mr Forrest said last Monday that he was at the 'tipping point' of reaching his target of 50,000 job offers for Indigenous people by this Friday, 1 July, as part of the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC).

He said 253 companies across 17 industries had signed

the covenant, an industry-led initiative that started in 2008 to end the 'racism of low expectations' and welfare dependency.

Under the covenant, businesses commit to employing Indigenous people after they

about," Mr Forrest told a crowd of 580 people at the QUT Business Leaders' Forum in Brisbane.

"We created the (employment) opportunity, government now has to stand up and deliver the job-specific training, industry by industry."

"Aboriginal people have to see that flood-lit pathway direct to a well-paying job."

Mr Forrest said 44,000 job opportunities had been committed through the AEC, with 4000 Indigenous people already employed.

He was optimistic the AEC would still reach its goal of 50,000 job offers by Friday, despite being 6000 jobs short of target. – AAP

"Aboriginal people have to see that flood-lit pathway direct to a well-paying job"

receive job-specific training from the Federal Government.

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Rudd's legacy

A *Koori Mail* Exclusive

By KIRSTIE PARKER

FORMER Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has admitted that he 'deliberately hijacked' then Federal Opposition leader Brendan Nelson over the 2008 national apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the Stolen Generations.

Mr Rudd says he did what he had to do, giving his opponent virtually no notice of the wording of the now famous speech because he was still finessing it just moments before.

And he says he resisted the urge to react to unpalatable aspects of Dr Nelson's reply speech because he knew – even then – that he wouldn't get another shot at 'our national transformation'.

In the House of Representatives on 13 February 2008, Mr Rudd apologised for injustices committed against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people since white settlement. He singled out the tens of thousands of children forcibly removed from their families by governments between 1910 and the 1970s in the name of assimilation.

"I thought 'how would you get something like this through the Parliament, on a bipartisan basis, so that the other mob (the Opposition) owned it' because, as history has proven, I wasn't going to be around forever," the now Foreign Minister told the *Koori Mail* during a revealing one-on-one interview earlier this month.

The chat in Mr Rudd's parliamentary office pre-dated last week's political and media frenzy over the first anniversary of his own ambush and knifing as the country's leader.

"I have a sufficient view of my mortality, both physical and political, to know that we do strut and fret an hour upon the stage and are heard no more – in the tradition of MacBeth – and therefore you've got to have something that lasts," he said.

"Given where (the Opposition) were at the time – and remember that a number of them didn't come in the end – I had to be very mindful of how much they would bear without turning their backs.

"You heard the remarks made on the day, which reflected all the internal tensions on the conservative side of politics and their attitude towards Indigenous people.

"But I was waiting for one thing from the leader of the Opposition and that was 'The Opposition supports this motion'.

"That's all I was looking for (so) I grabbed Brendan by the hand and led him around the chamber to meet all of the Aboriginal Elders and all of those sort of folk.

"I picked up the coolamon from Stolen Generations member Auntie Elaine Peeters and, it wasn't scripted, but I said to Brendan, 'Oi Sunshine, you're coming with me and we're presenting this together to the Speaker'.

"I deliberately hijacked him."



ABOVE: Then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, left, and then Opposition Leader Brendon Nelson present the speaker of the House of Representatives Harry Jenkins with a glass coolamon as a gift from Stolen Generations members after the national apology on 13 February 2008. *AAP Image*



● **ABOVE:** Charles Prouse and Craig Greene outside Parliament House in Canberra on the day of the national apology.



● **TOP RIGHT:** Stolen Generations members embrace after the national apology.

● **RIGHT:** Then PM Kevin Rudd with Darwin Stolen Generations member Lorna 'Nanna' Fejo after the national apology.



Mr Rudd said he 'played by instinct' all the way through the occasion and could have reacted to 'all of the negative things' Dr Nelson said in his reply speech, but resisted.

"(I did that) because I wanted to entrench it in the heart and soul of the Parliament so that these things were not changeable, fundamentally, in the future," he said.

The national apology has been lauded both within Australia and internationally.

Many Stolen Generations members said at the time that it was genuine and courageous and far exceeded their hopes and expectations. But they were less

effusive about Dr Nelson's reply speech; angry that he referred to specific contemporary cases of sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities and attempted to justify the heavily unpopular NT Intervention.

Dr Nelson lost the Opposition leadership to Malcolm Turnbull seven months later.

In August 2009, he announced he was quitting politics. A month later, proving there were no hard feelings between the pair, still then PM Rudd announced Dr Nelson as the next Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as Australia's Special Representative at the World Health Organisation

and NATO.

But, while the words of the national apology live on in many hearts, the Federal Government's ongoing failure to make full reparation to those ripped away from their families as children has left a bitter taste in just as many mouths.

The Government has invested steadily in 'healing' initiatives such as counselling and Link-Up services but has doggedly resisted any suggestion of financial compensation, also recommended in the 1997 'Bringing Them Home' Report.

Mr Rudd conceded that the issue still burned fiercely for many Stolen Generations members and

their families, as illustrated by frank conversations at a morning tea he attended on 26 May to mark Sorry Day.

"I don't walk away from the fact that those conversations occurred. It'd just be untruthful if I tried to suggest that," he told the *Koori Mail*.

But he insisted that the chances of Australians embracing the apology in the way that they did at the time would have been limited 'if we then had a radically divisive debate on compensation'.

"That's just the truth of it," he said. "(Dr) Nelson, as he told me afterwards, was at the outer reaches of his political mandate in doing what he did. So I was very conscious of that."

Now, Mr Rudd says, he's personally 'openhearted on these questions in terms of a continuing discussion'.

"I can't speak for the Government anymore," he said. "I can't speak for the Minister, nor would I pretend to and nor am I suggesting that anyone else in the Government is therefore, by definition, hard-hearted – I'm not. But it's something to continue."

Mr Rudd dismissed suggestions that those who removed Aboriginal children from their families were doing what they thought was right at the time.

"In any time and circumstance this is wrong behaviour, you can't contextually justify it," he insisted. "They may have been doing the right thing in their own heads but that doesn't make it right, do you know what I mean?"

"There's an objective test to these sort of things and I've worked my way through all of that.

"...The terrible story I heard the other day was of the whitefellas coming around and saying 'It's time to go on a picnic. We're taking you on a picnic'. Now, that's creepy but that's what happened."

Mr Rudd said he believed the apology had been part of Australia's 'national transformation'.

"It's just as important for the white folks. You mightn't think that, but for white folks to change their mind about what actually happened – some re-engineering of the psychology of white men and women – is pretty important."

The other part of the equation, he said, was saying to Aboriginal people right across the country, 'These are not words. We intend to close the gap'.

"Because in my theology and my view of politics, words are meaningless unless they're followed by a change in behaviour and a change in things you do," he said, detailing Government efforts to close health and life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and other Australians, to develop reliable statistics, and report annually on the same.

On this, he said he would hold not just himself, but all successive governments and prime ministers to account.

"Is this bullshit, or is it real?" he said.

"And if it's not bullshit, show me where it's real."

The *Koori Mail* tried to contact Dr Nelson for this story. However, at the time of going to print, no response had been received.

Jacob's got a secret

By JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL boy Jacob Reynolds was sworn to secrecy when he stumbled across exposed human bones at a popular recreation area in Tasmania over the Easter break.

Initially, the discovery became a police investigation, but once the bones were determined to be Aboriginal and probably 500 years old, they were passed over to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC).

Ten-year-old Jacob, who admits he was a bit freaked out – but not as much as his mum – must now keep the location of the discovery confidential.

Aboriginal heritage officer and TALSC acting manager Caleb Pedder explained that is because there are still people in Tasmania who go out looking for Aboriginal remains.

"We don't encourage it," Mr Pedder said.

The discovery has inspired Jacob and his family, who live on the outskirts of Hobart, to delve into the local Aboriginal history. He said he has also learnt a lot about human bones.

When skeletal remains are found in Tasmania, if they're suspected to be Aboriginal, the *Coroners Act 1995* requires that the TALSC be notified.

Mr Pedder and fellow Aboriginal heritage officer Colin Hughes are somewhat experts in the field, with years of experience and having been trained to recognise the differences between Aboriginal and other remains.

Mr Pedder would like to see police officers receive some training in the area too, so that when remains suspected to be Aboriginal are found, Aboriginal people can deal with them on site. If remains were determined not to be Aboriginal, he said, they could be passed over to the police – rather than be collected into a box, pawed over and carted off to the morgue, like the bones Jacob came across.

The jaw bone (or mandible) found by Jacob, and other remains found at the site, will be dealt with in a culturally appropriate way.

Mr Pedder said he was aware of three



Aboriginal heritage officers Colin Hughes and Caleb Pedder explain methods of recognising Aboriginal skeletal remains to Jacob Reynolds, with the aid of a synthetic training skeleton.

lots of remains discovered in the state in the past month and expected, with increased development and natural erosion, that the trend would continue.

Sadly, he has no doubt Tasmanian Aboriginal skeletal remains would still be held in 'collections' around the state, or tucked away in sheds or on mantle pieces.

Mr Pedder told the *Koori Mail* that he'd come across people who had the bones of Aboriginal dead and had fervently argued to keep them but failed.

'Presumed it was his'

"One bloke found a skull on the north coast, we reburied her and he went to the police and asked for her back (because) he presumed it was his," he explained.

"And a primary school had a skull in their collection ten years ago and they were asking for it back. We told them no."

Tasmanian Aboriginal body parts were highly sought-after 'antiquities'.

"In the 1800s an Aboriginal skull could

be worth a year's wage (so) people would go and dig up (Aboriginal grave sites). Tasmanian ones were worth a lot more because we were supposedly the most primitive people on the planet," Mr Pedder said.

Graves were robbed in macabre circumstances, remains of the dead were traded across the globe and are still held in institutions and private collections.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal community continues to fight to have their ancestors returned, so they can be bought home to rest on country.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) has been at the forefront of the local, national and international push for repatriation, resulting in the return of Truganini, the infamous Crowther collection in 1983 and remains taken to Ireland, Scotland, England, Sweden and New Zealand from 1985 onwards.

As the slogan on many an Aboriginal T-shirt reads; 'the struggle continues'.

Celebration of Torres Strait in Brisbane



BRISBANE'S South Bank is set to come alive this weekend (2-3 July) with a celebration of Torres Strait arts and culture, including live music and dance, artist and curator talks and other

events across five different venues.

The cross-precinct focus is titled *The Torres Strait Islands: A Celebration* and is a collaboration between the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), the State Library of Queensland (SLQ), the Queensland Museum and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

Each cultural agency will be hosting different aspects of the opening weekend celebrations, and there'll be performances on Maiwar Green, located between GoMA and the State Library. Performers will be converging from the Torres Strait and right across Qld, including an appearance by song man Seaman Dan.

Contemporary Torres Strait artists such as Destiny Deacon, Ricardo Idagi and Alick Tipoti will give talks about their work, a selection of which can be seen as part GoMA's exhibition focusing on contemporary Torres Strait art practice (see separate story on page 49).

New work

Bangarra dancer and choreographer Elma Kris' new work *About* draws on her upbringing in the Torres Strait and can be seen at QPAC from 1-9 July as part of Bangarra's Brisbane season. She will be featured 'in conversation' with Peggy Missi at SLQ on Saturday 2 July.

Meanwhile, Mer Island artist Segar Passi will be giving talks at GoMA and the State Library, as his work straddles both institutions.

Passi is the only surviving water colour artist from the SLQ's Margaret Lawrie collection, and as part of the library's focus on the Torres Strait, all the water colours from the collection will be on show for the first time.

The SLQ show *Strait Home* will also feature photographs taken by Margaret Lawrie. Indigenous research and projects executive director Tom Mosby said the importance of the collection to Torres Strait culture was established when it was tendered as evidence by applicants in the early Mabo proceedings in the Supreme Court.

Strait Home also features photographs taken by Wilhelm Rehnitz, a German Jew who lived and worked in the Torres Strait until 1970.

'Land, Sea and Sky'

Segar Passi, who is an untrained artist and now in his late 60s, was commissioned to create a series of new works for the GoMA show *Land, Sea and Sky* as part of the Torres Strait celebrations.

GoMA associate curator of Indigenous Australian art Bruce McLean said Passi created a series of works based on the sky and the clouds, in response to a situation a few years ago where three young men found themselves stranded at sea for an extended period.

"He created these paintings to represent the knowledge of what these clouds mean," he said. "So that people won't take to the sea when the tides are too strong, or when there's a storm approaching, so people will have that traditional knowledge that will allow them to stay safe at sea."

For full details of the opening weekend celebration go to www.tsi.org.au

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NAIDOC events around nation



THE culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will again be celebrated during NAIDOC Week 2011, from 3-10 July.

With a nod to moves to amend the Australian Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the theme for this year is 'Change: The next step is ours'.

NAIDOC celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognises the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

Activities take place across the nation but this year the national focus is on Sydney and many events, exhibitions,

performances, awards and gatherings are scheduled throughout the city.

The 2011 National NAIDOC awards ceremony and ball will also be held in Sydney at the Exhibition and Convention Centre on Friday 8 July.

A calendar of NAIDOC events can be found in this edition on pages 56 and 57, or visit the NAIDOC website at www.naidoc.org.au for further details of events in your area.

To celebrate the week, the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) is giving Indigenous communities and organisations across the nation the opportunity to screen Indigenous films.

The NFSA's Black Screen program provides free access to short contemporary Indigenous films, including works by renowned directors such as

Warwick Thornton, Ivan Sen and Beck Cole. For further information go to www.nfsa.gov.au/blackscreen

SBS TV will mark NAIDOC Week by showing two Indigenous documentaries. The first, *Big Fella*, will screen on SBS ONE at 9.30pm on Sunday, 3 July; the second, *Nin's Brother*, will screen at 9.30pm on Sunday, 10 July.

Battle

Big Fella explores the story of the crippling health effects of diabetes and obesity in Indigenous communities throughout Australia and one man's love for life, his battle to stay alive, and his triumph over his health conditions.

Made by Mary Munro, *Nin's Brother* follows the mysterious circumstances surrounding the

death of the film-maker's uncle in South Australia 50 years ago, and the quest to bring him home to be buried with his mother and brother in NSW.

Meanwhile, in Canberra, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has had to cancel its main NAIDOC event, NAIDOC on the Peninsula, which last year attracted a record crowd of 4500 people.

AIATSIS Chairperson Professor Mick Dodson said the AIATSIS Council had taken the unenviable decision to cancel NAIDOC on the Peninsula after failing to secure Government funding in the May Budget to continue the digitisation of its priceless and growing audiovisual archives of film, sound recordings, photographs and print materials.

Justice for Stolen Generations victim



ALMOST everything Neville Austin has ever wanted is contained in a one-page letter he received last week from the Victorian Government.

Mr Austin, 47, who was separated from his mother in 1964, is the first victim of the Stolen Generations in Victoria to gain compensation.

His settlement includes an undisclosed amount of money, but it is the state's written expression of 'true apology and deep regret' that means the most.

"It's a salute to a mother who never gave up loving me," Mr Austin said.

"It's the value of the apology that matters. It's one for mum, it's very special."

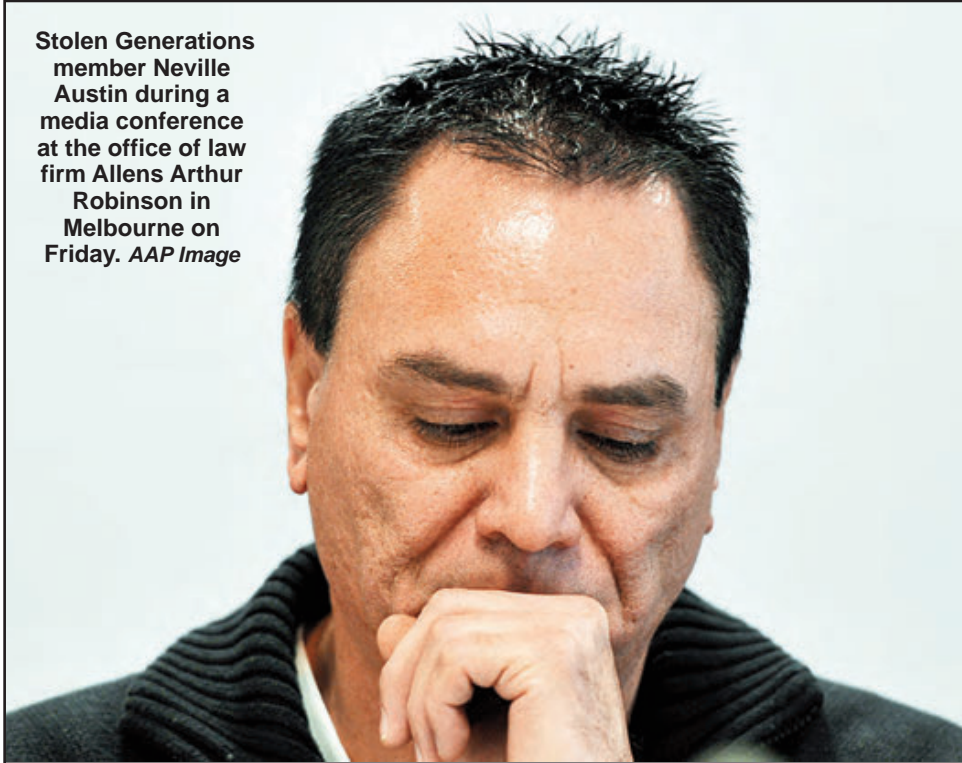
Mr Austin's case is one in which bureaucratic belligerence, ignorance, arrogance and disregard for basic humanity deprived him of his identity, his culture and a mother who desperately wanted him back.

Mr Austin's mother Eileen gave him up to the then Social Welfare Department when he was seven-months-old because she couldn't properly look after him.

In official terms she 'entered into an agreement' with the department to pay for her son to board at St Gabriel's Babies Home in Melbourne.

Eight months later she fell behind in payments so, because his mother owed the home eight pounds, he was made a ward of the state, living with various foster families until 1981. During the 12 years in which he was in care, Mr Austin grew up knowing virtually nothing of who he was.

Stolen Generations member Neville Austin during a media conference at the office of law firm Allens Arthur Robinson in Melbourne on Friday. AAP Image



"I didn't know I was Aboriginal for a long while," he said. "I thought I was Maltese or Italian. I lived the identity I was told to be."

For eight years from 1970, Eileen Austin wrote to the Social Welfare Department and spoke to social workers trying to find out how her son was and trying to be reunited with him.

She also wrote him letters, none of which were passed on.

The department finally arranged for Mrs Austin to meet her son in 1977.

It was at that meeting that the then 13-year-old Mr Austin first learned he was Aboriginal, a revelation that caused considerable trauma.

"But I just fell instantly in love with mum, and it's the same now," he said.

Mrs Austin, who died in 1989, maintained the relationship and in 1981, when the state released Neville from care, they again became mother and son.

In his statement of claim against the state of Victoria, Mr Austin sought compensation for pain and suffering caused by the state's breach of duty.

He claimed the state had failed in its duty of care by not properly investigating the suitability of his mother's home, ignoring her repeated requests for contact and ignoring and refusing her demands for custody.

Mr Austin says he doesn't know if, or when, he will be healed. But he believes he now has a life to look back on as well as one he can look forward to.

"It's been a liberating experience, I've come to terms with the ghosts of my past," he said. "I am very proud to be a Koori."

Because Mr Austin's case was settled out of court, it carries no weight as a legal precedent, although it is believed dozens of similar claims are being considered.

The circumstances of Mr Austin's case are different from those of South Australian man Bruce Trevor, who was taken from his mother without her knowledge and is the only other Stolen Generations victim known to have won compensation.

Mr Trevor received \$775,000 after a South Australian court ruled in 2007 that his removal from his family caused him long-term depression.

He died in June 2008 following a long illness. — AAP

Juvenile jail rate slammed

By **DARREN COYNE**



CRITICS have been scathing of a new report into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in the criminal justice system.

The report, 'Doing Time – Time for Doing: Indigenous youth in the criminal justice system', revealed the imprisonment rate of Indigenous juveniles was 28 times higher than the non-Indigenous level.

The Indigenous juvenile imprisonment rate was 397 inmates per 100,000 compared with 14 non-Indigenous inmates per 100,000.

Indigenous youth made up 59 per cent of the total juvenile prison population.

The report from the House of Representatives Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues makes 40 recommendations across a broad range of issues, and followed an inquiry with 130 submissions and many public hearings.

In the report, the committee described the situation as a tragedy, saying 'questions must be raised as to why the situation has worsened so dramatically after sweeping reforms recommended by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) 20 years ago'.

"The committee agrees that this situation is a national disgrace and recognises that all governments, including the Commonwealth, States and Territories, have failed to adequately address the problem," the report said.

Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) chief executive Dennis Eggington said a

complete overhaul was needed to ensure that Indigenous children were not further disadvantaged by the current juvenile justice system.

"As First Nations peoples of this country, we should be afforded the basic human right of having healthy and happy families," he said.

"Our children and our communities should not have to continue suffering because of the failures of past and present governments.

"The current system of jailing our children is failing our children.

"There needs to be a stronger focus on the use of cautions, diversionary programs

the Streets, said the time for talk was over.

"For 20 years now, recommendations have been put before the Commonwealth and State governments to act to reduce the incarceration of Indigenous juveniles and 'close the gap' in Indigenous disadvantage," Father Riley said.

"Here we have yet another report making recommendations to reduce the over-representation of Indigenous juveniles in incarceration.

"The time for talk is over. The Australian Government must take immediate action to implement recommendations to improve the life outcomes of our Indigenous Australians."

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and justice reinvestment and a greater understanding by law enforcers of the marginalisation faced by Indigenous peoples in day-to-day society."

NT Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Adam Giles said there had also been a 55 per cent increase in Aboriginal men in prison in the past decade.

"Across the Territory, Indigenous incarceration is around 90 per cent of the adult prison population and the numbers are growing every year to the extent that the Territory Government is spending more than \$400 million building a new jail to accommodate more prisoners," he said.

Father Chris Riley, founder of Youth off

Father Riley called for increased funding in early intervention programs and government support of bail-house programs that would prevent young people from being unnecessarily incarcerated prior to court appearance.

"Research indicates that time in a juvenile justice centre is the most significant factor in increasing the odds of recidivism (re-offending)," he said.

Indigenous Social Justice Association president Ray Jackson said the statistics came as no real shock.

He said he was struck with déjà vu (the experience of feeling sure that one has already witnessed or experienced a current

situation) when reading the recommendations in the report, as they were similar to those contained in the RCIADIC report.

"Why after 20 years are we still calling for court interpreters? Why are we still calling for cross-cultural training for the police forces? Why are we still calling for arrest and jailing as a matter of last resort?" Mr Jackson asked.

"When are the governments and their departments going to fully accept that they must take these recommendations and legally enforce them to become an everyday practice and procedure of every part of the custodial system?"

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) national director Jacqueline Phillips described the report as a 'call to action' for governments.

"ANTaR particularly welcomes recommendations for the Federal Government to urgently include justice targets in the COAG Closing the Gap strategy and develop a new inter-governmental agreement to build safer communities," she said.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency Principal Legal Officer Jonathon Hunyor said the report was a challenge for governments to do something to turn things around.

"What we need is real investment in solutions," he said. "We need to get serious about tackling the causes of crime if we want to make our communities safer."

"The whole aim of youth justice is to stop young people coming back to court. Yet there is a chronic lack of non-custodial and diversionary options available to Aboriginal young people, especially in communities."

Govt talks plan for 'new way forward'

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government has used the fourth anniversary of the Northern Territory Emergency Response – the NT Intervention – to announce it will embark on a fresh round of consultations to determine a 'new way forward'.

The Government issued a discussion paper last week seeking the opinions of Indigenous people in the NT as a foundation for new laws once the Intervention expires on 30 June 2012.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government wanted to tackle the issues many Indigenous people confronted every day.

Ms Gillard said the Government's new discussion paper, 'Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory', would form the basis of consultations over the coming months.

The paper looks at where the previous response worked, where it could be improved and what the future priorities are.

Those include school attendance and educational achievement, economic development and employment, tackling alcohol abuse, community safety, health, food security, housing and governance.

The National Congress of Australia's First Peoples responded by calling on all Aboriginal people in the NT to have their say.

Along with other Aboriginal organisations, the Congress said the Government must uphold and protect Aboriginal peoples' human rights in any remodelling of the program.

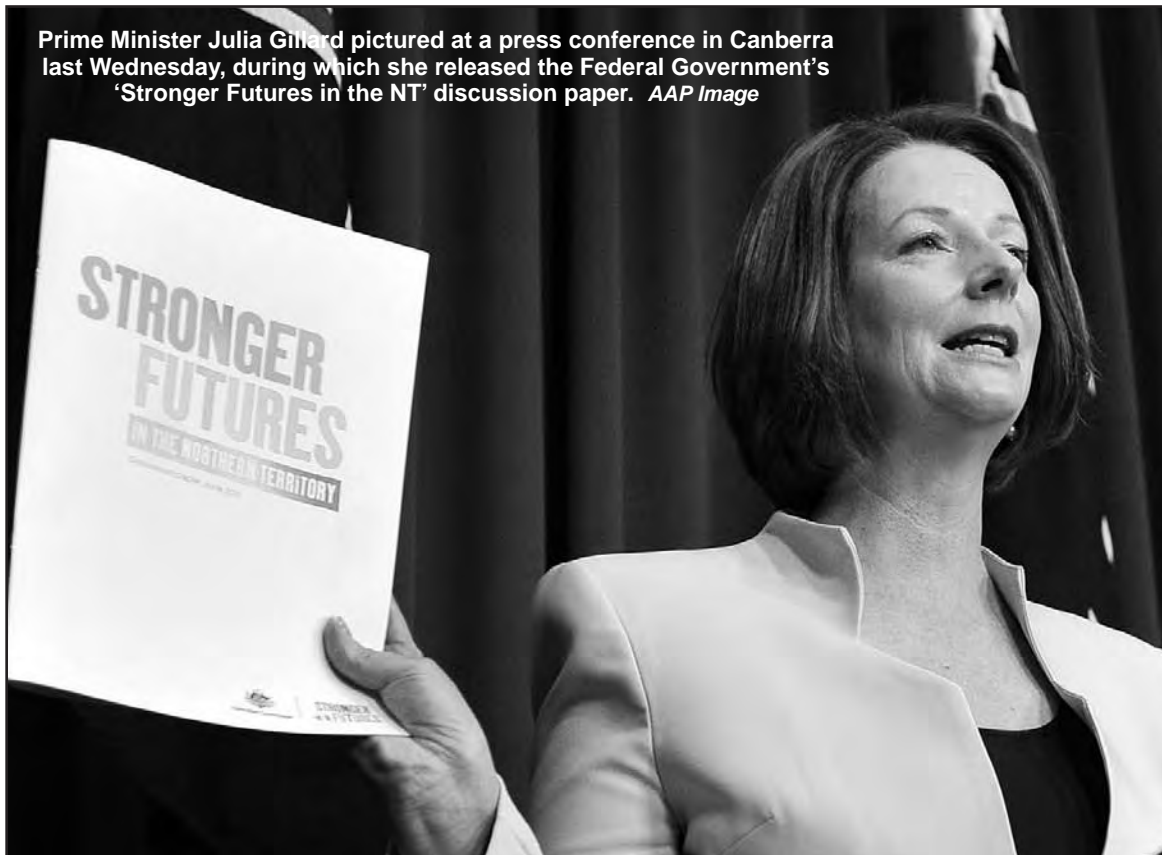
Co-Chairs Josephine Bourne and Sam Jeffries said the Congress had already committed to talking to members to help confirm a formal Congress position on the NT Intervention. Discussions were already under way and would be continued over the coming weeks with individuals, peak organisations and social justice bodies.

Meanwhile, the Central Land Council (CLC) said it was hopeful that the Government's discussion paper signalled a more consultative approach.

CLC director David Ross said the document raised issues considered critical by the land council. "Aboriginal people are seeing the end of the Intervention as an opportunity to have significant input into shaping the future and really improve life in Central Australia," he said.

"People are intensely

Prime Minister Julia Gillard pictured at a press conference in Canberra last Wednesday, during which she released the Federal Government's 'Stronger Futures in the NT' discussion paper. AAP Image



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– Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion

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– Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda



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– 'Little Children are Sacred' report co-author Rex Wild

interested in progressing issues concerning education, governance, housing, alcohol abuse, and child safety but they

need to be in a spirit of partnership rather than being dictated to from Canberra.

"They are also acknowledging

that they need to be less reliant on government and are looking for ways to drive change themselves."

Mr Ross said government and bureaucratic accountability was an issue for many people in the bush. "Let's hope the Government conducts these consultations in good faith and finally listens to people from the bush," he said.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs spokesman Nigel Scullion said the announcement of further consultations exposed nearly four years of neglect.

"The NTER required the constant attention of government to monitor and direct efforts to address Aboriginal disadvantage," he said.

"Having vilified the Coalition for four years for failing to consult prior to introducing the NTER in 2007, (this) announcement effectively demonstrates that Labor have failed to actively talk with Aboriginal people since coming to office.

"While the Coalition could have better involved Aboriginal people prior to introducing the NTER, it was an emergency in response to the damning 'Little Children are Sacred' report that demanded immediate action."

Co-author of that report, Rex Wild QC, was dismissive of the Government's announcement last week, saying the report had already identified education and alcohol as matters of absolute urgency.

"So in 2011 they've identified those things yet again – bloody rocket science isn't it?" he said.

"The consultations they're talking about having are exactly what we did in 2007."

But Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda said it was imperative that Indigenous people be consulted.

Mr Gooda said the Intervention had delivered some benefits, such as more resources for policing and infrastructure, but he said these improvements were the basic supports that other parts of Australia had always had and took for granted. "We need to maintain these efforts but we need to be targeted and we need to be talking to the people whose lives are most directly affected by these things," he said.

"We have more chance of succeeding if we listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and not just the service providers.

"We need to listen to the mums and dads, the young people and the Elders, the remote communities and the town campers in Alice Springs."

NT Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council chairwoman Bess Price, a vocal supporter of the Intervention, urged the

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Anti-Intervention marchers in Darwin last week. About 100 people took part, and NT Government backbencher Marion Scrymgour was handed a petition calling for an end to the Intervention. AAP image

Opponents release list of 11 demands

By DARREN COYNE



OPPONENTS of the Northern Territory Intervention have released an 11-point list of demands as an alternative to further Intervention

measures. The demands are contained in a document called 'Rebuilding from the Ground Up: An Alternative to the NT Intervention', which was launched at a rally in Darwin last week, and then endorsed at a rally in Sydney on Saturday.

The demands were drafted by Aboriginal community leaders, along with the Intervention Rollback Action Group (IRAG) in Alice Springs, the Stop the Intervention Collective (STIC) in Sydney, and concerned Australians in Melbourne. They have called on the Federal Government to restore

community governance in Aboriginal communities by removing business managers and rebuilding Aboriginal community councils. They also want increased Government investment in all communities, not just those identified under the 'hub towns' model.

As well, they say a new Aboriginal employment program should be created to replace the now-gutted Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP), with all jobs to be paid at least award wages.

The groups want an end to five-year leases over Aboriginal land taken through the Intervention, and a lifting of the requirement that 40-year leases be signed before housing can be built in communities.

Housing, they argue, should be administered by local Indigenous housing committees rather than NT

Department of Housing, and funds for new housing should be made available to all communities.

They also want the ban on bilingual education lifted, more Aboriginal teachers, and an end to punitive programs linking welfare to school attendance.

Programs

Compulsory income management should be abolished and funding re-directed into community-based programs, and more funding should be provided for community-controlled social services such as childhood programs, men's programs and women's centres.

They also want recommendations from the Health Impact Assessment by the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association to be implemented.

The groups are also demanding the repeal of blanket alcohol bans

in Aboriginal communities. Instead, resources should be provided to communities to develop local solutions to alcohol misuse.

Finally, the groups want an end to all discriminatory laws that they say have led to increased police harassment and incarceration of Aboriginal people.

In a statement, the groups described the Intervention as a 'disaster for Aboriginal communities'.

"Rather than 'closing the gap', government statistics show Indigenous incarceration rates have risen by almost 30 per cent, school attendance is down in many places, suicide and self-harm have increased and thousands of workers are being put on to Centrelink as CDEP closes down," they said.

"There are growing crises in urban centres such as Alice Springs as large numbers of people

move in from the bush.

"The suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act* to seize land, assets and authority has destroyed trust in government and many well-run programs.

"Much of the unprecedented investment of more than \$1.5 billion has been wasted on government bureaucrats and contractors."

The opponents called for an 'urgent shift' from punitive controls to measures which restore community control, rebuild Aboriginal initiative and capacity and improve shocking living conditions.

They also called on the Government to apologise for the pain and damage caused by the Intervention, and demanded that all policies relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Government seeks 'new way forward'

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Government to continue with its measures.

"I'd like to see (the Intervention) continue as it is, because going back and consulting is just going to put things back and make it more confusing for people who have already got used to the idea of the Intervention," she said.

"There are good things happening in communities like Yuendumu that haven't been acknowledged and those good

'I'd like to see (the Intervention) continue as it is, because going back and consulting is just going to put things back and make it more confusing for people who have already got used to the idea of the Intervention'

– Intervention advocate Bess Price



things need to be highlighted.

"There has never been enough positive

talk. Here at Yuendumu things are much quieter, there's more policing and the

nutrition program is running well.

"A lot of people say they don't like the Intervention, but when you start talking about it, they acknowledge the good things."

Ms Price said that if the consultations were inevitable, she would be urging people – 'especially the shy ones' – to have their say.

To view a copy of the Federal Government discussion paper, go to <http://www.indigenous.gov.au/index.php/stronger-futures-in-the-northern-territory>

Warning over western Sydney move



THE Federal Government will 'meet its Waterloo' in its attempt to introduce income management to a western Sydney

community, protesters said on the weekend.

A couple of hundred people took to the streets of Sydney on Saturday in protest at the Government's Northern Territory intervention, introduced four years ago last week.

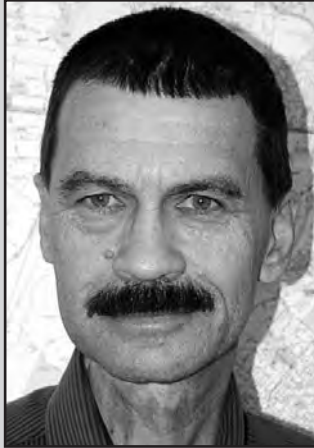
Chronic social breakdown had accelerated in the four years since the laws were introduced, Paddy Gibson, a researcher with the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), told the crowd gathered at Town Hall.

"They have ripped the guts out of remote communities and are trying to force people into the major town centres, into the major cities and to assimilate into mainstream Australia," Mr Gibson said, to cries of 'shame'.

"What person out there could actually

'Why would you target our area when you have the most functional land council in the country providing services for Aboriginal people?'

— Gandangara council CEO Jack Johnson



turn around and say this policy is doing good, this policy is taking things forward, when people are being locked up, kids are starving and people are committing suicide at higher rates?

"It's just atrocious."

Mr Gibson said the Stop The

Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS), which organised the rally, would fight the introduction of income management in western Sydney 'every step of the way'.

From July 1 next year, the Federal Government will introduce income management to five areas, including

Bankstown. Residents deemed by Centrelink to be financially vulnerable will have half their welfare payments quarantined on to a BasicsCard to buy priority items at selected stores.

Jack Johnson, CEO of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council, which covers the Bankstown region, said the Government would fail in its attempt to introduce income management.

"Let them come, this is the place they will meet their Waterloo," he said.

Gandangara was the largest land council in Australia, he added.

"Why would you target our area when you have the most functional land council in the country providing services for Aboriginal people?" he said.

Incoming NSW Greens senator Lee Rhiannon said the introduction of the NT Intervention was a 'dark moment in our history'.

"The human rights of a significant number of Australians are being abused on a daily basis because of Intervention," she said. — by AAP

Supermarkets ban cheap wine casks



TWO major supermarkets in Alice Springs have removed cheap wine casks from sale in an effort to tackle problem

drinking. Coles and Woolworths made the decision to do away with the cheap two-litre casks, much to the delight of those who had been lobbying for a crackdown on cheap grog.

The move came as the Federal Government last week promised tougher alcohol controls would be an important part of its new strategy to improve the lives of Indigenous people living in the Northern Territory.

But the Government stopped short of announcing a set floor price on alcohol, which has been raised repeatedly as a possible solution to problem drinking.

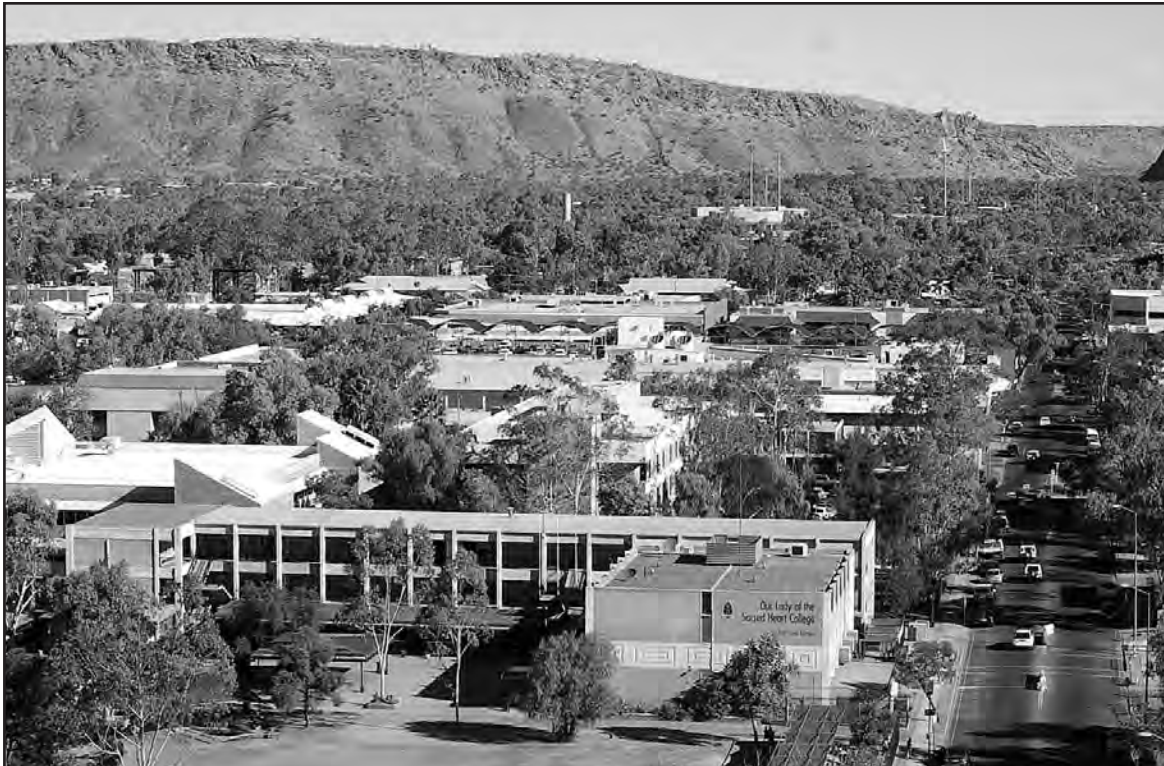
Central Land Council director David Ross said the community had been calling on the supermarkets to take the action for some time. "This is a good outcome," he said.

"It's an example of the progress we can make on these deep problems when businesses or government genuinely listen to what Aboriginal organisations and communities are telling them."

Mr Ross also reminded observers that more work was needed.

"Imposing a floor price on alcohol is not a silver bullet for this problem," he said.

"The issue of alcohol abuse in Central Australia is not over, but this is a smart move in the right direction, based on research and on input from Aboriginal people."



A view of Alice Springs, where Coles and Woolworths supermarkets have banned cheap wine casks.

Some Aboriginal leaders and health groups have called for a minimum floor price of around \$1.20 a standard drink. The NT Australian Hotels Association supported that call, but the Territory's Alcohol Policy Minister, Delia Lawrie, has not been keen, arguing that such a policy would penalise the majority for the sake of a few, with no real benefit to the community besides increasing profit for alcohol retailers.

The NT Government is instead lobbying for a 'volumetric' tax, which it maintains would push up the price of cheap grog but hardly

affect the price of more expensive wine or cartons of beer.

The NT Australian Hotels Association dismissed Ms Lawrie's claims. Chief executive Amy Williamson said a floor price would help reduce chronic alcohol abuse.

Floor price

"We believe a floor price would encourage more hard-core drinkers to turn from the cheapest, highest concentrated alcohol like wine to lower-strength products like beer," she said.

Meanwhile, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said

last Wednesday that alcohol controls would be an important part of the next phase, but the Government had not settled on a particular strategy such as a set floor price on alcohol.

With the legislation for the original Intervention set to expire in August, the Federal Government is keen to have new legislation introduced to Parliament by the end of the year.

It announced last week that six weeks of talks with NT residents and community leaders would help guide the next phase of its strategy.



CLC director David Ross ... "This is a good outcome."



JENNY MACKLIN

Blockade stops work at planned site

Kimberley gas battle heats up

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A FIGHT against plans to build a \$30 billion liquefied natural gas precinct at James Price Point near Broome escalated further this month, with a blockade of the road into the proposed site.

The controversial project is subject to an agreement between the West Australian Government, developer Woodside, and the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) representing Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr people.

A majority of traditional owners at a meeting in early May consented to the taking of land for the gas hub, 50kms north of Broome, after Premier Colin Barnett threatened to compulsorily acquire it.

Should the project proceed, the local Aboriginal community will receive a \$1.5 billion compensation package, but its future rests with Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke, who is yet to decide whether the development meets environmental requirements.

Other traditional owners led by Goolarabooloo man Joseph Roe vehemently oppose the gas hub on the grounds that James Price Point is an important sacred area and a crossing point of songlines.

Their rallying against the development reached new heights on 7 June when a mostly peaceful blockade was set up to prevent Woodside contractors from reaching the site to clear vegetation and carry out geotechnical work.

Police had advised the protesters – a mix of Aboriginal and other locals and visitors – that all necessary permits were in place and that Woodside could lawfully start their work.

However, the protesters maintained a lookout at the turn-off to the area and continued to link hands across the road to prevent Woodside vehicles from passing. One member of the group manoeuvred her wheelchair into the middle of the sandy track. Two people were arrested early on, one for locking himself to a bulldozer for more than 24 hours, but it's believed no charges were laid.

The blockade – adorned with banners reading 'No gas' and 'Hands off country' – annoyed Premier Colin Barnett, who said the protesters had made their point and should move on.

Mr Barnett said he respected their rights to express their views but noted that traditional owners, through the KLC, had voted strongly in support of the project.

The Premier told ABC Radio last Wednesday that the site at James Price Point was an isolated location and was

chosen after an exhaustive process.

"You won't know it's there unless you sail past on a boat," he said. "It will be the only site in the Kimberley where there will be liquefied natural gas. It will not be industrialisation of the Kimberley as some people like to pretend."

But the protesters were digging their heels in at the weekend.

"We'll just keep going with what we're doing," Goolarabooloo man Phillip Roe told the *Koori Mail* on Saturday, day 19 of the blockade. "We'll keep fighting it until the last one stands. We've got good support."

Mr Roe is the older brother of lead protester Joseph Roe, who was at the site on 18 June to read aloud out a letter he'd written to Woodside's venture partners BHP Billiton, Chevron, Shell and BP urging them to abandon the site in favour of alternatives elsewhere.

"I now write with urgency as there are bulldozers on my doorstep," the letter read. "We are in a position where I see no other

over sand dunes and sensitive plant communities, and removed ancient artefacts from the area.

But the KLC lodged its own complaint that protesters had themselves dug toilet holes right in registered Aboriginal sites where there were tool fragments and shell middens.

"These people claim to have respect for Aboriginal culture..." director Wayne Bergmann told the ABC last Monday. "It's just outrageous."

DIA last week inspected the area, in response to both complaints, but on Friday was 'keeping mum' on its findings.

"We have held investigations into a number of complaints but the results are still being finalised," a departmental spokesman told the *Koori Mail*.

He said that how long those results took depended on what had been found.

Many of those taking part in the blockade were women. One of them, Aboriginal filmmaker Jub Clerc, told the *Koori Mail* there was

no reason why Woodside couldn't instead pipe gas from the site to the Pilbara where there was already a major LNG plant on the Burrup Peninsula.

"We'd hope that, if they did that, the traditional owners down there would get some compensation for what has already happened to their country," she said.

Ms Clerc said she was a Djungan/Yawuru woman from Broome but grew up mostly in the iron-ore town of Port Hedland, a six-hour drive south of Broome, and could speak from experience about the effect of

harbours, dredging and other development on country.

Opponents of the gas hub say last month's traditional owner meeting that consented to the taking of land for the project was not representative and those who were there effectively 'had a gun to their heads'.

Ms Clerc said many of those who voted had done so believing the issue at stake was the compensation package, should the project proceed, 'not to destroy country'.

"They had the bullet in their own pockets but didn't know it," she said.

"There's heaps of people who feel sick inside about the decision now but there's others who just say 'Give me the money'.

"The promises... 'I will build you hospitals and educate your children' ...That's what governments are supposed to do. People should go down to the Pilbara and see how well that worked out."

The *Koori Mail* contacted the KLC for this story but, at the time of printing, had not heard back. – With AAP



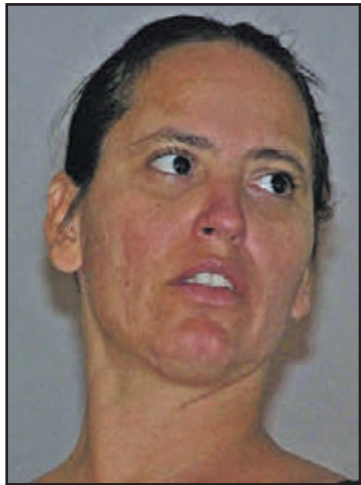
The blockade against Woodside's development to the proposed site for a major gas hub at James Price Point in the Kimberley on 17 June.

AAP Image



Lead protester Joseph Roe.

Photo by Ken Boase



Aboriginal filmmaker and protester Jub Clerc.



Wayne Bergmann from the Kimberley Land Council.



The blockade on the road into the planned gas site. Photo by Marian Lester

option but to take non-violent, direct action to defend our country.

"...Your white man's law has not yet said yes to this gas hub," he said, referring to Minister Burke's pending decision.

"Even if you do not respect Aboriginal law, I appeal for you to respect your own laws and the standards of decency of Australian society."

Dismissed

In April, the Federal Court dismissed Mr Roe's appeal against a February ruling that removed him as an applicant in the Goolarabooloo/Jabirr Jabirr native title claim over the area.

Mr Roe says the KLC shouldn't be representing the native title claimants in negotiations.

Last week, he complained to the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) that Woodside contractors had damaged the area around the site.

He alleged that work teams had driven

Meet the National



JODY BROUN



BRIAN BUTLER



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DENNIS EGGINGTON

LAST edition, we reported on the inaugural annual forum of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, held at Homebush in Sydney from 7-9 June. We brought you the perspectives of some of the 120 or so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who attended the historic gathering. The first elected Board of the National Congress – six of whom were elected at the annual forum – will take over the reins next month, meeting for the first time in Sydney on 8 July. We asked Co-Chairs Jody Broun and Les Malezer and their fellow Directors Brian Butler, Venessa Curnow, Dennis Eggington, Rod Little, Tammy Solonec and Daphne Yarram to tell us about themselves, including their personal histories, how they'll deal with any criticism of the new representative body, and their hopes for its future. Here's what they said...

Jody Broun Co-Chair Elect

I am a Yindjibarndi woman from the Pilbara in WA. I was born in Perth. I grew up mostly in Perth but we also lived in Port Hedland for a short time and spent most of our holidays in Roebourne and the Pilbara. I currently live in Perth but will be moving to Sydney shortly.

I stood for election because I believe in a national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that can be involved in government decision making. I believe I have something to offer the Congress from my experience working for Aboriginal people in WA and NSW and working with government at state and national levels. I believe members made up their minds in voting for me based on my track record and vision for the Congress.

I believe the Congress needs to establish a protocol for working with government to firmly embed our role in government decision making. That way we can legitimately represent our members and ensure their voice is not only heard but is influential.

I have priorities around maintaining and protecting culture and improving educational outcomes. My passions are the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be involved in and decide what happens in their communities – this is not just about consultation but decisions – and to take control of their future.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should unite and utilise the Congress as the vehicle to take forward their voice, they should regard the Congress as an opportunity to take back the control and the debate. Criticism of the Congress is inevitable, but needs to be confronted by action and determination to make it an invaluable supporter of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations.

Brian Butler Director Elect

My mother (Emily) and grandmother (Eliza) are of the Aranda peoples of Central Australia and my grandfather (Toby) the Luritja peoples of the Uluru and Areyonga regions. My tribal name is Jangala and my totem is Yeperenye Caterpillar. I was born in the Bagot Compound in Darwin on 13 September 1938. I am 72 and my current status and occupation has been an advocate for the First Nations Peoples of Australia.

My childhood days geographically spanned from Darwin to Hatchers Creek to Alice Springs and to the boys' home, St Francis House in Adelaide. I currently live in Adelaide.

Congress needs to be the mortar between Aboriginal and Islander communities, its peoples and the parliaments of Australia where respect needs to be developed and sustained. I stood for election to bring my life

experiences together with the aspirations of the Congress to forge a positive future for our families and children.

I believe the delegates voted for me because of my credible standing within the national Aboriginal and Islander community as being honest, reliable and beyond reproach. They know I have never compromised our rights.

Congress should firstly address the reinstatement of governance, democracy, integrity and sovereignty to those Aboriginal and Islander communities who have been forced to a point of no return by failed government policies and programs. We need to work at influencing our peoples to believe in the Congress and to subscribe to be members.

I bring determination and strength of purpose to my new position, along with the belief that we can make a united stand and improve Aboriginal and Islander human rights and social justice in this country.

I believe the First Nations peoples of Australia should adopt the Congress as a major milestone and monumental attempt to give our people equal opportunity, recognition of our sovereignty and true democracy under the banner of the United Nations. My response to negativity will be to maintain my belief that Congress can give our people equal opportunity, recognition of our sovereignty and true democracy and that Congress will be strong enough to resist any adversity that we will encounter.

Venessa Curnow Director Elect

I'm Ait Koedal and Sumu of Torres Strait Islands. I'm 35 and was born in Brisbane. My current job is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer and Secretariat for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dementia Advisory Group with Alzheimer's Australia.

I grew up in Brisbane and have been living in Cairns for over 10 years. I call Cairns home and love it here.

Throughout my working life I've tried to ask government departments and agencies to make changes that will improve or keep quality of life for our old people, people with dementia, people with disabilities and mental health issues. But I became increasingly frustrated by policies that are narrow in focus, inflexible and short-sighted. Joining the Congress was a way I could see of making our voice stronger, clearer and louder because we have a way of standing together and a unified voice.

The first thing the Congress should do is listen. It's where our strength comes from, and our main purpose. There's no point of the Congress developing policy positions and lobbying government if it doesn't represent the views and needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

But more importantly, Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people have a wealth of knowledge and wisdom and now have a national organisation that anyone can join, and an organisation that is willing and able to listen.

I don't have any personal priorities for my new position, these will come from the membership and what resources are available. I am sensible about developing priorities within available resources and we need to make strong foundations so the Congress will be here for a long time.

My passion and background, is to care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people and people with long-term care needs in our community.

In terms of any criticisms of the Congress, I believe that everyone is entitled to their opinions and free thinking – it is how we grow, individually and as a community. But I hope that now and over time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people respect the Congress for the work it does and the people who work there.

Those people working in organisations and businesses know these things don't happen overnight, there's a lot of work that goes into setting them up and they change over time.

Congress is a unique opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – to make a national representative organisation for us, by us. It's a chance to make a strong organisation for now but also for the future generations.

Dennis Eggington Director Elect

I am Nyungar, from the south-west of Western Australia. I'm 55 and live in Perth and I'm Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (Inc).

I grew up in Perth until the age of ten before our family moved to Queensland for a few years and then on to NSW. I returned to WA as a young adult where I remain.

I have always believed that having a national voice is important in progressing the rights of our people. Like many others, I felt the vacuum that was left when we lost ATSIC and the Congress was offering hope as an independent body that could further advance our First Nations identities and aspirations.

I hope that delegates voted for me because of my long-standing commitment to a better quality of life for our people because that is the driving force that has motivated me to choose the pathways I have embarked upon throughout my life.

Whilst it's still early days, I believe that we need to get Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to give the Congress a go. We need our people to come on board and fill the chambers with as many individuals and peak bodies as we can.

I bring a passion to engage with our communities and make this work. I want to listen and gain a greater understanding about

how people are feeling and find out how I can inspire people to become involved.

As a Chamber Two Director, I want to ensure that our Chamber is up and running and functioning effectively. As part of this process, I would welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations to make contact and have their say.

I would love to see people embracing the Congress as an opportunity to empower each other and have a real say in the future of our people. We have so much strength and resilience as a people and the Congress has the potential to further unify our communities and develop a permanent and everlasting relationship with our fellow Australians.

I think it's perfectly normal that there have been a variety of viewpoints and whilst there has been some criticism, I am pleased that people are openly discussing the Congress. The Congress needs to get the runs on the board because that is what will show our community that the Congress is delivering for our people.

Rod Little Director Elect

I am of the Amangu and Wajuk peoples of Geraldton and Perth areas of Western Australia. I was born in Kununoppin WA in 1958 and am one of 11 children.

I grew up in Mukinbudin, Meekatharra and Geraldton, WA. I'm a long-time resident of Canberra with my partner Karel Williams and between us we have six children and 11 grandchildren.

I currently work for a non-government organisation, Principals Australia Inc, on its Dare to Lead project which focuses on supporting and developing leadership in schools to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student education outcomes.

I stood for election because I felt my experience and knowledge is something I can offer to this new and exciting organisation in being a voice for the people. I feel that my fellow delegates voted for me because I have integrity, commitment and passion to be a good and trustworthy representative for them.

There are many things the Congress should do as early as possible, but personally and by consensus I think it should take full advantage of the opportunity and be heavily involved in constitutional reform and encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be informed about their rights. I feel the Congress should fully engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and families to gain their confidence and endorsement to be their voice on matters that impact on their lives and especially secure resources to sustain our capacity to do that effectively.

My personal priorities and passions are to do the best I can to bring about positive change

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for the benefit of our families. I think people should regard the Congress as a unique opportunity to have their needs, rights and aspirations represented strongly and fairly.

I am highly experienced and strongly committed to creating opportunities for improving the health and well-being of, as well as social justice for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. For those with criticism of the Congress, I invite you to walk with us in unity and 'be a part of the solution' for our people now and future generations. I am looking forward to this important role.

Les Malezer Co-Chair Elect

I am Butchulla of south-east Queensland. I was born in 1952 in Brisbane. I grew up in Inala, Brisbane. I still live in Brisbane but will move to Sydney to serve the Congress.

I stood for election to the Congress to advance the rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to self-determination. For my entire career I have worked to this purpose. I believe that my knowledge and experience is the reason, along with my proven track record, that I have been elected.

I propose we establish a peer relationship with government along with agreed standards and principles, which become the foundation for all negotiations between the government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I define myself as a community worker as I am committed to working



LES MALEZER

for our people and rights. I am a communicator and have concentrated on informing our communities. I am focused on what our peoples think and want. I intend to strengthen the movement for rights and self-determination. My strengths are the ability to articulate, organise and motivate.

The Congress is the national body around which unity of purpose and strength can be built. Recent history has shown us that no advances can be made without that focus, and that without internal leadership and discipline, unrepresentative people are used by government to advance their interests. Our people must commit to a greater purpose through a national body. Now is the time to move forward, following the adoption at the global level of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is time to end colonial rule over our peoples.

All criticism of the Congress should be welcomed, as there is much that can be done to achieve a good arrangement for a national voice. Many critics are concerned about the history of denial, misuse or abuse of their interests. They must be heard and their concerns addressed. I will be encouraging the Congress to accept, not reject, criticisms. We must be judged on our performance.

Tammy Solonec Director Elect

I am a Nyikina woman from in Derby in the Kimberley of WA.

I grew up mainly in WA's north-west before moving to Perth at 16, where I have lived ever since.

I stood for election to the

Congress because I want to actively contribute to better outcomes for our people across a broad cross-section of issues. I applied as a Director as they were the only positions not based in Sydney. Being three days a week was also attractive because it will allow me to pursue other interests and be available for my children.

I think delegates voted for me because I've worked with a number of them who are aware of my work ethic, skills and dedication to our people, and that my written application was convincing. My youth and passion was also advantageous as many talked about the need to have new, energetic people involved in Indigenous leadership.

As a priority, I think the Congress should be working towards on increasing membership and financial independence to ensure its ongoing sustainability. Another priority is to develop processes that are inclusive and representative of our membership. Strategic planning, advocacy, policy formulation and engagement with the wider community, non-government organisations (NGOs), government, corporate bodies and international organisations are also priorities.

In terms of my personal priorities and passions for my new position, the first is NAIDOC and the positive promotion of our people. I advocate for a national public holiday in NAIDOC week and love NAIDOC's rich history.

I have a passion for international human rights and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. I want to be involved in holding Australia to account with regards to these standards and their domestic implementation. Working at the



TAMMY SOLONEC

Aboriginal Legal Service, I have seen the negative impacts of the justice system on our people, but also the positive benefits that come when we use it to our advantage. I also have a passion for housing and think this is an area seriously lacking in coordinated national advocacy.

How each person views the Congress is up to them. I think it is fair enough that some are sceptical and I understand the wait-and-see approach being adopted by many. I would like people to take a positive approach to the Congress and be supportive, as there is strength in numbers and unity, but criticisms are fine – and in fact needed – for the Congress to develop into a healthy and robust organisation.

Daphne Yarram Director Elect

I am a Noongar Yorga (woman) born on Gnowangerup Mission, Western Australia. I am Manager of YooWINNA Wurnalung, an Aboriginal family violence healing service in East Gippsland, Victoria.

My dad was in the Army for over 28 years and most of that time we were at the Puckapunyal Base, near Seymour, Victoria. In the late 70s we moved to Sale, in East Gippsland where I still live with my family.

Being a part of the development and establishment of the National Congress has been such a rewarding experience. I wanted to provide continuity to the incoming Board and offer my services to support the work that still needs to be done. I am humbled at being elected and will continue to work hard to support the aspirations of the Congress and



DAPHNE YARRAM

honour the delegates' faith in me.

I believe that any organisation is only as strong as its membership and I would like to see the Congress undertake a campaign to invite every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to become a member and have a say on issues that affect them. The other part to that is for the Congress to set up good communication and engagement processes to allow those conversations to happen.

I am passionate about ensuring that our human rights are recognised and respected and that should underpin everything we do. I want to ensure that all our members have a voice and actively participate in and contribute to the Congress.

I am passionate about ensuring that Australians recognise the diversity and strong representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as part of the wider community – our vibrant culture and heritage is still alive and thriving.

After the demise of ATSIC we have not had a national voice or representation. I am hopeful that all our peoples support and embrace National Congress with confidence in our commitment to truly represent their views and voice, that we have processes in our organisation that hold us to account, have gender equity and are transparent and inclusive.

Everyone has a right to their opinion and I hope that people engage or participate in the conversations that will take place across the country to help shape and support the future direction of Congress.

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Cracks widen over NT nuclear waste dump

By KIRSTIE PARKER



CRACKS are widening in the relationship between the two biggest Aboriginal land councils in the Northern Territory over the prospect of a nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station, north of Tennant Creek.

Earlier this month, the Senate began debating the Radioactive Waste Management Bill, the passage of which would allow land councils and other parties to volunteer land for consideration as the location for such a dump.

The Northern Land Council (NLC) has already done so on behalf of some traditional owners from around Muckaty Station, but others are contesting their right to speak for country. The Federal Court is currently considering which Aboriginal groups are the rightful custodians.

The Gillard Government is pushing ahead, regardless, and the Senate was expected to pass its bill in the week ending 17 June.

However, the matter disappeared from chamber business early on in the committee stage after the Australian Greens began to put it 'under the microscope'. As of Friday, debate had still not resumed.

Opponents of the Muckaty proposal rallied outside Parliament House in Canberra on 14 June.

"The Senate will be going ahead debating the legislation without proper consultation and without our consent," said Dianne



The image of the banner, which appears in the official Senate Hansard.

Stokes, there representing the Elders of the Warlmanpa and Warumungu tribes.

"They have not come to sit with the rightful traditional owners."

Greens Senator Scott Ludlam said the party would 'do everything it could to stop the Government's plan to force the dump on an unwilling community, whether at Muckaty Station in the NT or anywhere else'.

"That is not the way a democracy is supposed to work," Senator Ludlam said.

He said the Parliament shouldn't even discuss the bill until the Government was confident that it was dealing with the right people.

And the Central Land Council,

which handles Aboriginal lands and affairs south of Tennant Creek, agreed.

CLC director David Ross issued a statement on 15 June describing the bill as 'a short-sighted path to a political fix' and the consequences of any decision to choose Muckaty would be felt far into the future.

"The Bill allows the Government to ride rough shod over Aboriginal people's concerns and environmental restrictions and use Muckaty Station north of Tennant Creek as a dumping ground for the nation's nuclear waste," Mr Ross said.

"...Pushing ahead at Muckaty and ignoring the serious level of dispute about the nomination



KIM HILL

process would be a disaster for traditional owners, their families and the broader Tennant Creek region. The last thing we need is more disputes and more conflict.

"...The broader traditional owner group with custodial responsibilities for that country, and the affected community need to be included in the decision-making process."

The NLC countered with a statement of its own, saying 'radioactive waste has to go somewhere' and the expected passage of the bill would be an important step towards Australia meeting its obligations to store its own radioactive waste.

NLC chief executive Kim Hill

said the bill's passage would not necessarily mean a dump would be built on Aboriginal land in the NT and that, ultimately, science would decide its location.

"Everyone seems to think that it's a done deal and that Muckaty Station will be selected, but that's simply short sighted," Mr Hill said.

"This legislation merely preserves the site, on Ngapa country, as a piece of land which has been volunteered by its rightful owners for consideration as a potential site for a radioactive waste repository."

Mr Hill said, under the proposed legislation, if the Minister was not satisfied the site at Muckaty Station met the environmental requirements, other land owners would have the opportunity to nominate their country for consideration.

"If the science is not right and the Muckaty site is struck off as a potential location, the Minister then is responsible for finding another site which does pass the environmental assessment process," he said.

Senator Ludlam said the matter was 'extraordinarily stressful' for the traditional owners who say their interests are being affected.

During the Senate debate, he tabled a banner from them pleading in Aboriginal language for 'No waste dump at Muckaty', which was incorporated into the official Hansard record.

"The banner will be there as long as the debate is on," Senator Ludlam told the *Koori Mail*.

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Jury clears man over WA killing

By ELIZABETH MURRAY
in Perth



A NON-ABORIGINAL man has been found not guilty of killing an Aboriginal man after an incident in a back alley in the nightclub district of Perth last August. A Supreme Court jury took four hours to find Christopher Lee Brenchley, 25, not guilty of the manslaughter of a 23-year-old Aboriginal man – referred to throughout the case only as Mr Stack for cultural reasons – on 15 August last year in a laneway near Newcastle Street, Northbridge.

Mr Brenchley told the court Mr Stack had been trying to rob him and his wife with a screwdriver, when he turned the weapon back on him, stabbing him once through the heart.

Defence counsel Simon Freitag said the act was merely self-defence, but State Prosecutor James McTaggart told the jury the killing was not justifiable as self-defence because stabbing somebody through the heart was not a reasonable response.

The prosecution alleged Mr Brenchley had concealed a knife in his clothes, which he had used to stab Mr Stack, but only a

screwdriver was found at the scene with Mr Stack's DNA on both the blade and handle.

The court was told Mr Brenchley had earlier that evening met Mr Stack, who was with two relatives and a third man, at McDonald's on William Street in Perth's city centre.

He met Mr Stack again later in the adjacent suburb, Northbridge.

Mr McTaggart said it was not entirely clear what happened, but at that time Mr Brenchley stabbed Mr Stack to the chest and perforated his heart and diaphragm.

Mr Freitag told the court that during Mr Brenchley's police

record of interview he told officers he had a knife, and had drawn a picture of it for them, and that was then shown to the court.

Mr Freitag said at that time Mr Brenchley was panicked and was fearful for his wife, who was also being questioned.

The court heard Mr Brenchley later changed those details in his statement.

Medical evidence of the single wound to Mr Stack's heart found it may have been consistent with a knife or a screwdriver, the court heard.

The father of the deceased man, Rodney Cox, wept outside the court.

"I'm devastated. I've lost my boy and this guy walks free," he said.

Mr Stack's mother was grief-stricken outside the court, shocked and unable to walk.

She cried: "It never happened, it never happened – he's coming home."

After a February hearing into the case, an altercation between Mr Stack's family and Mr Brenchley occurred outside the court and some family members had to watch the trial via video link from another court.

In the footage of the melee, Mr Brenchley was seen cowering and not defending himself.

Disgrace label for cattle ban



ABORIGINAL-owned cattle stations and workers in the north of Australia fear their livelihoods will be ripped away if the ban on live exports to Indonesia continues.

The Federal Government decision to ban exports to Indonesia following a public outcry over the mistreatment of cattle at Indonesian abattoirs has been described as an 'absolute disgrace'.

Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Adam Giles said the blanket ban was devastating to Indigenous communities relying on stations for income and jobs.

"Fifty-four Territory stations are owned by Indigenous corporations," Mr Giles said.

"The pastoral industry was built with the sweat of Aboriginal people and where there is a working adult in a family, kids live healthier lifestyles and have improved education outcomes.

"This has directly put at risk more than 400 Indigenous jobs in the Northern Territory and the livelihoods of the owners and managers of 54 Indigenous-owned or operated cattle stations.

"For many of these people, the demise of pastoral jobs will confine Indigenous workers and their families to a life of welfare and misery.

"If the live cattle ban is not lifted immediately it could result in reduced nutrition,

'This has directly put at risk more than 400 Indigenous jobs in the Northern Territory'

– NT MP Adam Giles



lower school attendance, increased drug and alcohol abuse and even higher Indigenous imprisonment rates."

Meanwhile, the Indigenous Land Corporation has estimated that more than 700 Indigenous people were employed in the northern cattle industry.

And in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, a third of all stations are owned and run by Aboriginal people.

'Killing industry'

Chairman of the Kimberley Aboriginal Pastoralists Association Alan Lawford told the *Koori Mail* the live export ban on cattle was 'killing the industry'.

"It's about time they speak to us on this side of the country," he said.

"I'm a fourth generation cattleman and we pay our taxes but we get no support from the government at all."

Mr Lawford said 15

Aboriginal workers were employed on Bohemia Downs, the station he manages near Fitzroy Crossing.

"But in my area there are between 500 and 600 Aboriginal workers and yet they (the Government) just shut the doors and that's it," he said.

Representatives of the northern cattle industry were in Canberra last week lobbying for the resumption of live animal exports to Indonesia.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the ban was already hitting Territory families and businesses.

"We absolutely do not condone any cruelty to animals, and we alongside industry want to see the gradual resumption of animal exports to Indonesian abattoirs that comply with accredited standards when it comes to animal welfare," he said.



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey with Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and Local Government Association of Queensland President Paul Bell.

Palm mayor on local government policy executive

By CHRISTINE HOWES



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey has been elected to a position that will see him have input into the policies, practice, management and operations of

Queensland's peak representative body for local government.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) President Paul Bell said the mayor's inclusion on the organisation's policy executive was significant.

"Alf has demonstrated tremendous leadership in his own community and, as the executive's only Indigenous member, will be an important cog in the representative wheel," Mr Bell said.

"In order to serve councils across the state it is vital that we embrace diverse views.

"Importantly, we value the local knowledge that members of our policy executive bring to the table.

"It ensures we strike an important balance when it comes to acting on member-wide and external viewpoints as we go about the business of deciding on policies, practices, management and operations of LGAQ. Alf's inclusion on the LGAQ policy executive is highly valued."

Mr Lacey said he was honoured to have the opportunity.

"I'm pleased to take on this role," he said. "It will see me into the next council election. I have overwhelming support from all Indigenous councils in Queensland so I thank them for their support.

"When it comes to Indigenous councils' issues and particularly community issues, LGAQ can certainly help with lobbying government on our behalf, which I'm certain will become a key tool in helping us to elevate our issues.

"This gives me great honour and I'll serve all our member councils with pride."

Doubt on heritage law

By JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Tasmanian Government has promised \$610,000 to progress new Aboriginal heritage legislation amid its belt-tightening 2011-2012

Budget.

But, while the funding has been welcomed, members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community appear sceptical the new laws will even be delivered.

The recently released budget paper says the introduction of new legislation is scheduled for December 2012.

It says the legislation aims to improve protection and management of Aboriginal heritage, provide clarity for landowners and developers and give the Aboriginal community an integral role in Aboriginal heritage management.

Acting Manager of the Tasmanian

Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (TALSC) Caleb Pedder said new legislation was long overdue.

"From our point of view we need heritage legislation sooner rather than later, it's a welcome amount," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"We've been told they will be getting stuff up in 12 to 18 months but that's been said at least five times since the 1980s.

"I'm not confident that this will result in legislation relevant to the community, but we'll have to wait and see. My cynicism runs deep on the Government's capacity to deliver."

Mr Pedder said TALSC would work with the Government to try and get it to happen.

He confirmed that TALSC had recently had talks with the Government on various issues, including legislation.

"We want to see better, more relevant heritage legislation up and running as soon as possible," he said.

"The Government are undertaking their

own internal process; they have said they will be consulting broadly with the Aboriginal community."

Legal director of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) Michael Mansell expressed distrust in the Tasmanian Government.

He said he had knocked back recent requests to meet with Environment, Parks and Heritage Minister Brian Wightman and would only meet with the Premier Lara Giddings.

'Ain't going to meet with us'

"The man whose hand signed the document to destroy 40,000 years of Aboriginal heritage ain't going to meet with us," Mr Mansell told the *Koori Mail*, referring to the permit for a bridge to be built across kutalayna for the Brighton bypass road.

"Those of us who claim to represent the (Aboriginal) community must honour the intent and spirit of what they said.

"The man who singed the death knell of Aboriginal heritage should not be encouraged to further participate in decisions about Aboriginal heritage.

"To meet with such a monster is to encourage him. Anyone who's prepared in the face of so much Aboriginal resistance, to allow the destruction of unique, ancient and irreplaceable heritage is a monster."

Mr Wightman said that engagement with the Aboriginal community was a key component of the consultation framework for developing the new legislation.

He said that, while the consultation process was just beginning and no details of the new legislation were fixed, it was intended that the protection of Aboriginal heritage be considered at the early stages of project development.

This latest proposal follows consultation by the Tasmanian Government in 2005 and 2006, to replace the 1975 *Aboriginal Relics Act*.

Katherine venue for male health summit

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government's intervention in Northern Territory communities had left many Aboriginal men feeling despondent and disillusioned, according to one of the hosts of a men's gathering in Katherine

earlier this month.

But the controversial strategy mustn't be allowed to bring communities undone, he warned.

Ian Woods, president of Katherine's Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service, was speaking last week after the StrongBala Male Health Summit held in the town from 6-10 June.

Between 300 and 400 men attended from throughout the NT to discuss issues affecting their lives, with a focus on male health and leadership, as well as their achievements and goals.

Asked how Aboriginal men in the Territory were feeling four years after the introduction of the NT Intervention, Mr Woods replied 'pretty average'.

"Since the intervention, everyone has felt disoriented and disillusioned," said the 39-year-old father of three.

"There's been a lot of confusion, name-calling and hypocrisy on the part of governments. The stereotyping of our men has been unbelievable.

"But, four years later, we're moving on. Even with the Intervention, we have to get on with our lives."

Mr Woods said he could only support proposed consultations on the impact of the Intervention if they were 'grassroots', and 'not behind closed doors'.

The Katherine summit was about showing government that Wurli-Wurlinjang was serious about Aboriginal male health, he said.

"We talked about anything and everything - health outcomes, chronic diseases, mental health and well-being, and all kinds of related things.

"There was discussion about violence. Everyone opened up and it brought some tears to eyes, I can tell you.

"Wurli-Wurlinjang is mostly set up for primary health and we do personal development, and try to get people jobs, connect them with job-find networks, or help them out with Centrelink and BasicsCards and things like that."

Mr Woods said the past few years had been 'more about disempowerment than empowerment'.



The StrongBala Male Health Summit's March for Male Health saw more than 250 men march through Katherine.



NT politicians and Indigenous leaders addressed questions on the final day of the five-day summit. From left, Minister Karl Hampton, Minister Chris Burns, John Fletcher and Ian Woods from Wurli-Wurlinjang, and Katherine MLA Willem Westra Van Holthe.

"But in our region, Katherine, I want government to open their eyes and see that we're trying to take up opportunities," he said. "We need to feel good about being men."

Highlights

Highlights of the summit included a march down Katherine's main street, and a session with police representatives, a judge, the local magistrate and lawyers from the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA).

The summit later sent a letter to the NT Parliament asking for, amongst other things, the establishment of a Territory-wide committee of Aboriginal men and funding to convene the summit annually.

A handful of NT politicians also attended the summit, including Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton, Education and Training Minister Dr Chris Burns, and Katherine MLA Willem Westra Van Holthe. Federal Minister Warren Snowdon sent his apologies.



Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service's registered Indigenous health worker Douglas Rosas sports one of the caps handed out to Summit participants.



At the Katherine StrongBala Male Health Summit, guest speakers included John 'Jak' Ah Kit, the NT's first Aboriginal Cabinet minister.



One of the summit participants.



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Legislative Assembly Speaker Shelley Hancock and Legislative Council President Don Harwin signing the MoU.



Past winners of the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize Roy Kennedy and Danny Eastwood at last Friday's signing of the MoU.



NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello with Uncle Vic Simms who gave the welcome to country at the signing of the MoU last Friday.

Parlt prize now worth \$40,000



THE Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize has doubled in value to \$40,000, while another \$120,000 in scholarships will also be offered through the University of NSW's College of Fine Arts (COFA).

The overall package makes it the richest Indigenous art incentives on offer in Australia, and was confirmed with last Friday's signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Parliament, Campbelltown City Council, Arts NSW, COFA and new event sponsor Coal & Allied.

The scholarships will include the COFA Development Award and two additional grants for full-time students at the university.

The new partnership will run until at least 2015 and for the first time, a regional tour of selected works from the finalists will include the Hunter Valley.

Now in its seventh year, the NSW Parliament Art Prize has become an anticipated event on the state's arts calendar, with past winners including the Euraba Artists



Signatories of the MoU, from left, COFA dean Professor Ian Howard, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Shelley Hancock, Coal & Allied managing director Bill Champion, President of the Legislative Council Don Harwin and Campbelltown City Council Mayor Paul Lake.

and Papermakers and celebrated solo artists Roy Kennedy, Danny Eastwood, Milton Budge, Esme Timbery and Garth Lena.

NSW Arts Minister George Souris said he applauded the Parliament for its commitment to talented Aboriginal artists.

"Recognising the high achievements of this State's Indigenous artists will help to boost the profile of NSW's rich Aboriginal arts and

cultural heritage, while nurturing further growth," he said.

COFA's Professor Ian Howard said the college was delighted to be able to add professional development and artist training scholarship opportunities to the NSW Parliament Aboriginal Art Prize.

"Recipients will increase their skills, broaden their experience and ideas as well

as being prepared for leadership positions through attaining university qualifications," he said.

Information about entering this year's prize will be released soon by Campbelltown Arts. In the meantime, prospective applicants can contact the arts centre directly on (02) 4645 4100 or via email to artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

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Advanced diploma graduates celebrate



TEN Aboriginal students have graduated from the Advanced Diploma in Community Sector Management at a ceremony held at the NSW State Library.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda joined the Mental Health Coordinating Council of NSW to celebrate the graduation of the students.

Aunty Susie Blacklock, from the Tingha area, presented each graduate with a scarf she had made in Aboriginal colours.

Once the graduates were presented with their qualifications and scarves, most spoke about what the course had meant to them. Each gave a speech about how the course had affected their lives and the sense of achievement they felt.

The MHCC Learning and Development Unit has had 244 advanced diploma graduates over the past couple of years, with seven per cent of all graduates Aboriginal.

Through feedback from Aboriginal students who participated in previous courses as well as the MHCC Aboriginal Reference Group, the MHCC identified a need to dedicate a course specifically for Aboriginal managers enabling discussion about Aboriginal culture, different cultural frameworks and specific difficulties faced by Aboriginal managers.

MHCC said it has a strong commitment to the development of the Aboriginal workforce and has scheduled a second Aboriginal specific course starting late next month.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and Elder Susie Blacklock with graduates.

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End-stage kidney disease is the most severe form of chronic kidney disease, where kidney function is so reduced that dialysis or a transplant is necessary for survival.

The report, 'End-stage kidney disease in Australia: Total incidence 2003-2007', implements a new method of counting those with ESKD, for the first time taking into account those who received dialysis or transplant and those who did not receive these treatments.

"This provides a much more complete picture of the situation," said Dr Lynelle Moon, of the AIHW's Cardiovascular, Diabetes and Kidney Unit.

The report shows that during the 2003-2007 period, there were nearly 21,500 new cases of ESKD in Australia. This amounts to about 21 cases per 100,000 people.

Men have total incidence rates 1.5 times as high as for women, and make up about 54 per cent of cases.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have particularly high rates of ESKD – more than six times as high as for other Australians.

"ESKD tends to occur at much younger ages in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Dr Moon said.

"The highest number of new cases in Indigenous Australians is found in people aged around 50 years – in the total Australian population, new cases are most common in people aged about 80 years."

Little variation in incidence of ESKD was found across states and territories, except in the Northern Territory, which had much higher rates, reflecting the higher proportion of Indigenous people. The report also shows that for every new case of end-stage kidney disease that is treated with dialysis or kidney transplantation, there is one that is not.

'ESKD tends to occur at much younger ages in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'

Mine halt welcomed

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



CONSERVATIONISTS rallied at Parliament House in Perth last week to welcome news that a controversial uranium mining project had been placed on hold indefinitely, with speculation mounting that it would be scrapped altogether.

At the rally, Western Australian politicians were presented with 10,246 expressions of support for reinstatement of the ban on uranium mining in the state.

Kado Muir said that he and traditional owners had always opposed BHP Billiton's Yeelirrie uranium mining project, which involves what is believed to be the largest deposit in WA.

"We don't want this toxic industry in our backyard and we don't want to be responsible for this poison from our country harming other people overseas," he said.

Conservation Council of WA (CCWA) nuclear-free campaigner Mia Pepper said support in Parliament and among the public for uranium mining was falling following the Fukushima nuclear emergency in Japan.

She said BHP Billiton's Yeelirrie project had drawn international criticism, and the risks of the uranium industry and low financial rewards were now becoming apparent to West Australians, as well as resource companies.

But BHP Billiton insisted that it was still committed to developing the Yeelirrie deposit and technological development would continue, to improve environmental and economic outcomes.

A company statement released to Reuters cited a need for the project to comply with internal standards as having contributed to last month's indefinite deferral



Kado Muir speaking at the Perth rally and, right, with a symbolic 'cheque' for 10,246 signatures against uranium mining are, from left, Labor MPs Ken Travers and Sally Talbot, Conservation Council of WA director Piers Verstegen, Greens MP Alison Xamon, Labor MP Roger Cook and Greens MPs Giz Watson and Lyn MacLaren.

of an environmental review of the project and its management plan.

Ms Pepper said it had been reported that internal company standards had not been met.

"If the world's biggest mining company can't mine uranium safely and profitably then who can?" she asked. "And what standards will be applied?"

Doubts

Ms Pepper said doubts over Yeelirrie also cast doubts about the smaller deposits, such as Toro's Wiluna project and Mega's Lake Maitland project.

She said news reports of a 'significant political and community backlash' against BHP Billiton's plan also threatened other

uranium deposits at Wiluna, Lake Maitland, Kintyre and Mulga Rocks.

At the rally, Mr Muir said traditional owners were 'pretty heartened' by reports that BHP had gone cold on the Yeelirrie Project. "We hope that BHP will shelve the Yeelirrie Project indefinitely and not go ahead with it," he said.

"That is a great result for our territory but it will also send a clear message to other mine owners across the state that uranium mining is not popular and should not occur in Western Australia.

"As custodians of the land, it is our responsibility to maintain the integrity of the land for cultural, environmental and spiritual reasons. That's why I am here; I have been given instruction by my Elders to come out

and talk about protecting our country."

Eddie Ware, from the WA Nuclear Free Alliance, said Indigenous people did not want uranium mining because of the contamination it would cause and the health effects it will have on Aboriginal people.

"It's definitely something that we're all against," he said. "Some of the tactics that the mining companies are putting forward are dirty tricks – bringing bags full of cash into town and splitting up families.

"We all just want to stick together and make sure our country stays clean.

"I've seen the tactics the mining companies actually use to divide and conquer families and different tribal areas, and the bullying has got to stop, they've got to use some ethics."

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Favourite bush tucker?
Fish, mostly mullet or bream, steamed or fried.

Favourite other food?
Home cooked chicken stirfry.

Favourite drink?
Water. I avoid sweet, fizzy drinks.

Hobbies or other interests?
Cooking, going to the gym once a week, and watching my grandsons play in the Evans Head Bombers.

Your favourite music or musician?
Country music all the way, especially Slim Dusty.

What are you watching on TV?
Home and Away, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and *Neighbours*.

What are you reading?
Newspapers.

Favourite way to spend the holidays?
Either staying at home or going to see family down Kempsey way, especially my brother.

What do you like in life?
Football, spending time with family and going to the beach.

What do you dislike in life?
The word 'Indigenous'. I prefer to say 'Aboriginal' or to say where people are from.

If you could sit around the campfire with anyone you liked, who would you choose?
My hubby and Slim Dusty. We'd have a good yarn.

If you could do one thing to help our people, what would it be?
I would help them to get healthier. We all need to take better care of ourselves.

Quote



'We don't want this toxic industry in our backyard and we don't want to be responsible for this poison from our country harming other people...'

– Country custodian Kado Muir speaking about the Yeelirrie uranium project

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Hoping for some happier returns

WHILE there may be some exceptions, there were relatively few happy returns for the Northern Territory Intervention when it turned four last week.

It had been 1462 days since then PM John Howard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough hatched the plan and knocked Indigenous Australians, especially those living in the communities 'prescribed' under it, for six.

Some will argue that life in NT communities is today worse, not better, than when the Intervention began. And they'd be on pretty strong ground on some fronts. But, with both Labor and the Coalition conceding that the development and implementation of the Intervention were deeply flawed, cracks of light are beginning to emerge.

Last week's announcement that the Federal Government will consult widely over the next six weeks about what has worked and failed under the Intervention is being viewed with suspicion but also with some hope.

The challenge for the Government is to be prepared to hear from all parties, including some who will say things it doesn't want to hear. This would be the mark of a gutsy government, one genuine about getting to the root of things.

The signs that it will rise to the occasion aren't entirely promising so far.

Releasing the 'Stronger Futures in the NT' discussion paper, PM Julia Gillard spoke in glowing detail about some things – improved community safety, more money spent on food and clothing for kids, alcohol reforms and housing. However, she was scant on detail about



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other, arguably tougher things such as land tenure, school attendances and the rights of people to make decisions for themselves. These seem to have been summarised under the phrase 'clearly, a lot more needs to be done'.

Throughout the debate on the Intervention, there's been a tendency for people to line up as either for or against the Intervention. But describing the Intervention as all bad or all good is like describing Aboriginal people in the same way, nonsensical in fact.

Clearly, there are some elements of it with some merit and others that have been shockers. The bottom line? That trading one set of rights for another diminishes everyone.

Just as the Government has a challenge ahead of it to be inclusive in its consultations over the coming weeks, everyone who wants to have a say must speak up.

Can we suggest that all of the consultations from broad community meetings to smaller, possibly closed ones for 'the shy ones' be transcribed and released publicly (without identifying speakers, if necessary).

This will increase the chances of something sensible coming out of the next six weeks.

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She's got so much more to do



DIAT ALFERINK

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

DIAT ALFERINK was never destined for the white picket fence existence she once craved as a child in the South Australian outback town of Lyndhurst.

She was bound for extraordinary things in a way she couldn't imagine when she was ten, running around barefoot with the Nunga kids and charging tourists \$1 a ride on the camels that were her family pets.

These days, of course, she knows the good fortune of having lived a life less ordinary.

Born to a free-thinking Dutch immigrant father and a spirited Torres Strait Islander mother, Diat was only young when she realised the map of her life wouldn't run in a straight line but rather be filled with the surprising and sometimes unusual adventures her parents created for their only child.

Her dad, known widely as Talc Alf for his love affair with the Flinders Ranges rock he's been carving for some 37 years, was the mad inventor behind many of the family's creations.

"I was a bit of a bush kid, but I lived a happy and carefree existence. My father is a bush inventor and philosopher," she said.

"We had solar power and no electricity, you had to light the fire to have a shower.

"Dad invented a pedal-powered washing machine and made an underground cubby house for me out of an old water tank buried in the ground. I lived in there half the time."

"He was the one who taught

me to always question and never be afraid to challenge the status quo."

But it was her mum Daisy, born on Badu Island and a staunch Kala Lagaw Ya woman, who always instilled in Diat a strong cultural foundation.

"In many ways my mum was a strong cultural woman with a sense of identity and she always knew who she was," Diat says.

"When she met my dad in a pub in Cairns in the early 70s she left with him for the outback and stayed for 40 years."

When Diat finally sat down to write her one-woman show in 2001 – *Wakaidd Girl Lyndhurst Kid* – it was with a raw honesty, peeling back the layers of life in the bush and the family ties that bind us. The stories are full of punch and humour.

Truckie Fighter

None more so than the legend of Daisy Alferink, Truckie Fighter.

"My mum was known as the truckie fighter. She used to punch out drivers for being racist in the front bar of the Lyndhurst pub," Diat said.

"She's this big, strong island woman so whenever they said something racist to her, she'd just go, 'puck you' and knock them flat. "Mum was strong because she'd had to fight all her life as a black woman in this country. I have a memory of this truck driver being flat out on the floor in his singlet and stubbie shorts."

It's been said that the last thing he heard before he passed out is a voice in a strong Island lilt warning, 'Don't mess with Daisy, baby'.

What Diat knows for certain is that she is a little of both her parents, with flashes of that gutsy, young island girl fighting against prejudice, with the artistic flair of a Dutch immigrant.

As Diat says early on in *Wakaidd Girl – Lyndhurst Kid*: "My umma – she's strong, black and proud. She's a dancer, singer, from her I'm glad to be... My fadda – gentle, thinker, bush philosopher, talc sculptor – white, Dutch part of me."

Diat says: "For me, writing down my story was a bit of a healing thing, just as my mother's returning to the Torres Strait was a healing thing for her."

It is clear those early years planted a seed for a life in the arts and the courage to share the innermost details of her life on the stage with nothing but an audience and a song.

"I was always a bit fired up from the beginning," Diat says.

"I would say that I'm someone who likes to celebrate culture, humour, songs, dance and stories. I'm passionate about that.

"We have to strengthen our own identity before we can be better citizens. Yes, we lose our way sometimes, but if we can redeem our identity and just hold on to that we can move forward."

After moving to Adelaide, Diat's big chance finally came in 2001 when she was made associate producer for the Alice Springs Yeperenye Festival.

"It was the making of me. Once I'd done that I thought, I can do anything," she says.

And she has ever since. Based in South Australia for most of her working life, Diat was the cultural

director of youth arts group Kurruru for seven years.

In the meantime, she engaged prolific Aboriginal musician Lou Bennett in her play and took it on the road to audiences across the country and to Vanuatu. She played a pivotal role in casting the new Beck Cole feature film *Here I am* and most recently has just returned from the 19th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival where she was program co-ordinator.

When her mother's battle with diabetes reached a critical point and an amputation was the only option, Diat was forced to re-evaluate her priorities. In August of last year, she and her mum returned to the Torres Strait.

The homecoming, however, remains bittersweet and stirred much thought to the dynamics of mother-daughter relationships, now irrevocably shifted.

"I'm my mother's main carer now. In some ways it's sad but it's also reassuring," she says.

"The reality for me, though, is that I'm looking after my mum 20 years before my time. I should be doing this when I'm 56. But that's the reality of Indigenous health."

Rewards

While there have most certainly been challenges along the way, the cultural rewards have been great.

"It's been a very big shift for me but at the same time it's been an important cultural renewal, awakening and learning which is something I've really needed," Diat says.

"I've got to take the time to learn and listen, it's about not only

strengthening stories and songs but earning that access to cultural knowledge.

"I don't profess to be a Torres Strait Islander who's grown up there, but I can engage in my culture in a modern way that's evolving."

Diat now reflects on her mother's life and all it has meant for who she is today.

"She's broken the norm of what people expect a woman to be and she's had the courage to challenge her own sense of identity," Diat says.

"Humour's a very strong part of my mother's makeup and I think that's a true test of her resilience as a black woman and I'm always inspired by that."

While the more sedate pace of Island life might have shifted Diat's perspectives in some ways, it hasn't slowed her resolve to continue making art that challenges and surprises.

"I want to start singing again, but I want to be an opera singer in my mother's language in a way that hasn't been done before," she says.

For the first time in her life, Diat admits to being drawn towards laying down some roots.

"What I'm really looking for is a place to call home. My dream would be to build my own home on Badu Island," Diat says.

"But I also have a vision of designing a house shaped like a flower as an artist's retreat where everyone can gather together and create."

"I want to live for another 50 years because I've still got so many things to do in this world."

'Love doesn't die – you just learn to love in a new way'

THIS is my motto at the moment. You see, I've been loving one of my exes in a new way in the last few weeks.

This one just underwent two brain surgeries in one week and I was there to love them, support them, and drive their mob around. Mind you, their mob included their family and their current partner.

In fact, I'm writing this article from their house. Right at this moment we are all under the one roof caring for the one person we all love.

Now, don't get me wrong, it is not picnic at the footy for me hanging out with my ex

and their current partner.

I'm like the third wheel of a two-ended bike! There were one or two hairy moments at the hospital when the stress levels were getting high and the sniping was just about to start.

But I did what a good ex does and smiled and took it. I could have bitten back or even took a chunk outa them myself, but what would that satisfy? Not the sick person who just had two brain surgeries that for sure!

It's true, one of us would have felt deep satisfaction at a little 'win' but, really, what a shallow time to think about yourself.

It was hard to put aside my own feelings and need to be right to focus on someone else's needs. But to aid the healing process and keep peace in the hospital I kept my mouth shut and lips smiling wide.

I'm not saying you should do this every day. That would not be honouring your own feelings, needs and emotions.

It's important to honour your own self and love yourself by sharing your feelings and needs, but maybe not in the high dependency ward of a hospital in front of someone who just had their brains fondled.

As all you mob know I'm sure, looking after the sick fullas should be our first priority. They need all the love they can get.

It is very important to me to have a good relationship with all my exes. Hello, I loved them once. Why should that stop because our lives went in different directions? I will always love and care for people in my life – including my exes and their new partners. In hospital, in the street on payday, at the footy – it doesn't matter to me.

I will say hi and share the love with my exes. It's just the kinda loving world I wanna live in.



Ms KOORI LOVE

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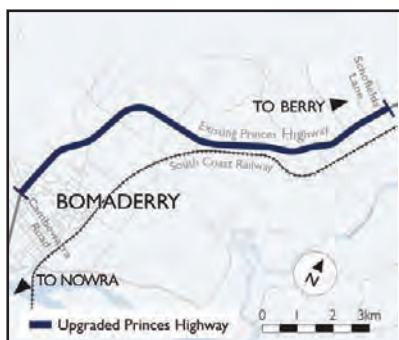
The RTA is proposing to upgrade the Princes Highway from Berry to Bomaderry.

An Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment will be undertaken for this project and may result in the RTA:

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The RTA invites Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects(s) and/or place(s) in the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade project area, to register with the RTA to be consulted. The project has been engaging with Aboriginal stakeholders since 2006, existing stakeholders will not need to re-register.

An Aboriginal focus group meeting will be held in Gerringong on 14 July 2011.



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Blind courage on Kokoda trek

By **DARREN COYNE**

STEVE WIDDERS, of Armidale, has completed an emotional journey along the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea, paying his respects to the spirits of fallen Aboriginal soldiers.

Mr Widders, who only has five per cent vision, was part of the Blind Courage team of trekkers who tackled the track to raise money for Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

The Kokoda Track was made famous during World War II when Australian soldiers fought Japanese invaders to a standstill on the steep mountain slopes.

Mr Widders told the *Koori Mail* that the team left six boomerangs at memorial sites along the track to remember each of the six Australian Indigenous people known to have died in the 1942 conflict.

They also visited the Bomana war cemetery in Port Moresby, where they visited the graves of the soldiers.

"We found out where they were buried from the Department of Veterans Affairs," Mr Widders said.

"For one of the soldiers I took some stones from his parents' graves at Armidale and placed them on his grave. "He was killed in 1942 and I was probably the first person to visit his grave. It was very emotional."

Mr Widders also visited the grave of Aboriginal soldier Harold West, after whom the poem *Coloured Diggers* was written. "Yeah, he was one of the blokes we visited and I had the chance to say 'Thank you Uncle'," he said.

"As an Australian it meant a lot to me ... I've got an interest in Australian history and it was one of the most significant events in our history."

Mr Widders' mate Christian Lugnan, from Coffs Harbour, and three young Kooris from Armidale, Nathan Mace, Natalie his wife and Josh Fuller, joined him on the journey.

"Walking along in the footsteps of these soldiers really brought it home to us," Mr Widders said.

"We had guides, food and water and a place to camp each night. We were safe and secure with a ticket home and



Dairy farmer Jason Bake and Armidale Aboriginal liaison officer Steve Widders finish the Blind Courage Kokoda trek.



The Blind Courage team at Isurava Ridge: Matt Wood of Coffs Harbour, Josh Fuller of Armidale, Peter Phillips of Coffs Harbour (front), Jason Bake of Coffs, Steve Widders of Armidale, Meagan Kae of Melbourne, Grant Colwell of Coonamble, Robert Fletcher of Coffs (front), Glenn Bake of Melbourne, Craig Smith of Coffs (front), Natalie Mace and Nathan Mace of Armidale, and Christian Lugnan of Coffs Harbour.

we didn't have an enemy after us. It makes you really appreciate what they went through."

Mr Widders is no stranger to facing tough personal battles. He became blind at the age of 35, but remains intent on leading a healthy life.

He also wants to encourage other Aboriginal men to do the same.

"It's about looking after yourself because you have an obligation to yourself and your family," he said.

Mr Widders' next challenge will be a long-distance walk from Brisbane to Sydney. He plans to release the details of that challenge at the National Aboriginal Men's Conference in Perth this September.



Critic should go, see for himself

I AM writing in response to Anthony Dillon ('Tough Love Needed', Your Say, 1 June 2011).

I cannot see how he justifies his views that 'It is time to stop hiding behind the excuse of racism'.

Notwithstanding his comment that governments are not responsible for solving the problem of excessive jail rates for Indigenous people – problems that have been caused (not correlated) by government policies and attitudes – he appears to have not read or heard the Aboriginal (hi)stories.

My take on his views, though, is that he obviously dismisses history and what actually happened to Aboriginal nations in Australia.

For example, the English were savages when they first arrived to invade our country, with a long history of atrocities and massacres of Aboriginal peoples all around the world.

The upshot of this is that we have the Australian nation today weighted with an endemic hatred of Aborigines across white Australia.

This country protects and defends its white privilege by demonising Aborigines, and blaming Aboriginal people for the circumstances we have been forced to live under.

After more than 200 years, we are now expected to be good citizens of the Australian nation, and 'get a job', and 'pay our way' after white-Australia has gotten very wealthy off our lands, and the over exploitation of our natural resources.

What we see is country being destroyed, polluted, and a continuance of the regressive farming and

land developments destroying not only country, but our philosophy, culture, and heritage.

And now, here we see an increasing rate of Aboriginal people being jailed, or more correctly, targeted and jailed because they are Aboriginal.

The so-called opportunities for jobs and progress for Aborigines are vetted by racist regimes that are many and everywhere.

For the most part, our people are considered by those who defend white privilege as not worth bothering with.

These are my views concerning Anthony Dillon's comments, and my advice to him is to get out and see for himself.

Go to Walgett, Redfern, Tasmania, Alice Springs, the desert communities of WA such as Wingellina: Go and see the outcomes of

racism at the coal-face, it's alive and kicking blacks.

This white-Australia is a savage nation where it concerns Aborigines, and it won't change simply because some of our people assimilate.

My view is that Aboriginal community leaders should concentrate on getting community members up off their bums and do things ourselves for ourselves.

By saying this, I do not in any way agree that governments, racism, white privilege, and a history of abuse are not responsible for the mess they and their forebears have made of our country and of our people.

The struggle continues.

JIM EVERETT-puralia meenamatta Tasmania



POETRY

Unborn Angel

Suspiciously silent
in the womb
Unborn angel
gone too soon

Darkness emptiness
expanding within
Cloaked in sorrow
How do I begin

To breathe to cry
To eat to talk
To free my mind
of negative thought

Curled in bed
Devoured by despair
Your spirit rising softly
upon the wings of my prayer.

**JONATHAN HILL
Old Errowal Bay, NSW**

Politics a dirty game

POLITICS is a calling, however none of those there have yet heard the call.

It breaks my heart and spirit to listen to those unbearable public spectacles, Parliamentary and Senate Question Time.

They are beyond a disgrace and indicative of our country's social ills.

These people who pretend to be competent politicians while stealing the taxpayers' hard toil, supposedly representing the best interests of their constituents and of Australia, just don't care.

It is true, they don't bloody well care and it is as obvious as the light of day and the dark of night.

Question Time might as well be abandoned as it examples deceit and dishonour as the way to go to the rest of society and to our children.

These so-called politicians not only waffle, abuse, and act with malice, they outright lie and heave this disgrace upon us all.

Question Time is probably the most disgusting example of disengagement and arrogant personal agendas, bullying and harassment I have ever seen.

How can we ask the board rooms of our major companies and of the private sector to act with propriety when our highest 'public' offices don't act with propriety?

Whatever good happens in the world, whatever propriety unfolds in the pursuit of justice, whatever decency reaches humanity, it most certainly does not arrive because of our parliamentarians.

They all make me sick.
When all of us are sick of them and their disgusting and outrageous

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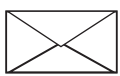
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Welcome to Country should be broadened

KOORI Mail has been publishing an interesting debate on the Welcome to Country and should be congratulated for doing so. I would like to make a small contribution.

Last month I gave my maiden speech in the NSW Legislative Council. I live in Guyra, on the Northern Tablelands, and have followed Aboriginal issues for many years. I took the opportunity to make some suggestions to Parliament, saying in my speech:

"I have always been troubled by the Welcome to Country that became the norm some years ago.

"I think the greatest absurdity I witnessed

was listening to a white Anglo-Saxon moderator recite the welcome in Griffith to a room full of mostly Italian-heritage irrigators who were about to endure a Federal Government Murray-Darling Basin consultation on why it was a good thing to decimate their water entitlements.

"I would like to propose the following, which may more accurately reflect the development of our nation without diminishing our respect for the original custodians:

"We welcome you to this community, which has been built on the heritage of the Aboriginal people, the endeavours of

the pioneers and the nation building work of migrants.'

"I am sure the words could be improved and localised, but the point is that Australia is what it is today by virtue of its ancient and its modern history. To exclude more recent contributors is unsettling and a rejection of the inclusive society we strive to be."

The point I was trying to make is, I don't see a strong, cohesive society that is segregated.

The First Australians must be recognised and accorded every respect.

But only when we recognise our nation is what it is today will we understand our history is comprised of Aboriginal, pioneer

and migrant contributions.

The history is far from perfect or unblemished, but we also need to look forward to a united, fair, productive society and this will more likely happen when a Welcome to Country is inclusive.

The NSW Parliament website has my full inaugural speech and a recent speech on Reconciliation Week where I also talked about the flying of the Aboriginal flag in front of official buildings.

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disregard of the people then maybe we can get rid of them, the whole lot.

Most of us would not accept their despicable and brutish behaviour from our children.

GERRY GEORGATOS
Bridgetown, WA

Prison contacts should be unrestricted

I READ with interest a recent *Courier Mail* article ('Carrot approach set to replace stick', *Courier Mail*, 28 April) that referred to a leaked memo from Queensland Corrective Services. Without having access to the 'leaked memo', I would like to comment on some aspects of this issue.

People convicted of a criminal offence are often given prison sentences as punishment. There is nothing in any legislation that says prisoners should be further punished while serving their sentence.

Assuming the 'leaked memo' to be correct, we would argue that any initiatives that increase contact



between a prisoner and their family through visits and phone calls along with improvements in progression through to low custody settings should be applauded.

Much research has been conducted into the devastating effect of incarceration upon

the family.

Catholic Prison Ministry believes that visits and phone contact should be as unrestricted as is possible and a greater effort put into encouraging that contact.

For many families, visiting a loved one in prison is a daunting

process with prisons located in difficult to get to locations, and in particular, for families living in remote communities such as Cape York and western Queensland.

The use of program completion and employment as measures for rewarding prisoners, however, is fraught with difficulty due to the unavailability of both programs and employment for all.

Employment is not available for all prisoners and many jobs are shared between prisoners, which can mean that prisoners often only work two to three hours per day even though most are willing to

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Today's trains are bigger, faster and more unpredictable than ever. When they crash with cars and trucks, the tragic loss of life and serious injuries are usually due to driver error. Stopping for one to pass might cost you a few minutes of your time, but consider what you could lose if you ignore the signals and don't.

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Ripped off, big time!

I WOULD like to call for a national inquiry into non-Aboriginal services and corporate charities receiving funding under identified Aboriginal policies or programs.

I, and I'm sure others, are sick of non-Aboriginal services and corporate charities that continually put their hand up for funding.

This 'I know what's better for Aboriginal people and communities' approach is being supported by our so-called governments at all levels.

If you take the political favours and backdoor handshakes away from tender processes and program funding, maybe we will have a chance at determining our own destiny.

If you take the time to look at some of the directors and board members of some of these corporate charities, you'll be surprised who actually has a lot of influence, especially to government.

The old saying 'It's not what you know but who you know' is so true in this context. The majority of these funded non-Aboriginal services employ one or two blackfellas in the belief they are doing good for the community,

Nothing changes

This is not new and I'm sure this same yarn comes up time and again and nothing changes.

All these new policy directions just give these corporate charities a new avenue to take billions – yes billions – of dollars away from our own self-determination and growth.

Take the latest 'Keep them safe' or 'Closing the gap' policy directions, all there to build capacity in Aboriginal communities and families.

If you looked at how many Aboriginal services actually received a slice of that pie for community-controlled initiatives under these new 'save the poor Aboriginal' initiatives, you'd see the obvious.

They say self-determination and having a strong sense of belonging and identity shapes a good community; inclusiveness and community capacity building is the key in most of their policy directions. Although we are never given the opportunity to do so, they'd much rather a non-Aboriginal service or corporate charity doing it for us.

Working in partnership? What a load of crap.

Disappear

Once they get the dollars, they are not seen or heard of and go about running the program the way they feel is best for us poor blackfellas.

New and already established innovative Aboriginal programs and services exist in this country, but battle to secure the government dollar, or they have to jump through hoops and

work in partnership with a non-Aboriginal service or charity because the Government believes we're incompetent and will take the money and run.

I know from experience with conversations with State and Federal ministers, past and present, that they would much rather see us work with the non-Aboriginal service or corporate charities to get the runs on the board first. They're the ones robbing us and the

Government blind daily. What a joke!

I call on all my brothers and sisters out there to highlight and identify those non-Aboriginal and corporate charities in your communities that time after time receive the government dollar and make them accountable to the people.

We need to take back our self-determination and control our own destiny – not that created for us.

We as Aboriginal people have the

skills, knowledge and determination to take control of our own destiny. Make a realistic and meaningful difference for your community, family and yourself.

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engage in meaningful full-time employment.

Similarly, there is a real shortage of available programs, with many prisoners having to wait beyond their parole eligibility date to participate in criminogenic programs.

The notion that prisons are 'soft' and that prisoners 'have it easy' is one that is regularly trotted out in the lead-up to election.

The current Government and Opposition leaders and shadow ministers might consider the overwhelming evidence showing that prisons do not work.

The majority of prisoners will return to their community one day. We can leave them to languish in steel cages, remove all their human rights and privileges, or we can encourage them to take responsibility, provide them with meaningful programs and treat them with respect and dignity.

Which person would you like returned to your community?

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Building a strong, respected voice for Indigenous peoples

This is an edited version of remarks to the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples on 7 June by Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

THE National Congress of American Indians was founded in 1944 and is the oldest, largest and most representative Native organisation in the United States. We are a membership organisation that represents the broad interests of tribal governments throughout the country.

For 67 years, we have been working to inform the public and US Congress about the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the ability of tribes to exercise their sovereignty and engage in their own governmental policymaking.

Now I'm told the word 'sovereignty' might be scary here in Australia.

But when it comes down to it, sovereignty is really something we all aspire to each day – it's something we learn to exercise ourselves.

We teach our kids to exercise sovereignty. We want them to grow up and to develop the capacity to responsibly, and effectively, make and enforce their own decisions.

And for Indigenous nations, that's what sovereignty is – the ability of our communities to make and enforce our own decisions.

So I'll use the term 'sovereignty' throughout my remarks today, but remember there are many paths to sovereignty.

We have treaties in the United States, you don't.

But that doesn't mean Indigenous communities can't make and enforce their own decisions.

It is likely that many of you come from communities that are already exercising sovereignty, you just might not use that term to describe it.

Where we came from

From our founding in 1944, NCAI has stressed the need for unity and co-operation among tribal governments for the protection of their treaty and sovereign rights, and this national movement to halt termination succeeded.

The Federal Government was involved in starting NCAI, but within two years the organisation was led exclusively by tribal leaders.

Our founders gave themselves the distance that was necessary to effectively advocate for tribes and work with our partners in the Federal Government.

Throughout our history there have been many who have doubted our ability to continue our important advocacy work, but generation after generation of Indian leaders have embraced the task of building a national, representative body to advance the priorities of Native people.

Even when the tasks looked enormous, tribal leaders knew this work was too important. Failure has never been an option.

How the NCAI works today

NCAI is guided by a national board of tribal leaders representing all regions of the country.

NCAI's members – tribal governments – determine the policy agenda that the staff of NCAI work on each day.

They provide this direction by formal resolutions and through informed, deliberative processes at three annual



Jacqueline Johnson Pata addresses the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples at Homebush, in Sydney, earlier this month.

meetings and other events throughout the year. Our three meetings serve as a gathering place for Indian Country. Our largest meeting each year, Annual Convention, is held at central locations within Indian Country on a rotating basis.

As many as 3000 tribal leaders join us at this meeting.

It is our primary policymaking conference: Tribal leaders meet in regional caucuses each day; they convene in five committees and 16 sub-committees to consider resolutions which are then debated and passed by the General Assembly of the conference.

Every two years, we hold our elections at Annual Convention to determine our executive officers.

We also hold a mid-year conference at a location in Indian Country, with over 1000 tribal leaders joining us; and, our Executive Council Winter Session hosts up to 800 tribal leaders at a meeting focused on legislative issues and held in Washington, DC.

Each meeting includes our Youth Commission, specifically designed to prepare the next generation for their important leadership roles for Indian Country in the coming years.

International Work

Our work in the international arena has grown substantially in the past few years. Some of that is explained by our newly-opened Embassy of Tribal Nations.

We opened the Embassy in 2009. It grew from a long-time vision of NCAI's elected leaders who expressed a desire to establish a permanent home base for tribal leaders in Washington, DC that emphasises, in the very name of our space, the importance of the nation-to-

nation relationship between tribes and the federal government.

The importance of international collaboration was highlighted in December 2010 when President Obama announced the US decision to support the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We look forward to working with the National Congress to utilise international agreements like the Declaration to hold our governments accountable, even when they are not supportive of our policy goals.

Conclusion

I hope you'll take two primary lessons away from my remarks this morning:

First, institutions launched at difficult times can and do succeed.

NCAI was founded in a context where Native people were under attack from many sides. In the shadow of the termination era where the Federal Government was taking a unilateral approach to Native policy, our founders realised, perhaps for the first time, that there are some things that we as Native nations can only do together.

I know that this is a difficult time in Australia. There are exciting opportunities, but daunting challenges, and even some doubts about this institution itself. Let me be very clear. A voice for Indigenous peoples is not an optional extra. A strong institution that can unify Indigenous communities and hold governments accountable is a critical component of meaningful self-determination.

So while some might see problems, I see the promise that has been proven by the almost 70-year history of the National Congress of American Indians.

Like us, your National Congress can

survive, thrive and have a meaningful impact at the local, national, and international level.

Second, Indigenous communities can be successful when we're in charge.

Tribes have proven our capacity to govern our communities more effectively than the Federal Government.

It's time for governments – in Australia, the United States, and around the world – to work with Indigenous communities through meaningful consultation, define policy parameters, and empower those communities to manage and deliver services in ways that meet their needs.

Let's be clear – free, prior and informed consent is what we mean when we say consultation.

It's not just a chat over a cup of tea once decisions have already been made in Washington or Canberra.

It can sometimes be easy to lose sight of the fact that governance – Indigenous institutions that are credible and strong voices for our people – is at the very foundation of other goals we share.

Do you want to improve education outcomes?

We need Indigenous people in charge.

Do you want better public safety?

We need Indigenous cops on the beat and Indigenous caseworkers working with our families.

I look forward to a deepening partnership with the National Congress and trust the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples will take the steps necessary to become the strong and respected voice for Indigenous peoples that Australia's first peoples have been waiting for.

We look forward to supporting you on this important journey.

Incarcerations: The sad truth

By RAY JACKSON

THE 'Doing Time – Time for Doing: Indigenous youth in the criminal justice system' report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (June 2011) finally brings our politicians, or at least those who may deign to peruse it, up to date as to the correct statistics of the Australian custodial systems for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates.

The statistics come as no great shock to those of us who follow such events with interest and a growing alarm as to the complete and utter failure of Australian governments and their relative departments who have responsibility for the poor outcomes that continue to occur and recur year after year.

Having browsed through the 378 pages of the report, one is definitely struck by a rather frustrated déjà vu when reading the recommendations of the report.

One is easily drawn back to 1991 and the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) and its 339 recommendations, of which the then-Hawke Government promptly accepted 338.

How many times?

How many times must the most important of those recommendations be repeated and repeated again and again in an ongoing enthusiasm of reports and studies and critiques ad nauseum?

All to be shelved.

Why, after 20 years, are we still calling for court interpreters? Why are we still calling for cross-cultural training for the police forces?

Why are we still calling for arrest and jailing as a matter of last resort, and so on and so on?

When are the governments and their departments going to fully accept that they must take these recommendations and legally enforce them to become an every-day practice and procedure of every part of the custodial system?

I have watched in a slow-growing horror for over 20 years the custodial systems tweak themselves and invest in buzzwords only to continue to reinvent themselves and go through the motions of 'doing something' as disaster leads to disaster and my people become a larger growth phenomenon year after year.

During the 1990s, the NSW Corrective Services publicly issued the statistics of inmates on a jail-by-jail basis.

Aboriginality was also listed. When the number of Aboriginal inmates reached 1000-plus, the then-Senior Assistant Commissioner Ron Woodham stopped the statistics being made public.

That however did not dim our voices in protest at the ever-growing numbers.

The failure of the governments is their blind faith that their departments will somehow find the right way without guidance while history shows us the complete opposite is the truth of the matter. Self-policing quickly becomes self-protection and self-preservation.

Those who are paid for their work within the systems must accept that they have an innate duty of care towards those for whom they carry a responsibility.

Duty of care

They also have a duty of care to themselves and their fellow workers. That is what makes us human.

When the royal commissioners, appalled by the complete bastardry of the custodial systems, put up some 170 recommendations in a hopeful attempt to humanise the systems on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, they just did not realise the resistance with which such recommendations would be received.

The police forces led the pack in their pure contempt at what they saw as nothing less than social engineering and gross interference in how they were to deal with the nations' criminal classes of which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were seen to be a major part.

While the police remained, and still do to this day, obdurate and with a callous indifference to what had been put to them in good faith, the other sections of

the systems took a more relaxed view and picked over the recommendations to find those that could be accepted without too much change occurring.

Self-regulation just does not work. It does not work for business enterprises and multinationals, nor for government departments. Governments need to bite the custodial bullets and fire them directly at

their employees.

If governments really believe their utterances that they do want to see positive changes in the custodial systems and the lessening of deaths in custody and jail populations, then they must enforce the relevant recommendations apropos to and from the Royal Commission up to the Doing Time reports.



Indigenous Social Justice Association president Ray Jackson.



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3.30 **Lyndon's Story** PG (News & Documentaries)
4.00 **Kulka** PG (Documentaries)
5.00 **Beyond The Dreamtime** G (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Roots Music** G (Music & Radio)
7.00 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
8.00 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)
8.30 **Yidaki** G (Documentaries)
9.00 **Chocolate Martini 3** AU (Music & Radio)
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **2010 NATSIBA Games** NC (Sport)
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2.30 **2010 NATSIBA Games** NC (Sport)
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4.30 **2010 NATSIBA Games** NC (Sport)
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)
7.00 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Documentaries)
7.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)
8.00 **Behind Deadly** G (Entertainment)
8.30 **I Hope The War Will Be Over** PG (News & Documentaries)
9.30 **Live at the Basement** PG (Music & Radio)
11.00 **Red Rock Earth** G (Music & Radio)
11.30 **Red Rock Earth** G (Music & Radio)

Monday 4th July

12.00 **Chiefs** M (Documentaries)
1.30 **Rasta In Aotearoa** PG (News & Doc)
2.00 **In The Shed** G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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 (News & Documentaries)
8.30 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **More Than Legends** PG (News & Documentaries)
1.00 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Doc)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)
5.30 **NITV News** (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Living Strong** G (Entertainment)
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
7.00 **Hauora Ngati Porou** PG (Entertainment)
7.30 **Hauora Ngati Porou** PG (Entertainment)
8.00 **Rodeo Kaupoal** G (Entertainment)
8.30 **Blood Brothers** PG (News & Doc)
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
10.00 **Nesian Mystik For The People** PG (News & Documentaries)
10.45 **POI** G (News & Documentaries)
11.00 **Milli Milli Nganka Series 1** G (Entertainment)
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

Tuesday 5th July

12.00 **In The Shed** G (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **Kiran Over Mongolia** PG (Doc)
1.30 **As The Crow Flies** G (News & Doc)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
4.30 **Welcome To Wapos Bay** G (Kids & Family)
5.00 **Letter Box** G (Kids & Family)
5.30 **Yeyekerte** M (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 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Documentaries)
1.00 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Yeyekerte** M (News & Documentaries)
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
7.00 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)
7.30 **Opinion Piece 2011 Native Title** NC (News & Documentaries)
8.30 **Blood Brothers** G (News & Documentaries)
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
10.00 **Opinion Piece 2011 Mabo Oration** NC (News & Documentaries)
11.00 **Milli Milli Nganka Series 1** G (Milli Milli Nganka)
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

Wednesday 6th July

12.00 **Geoffery Robertson's Hypothetical: Closing the Gap** PG (News & Doc)
1.00 **OPINION PIECE Dr Charles Perkins** NC (News & Documentaries)
2.00 **Black Tracks ImagiNative** G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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 (Entertainment)
8.30 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **Pilgrims Walkabout** G (News & Doc)
12.30 **No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy** PG (News & Documentaries)
1.00 **On The Up and Up** G (News & Doc)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
7.00 **Songlines In The City** PG (Music & Radio)
7.30 **Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes** G (News & Documentaries)
8.00 **Message Stick** G (Documentaries)
8.30 **Blood Brothers** G (News & Doc)
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
11.00 **Geoffery Robertson's Hypothetical: Closing the Gap** PG (News & Doc)
11.00 **Milli Milli Nganka Series 1** G
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

Thursday 7th July

12.00 **Gulpill: One Red Blood** M (News & Documentaries)
1.00 **100 Days Of Freedom** M (Doc)
1.45 **Working With Community** G (News & Documentaries)
2.00 **Wind** M (Entertainment)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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** PG (Entertainment)
8.30 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **Talking Broken** PG (News & Doc)
1.30 **Lore Poles** G (News & Documentaries)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)
5.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Living Strong** PG (Entertainment)
6.30 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
7.00 **Songlines In The City** PG (Music & Radio)
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 1** G (Entertainment)
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

Friday 8th July

12.00 **Here's My Hand** PG (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Documentaries)
1.30 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)
2.30 **Yamaji Man** PG (News & Documentaries)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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** PG (Kids & Family)
7.00 **Yarramundi Kids** G (Kids & Family)
7.30 **YAARNZ 3** G (News & Documentaries)
8.30 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **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 **Vote YES for Aborigines** G (Documentaries)
8.00 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)
9.00 **2011 NAIDOC Awards** NC (Special Interest)

Saturday 9th July

12.00 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)
2.00 **The Deadly's 2010** PG (Entertainment)
3.30 **Survival Day 2009** G (Music & Radio)
5.30 **2011 Ethnic Business Awards** G (Entertainment)
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 **JUMBA JIMBA** G (News & Documentaries)
11.00 **Yeyekerte** PG (News & Documentaries)
12.00 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **The Barefoot Rugby League Show** PG (Sport)
2.30 **Live at the Basement** PG (Music & Radio)
4.00 **The Deadly's 2010** PG (Entertainment)
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Vote YES for Aborigines** G (Documentaries)
7.00 **Nukkan Ya Ruby** G (Special Interest)
8.30 **More Than Legends** PG (News & Documentaries)
9.30 **Aeroplane Dance** PG (Movies)
10.30 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)
11.30 **Pilgrims Walkabout** G (News & Documentaries)

Sunday 10th July

12.00 **Here's My Hand** PG (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **Tribal Sex and Marriage** PG (News & Documentaries)
1.30 **Kulka** PG (Documentaries)
2.30 **Cracks In The Mask** G (News & Documentaries)
3.30 **Here's My Hand** PG (News & Documentaries)
4.00 **Cloth Of The Gods** M (News & Documentaries)
5.00 **WHO WE ARE** PG (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Roots Music** G (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)
1.30 **2011 Island of Origin** G (Sport)
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2.30 **2011 Island of Origin** G (Sport)
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4.30 **2011 Island of Origin** G (Sport)
5.30 **NITV News in Review** NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 **Yeyekerte** G (News & Documentaries)
7.00 **Desert Healing** PG (News & Documentaries)
7.30 **Straight Shootin'** G (Entertainment)
8.00 **Yaarnz 4** PG (Entertainment)
8.30 **OPINION PIECE Dr Charles Perkins** Oration NC (News & Documentaries)
9.30 **Buffalo Legends** PG (News & Documentaries)
10.30 **Strong Men, Deadly Groups** PG (News & Documentaries)
11.30 **Lyndon's Story** PG (News & Documentaries)

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Monday 11th July

12.00 **In The Shed** G (News & Documentaries)
12.30 **Tamara Sangam Mandrika Rupa** G (Documentaries)
1.30 **Cloth Of The Gods** M (News & Doc)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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 (News & Documentaries)
8.30 **InTune 09** PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Message Stick** G (Lifestyle/Documentary)
12.00 **Tamara Sangam Mandrika Rupa** G (Documentaries)
1.00 **Kiran Over Mongolia** PG (Doc)
2.00 **Go Lingo** G (Kids & Family)
2.30 **Waabiny Time 2** 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 **Yeyekerte** 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 **Songlines In The City** G (Music & Radio)
7.30 **Hauora Ngati Porou** PG (Entertainment)
8.00 **Rodeo Kaupoal** G (Entertainment)
8.30 **Rodeo Kaupoal** G (Entertainment)
9.00 **Culture Warriors** G (News & Doc)
9.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)
10.00 **Dhakiyarr Vs The King** PG (News & Documentaries)
11.00 **Milli Milli Nganka Series 1** G (Entertainment)
11.30 **NITV News NC** (News & Documentaries)

Tuesday 12th July

12.00 **Sacred Ground** PG (News & Doc)
1.00 **Chiefs** M (Documentaries)
2.30 **Finding Our Talk** G (Lifestyle/Doc)
3.00 **Chocolate Martini** G (Music & Radio)
4.00 **Matatahi** G (Entertainment)
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 (News &

Chalk up one for kids



CHERBOURG kids now have their dreams, hopes and ambitions posted across the world.

The town's school children were encouraged to dream, believe and achieve when ABC Radio came to launch its Dream Box program at Cherbourg State School recently.

Each child was asked to write on a small blackboard what they wanted to be or hoped for.

They then had their photo taken with the words and this will be put on the Internet under the ABC Open projects website.

ABC Open producer Brad Marsellos launched the program in Cherbourg because he had visited the school before and was impressed.

"It's a great school and the children seem to like going there," he said.

"The education it provides will help them achieve their dreams and live a happier life."

The Dream Box concept was hatched after a similar concept with a photo booth was provided at a Gold Coast festival.

It was such a huge success the ABC decided to develop it on an Australian-wide basis.

Cherbourg State School Principal Peter Sansby said it was a terrific day and it was interesting



Young Janita Langton, of Cherbourg, has a clear goal in mind.

to see what the children had written on their boards.

"It's important that we as educators, their parents and

friends now spur the children on to achieve their aims," he said.

"It will give them a reason to leap out of bed and inspire them

to work hard to achieve a goal.

"It will give them enthusiasm and make for a happier life." Meanwhile, ABC Open is

hosting a Dream Box photo booth at a Family Bush Day during NAIDOC celebrations in Wilcannia, western NSW.

Other activities at the Family Bush day include Elders' storytelling, a jumping castle, face painting, arts and craft workshops, bingo, mobile toy library, sport activities for the kids, a barbecue, and cooking an emu in the hole.

The National ABC Dream Box project is designed to inspire Indigenous kids to greater heights.

All you have to do is write down your dream on anything that will be big enough to read. Have your photo taken with you holding your dream and send it to ABC Open.

Photos can also be emailed to dreambox@abc.net.au or uploaded to the ABC Open Camera Club in flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/abcopen>. Tag your photo `abcopen:project=dreambox`

Schools and other organisations can set up their own DreamBox photobooth. Visit abc.net.au/open for more info on setting up a DreamBox photobooth.

Or you can contact ABC Open Wide Bay producer Brad Marsellos on 0428111548 or email abcopen.widebay@abc.net.au

Tree-planting marks report anniversary



UNCLE John Gorrie and Victorian Government workers celebrated the anniversary of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report on 26 May by planting a hibiscus tree in remembrance of the Stolen Generations.

The hibiscus is recognised as the National Sorry Day flower.

For 21 years, John Gorrie has been breaking down the barriers for Aboriginal people to have a voice in the Department of Human Services and Department of Health. For six years, he has handed out silk hibiscus flowers on Sorry Day.

He said the planting of the

hibiscus tree was a significant gesture by the two government departments.

"It's wonderful to have a voice for Aboriginal people in the Department of Human Services and Department of Health in Victoria," he said.

Uncle John would like other government departments across Australia to take up the challenge of having their own hibiscus tree planted to pay respect to the Bringing Them Home report.

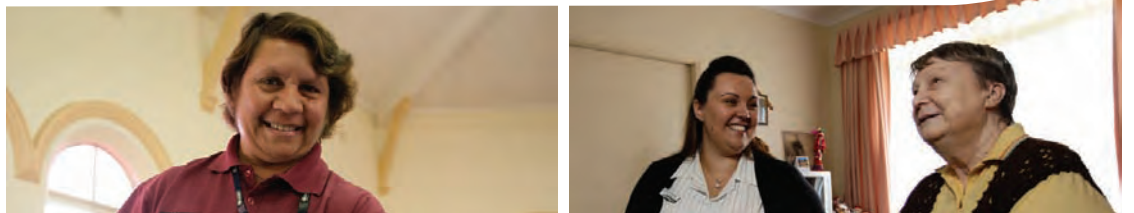
Uncle John said he was now looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week with song, dance and a damper morning tea for all of the staff of both government departments.



Victorian Department of Health Secretary Fran Thorn and Department of Human Services Secretary Gill Callister with Uncle John Gorrie.

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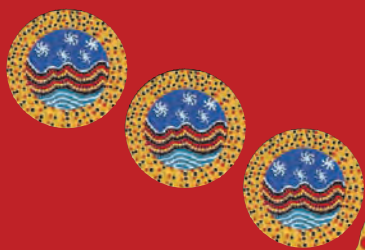
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Govt rejects UN review suggestions

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE state of Indigenous justice and equality remains parlous, despite Australia this month accepting 137 of 145 human rights recommendations contained in this year's United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Several of the review recommendations were only accepted in part and others – mostly pertaining to the rights and treatment of Indigenous people and refugees – were flatly rejected.

The Federal Government rejected the need for a Human Rights Act in favour of its new Human Rights Framework and said existing mechanisms, together with the new requirements 'provide for the protection and promotion of human rights'.

The Government also rejected the UN Human Rights Committee's recommendation that it compensate members of the Stolen Generations and said that, although it supported reconciliation, it rejected a formal reconciliation agreement.

The Government said that the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* had been fully reinstated in relation to the Northern Territory Emergency Response and partially supported amendments to the *Native Title Act*.

Also rejected was the call for a 'substantive guarantee to equality'. The Government offered only a partial commitment to amend Federal laws to be compatible with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

One recommendation, that Australia should prohibit the use of tasers by police, was accepted in part.

The Government suggested it would 'continue to take effective legal measures to prohibit the use of excessive force by the police' and did 'not intend to prohibit the use of tasers by Australian police, but notes



WA man Kevin Spratt, who was injured in custody and tasered 41 times in one week by police and prison authorities.

Photo: Leo Murray

safeguards are in place to ensure appropriate use'.

WA Shadow Attorney-General John Quigley said the WA Police had 'disappointingly and outrageously failed' to implement all of the recommendations from a Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) report on taser usage.

Mr Quigley campaigned for the current CCC inquiry into the mistreatment of Kevin Spratt, who was injured in custody and tasered 41 times in one week by police and prison authorities during 2008.

He said police had not adopted or complied with recommendations to not use tasers on children and the mentally ill; had failed to call for medical assistance after taser use; had failed to ensure tasers were used only in self-defence and not for compliance; and had not adopted the NSW safeguard of fitting a video camera to the barrel of each taser gun.

"Having failed in all of these regards, I don't see the namby pamby words of the Australian Government's response as going anywhere near far enough to protect citizens of WA or

Australia from the abuse of taser weapons," said Mr Quigley.

"The most appropriate use for taser weapons would be on the heads of cattle waiting for slaughter in Indonesian slaughter houses. That'd be a good purpose they could be used for and not on our citizens."

National Congress of Australia's First Peoples co-chair-elect Les Malezer said the Government should be more specific about the partly accepted recommendations.

He took the view that the Government's response left room for negotiation because it would have to report actions taken in the next Universal Periodic Review.

"We would ask them to actually clarify as to what are the appropriate safeguards that are in place on tasers to see whether, in fact, there needs to be further measures taken on it," Mr Malezer said.

"We would argue something needs to be done that's regulating the use of tasers... now it becomes a part of the National Human Rights Action Plan which is being drafted between now and the end of the year and we expect to be involved in that drafting process."

Human Rights Law Centre director Ben Schokman said that while the WA Custodial Inspectorate was a world-best practice model of independence, there were no sufficiently independent bodies to undertake investigations of police action.

"If, for example, there is a police shooting or police use of force that is unjustifiable, then what happens is that the police investigate themselves," he said. "The concern is from both a practical and perception perspective, there's no independence at all."

"Australia in the UPR rejected one recommendation in relation to this, but also basically accepted a number of recommendations, providing the explanation that independent bodies already exist in Australia, which we certainly don't believe to be the case."

Mansell-McKenna in Geneva



TASMANIAN Aboriginal woman Nala Mansell-McKenna is in Geneva, Switzerland, for a United Nations Indigenous fellowship program.

The activist was one of six people from around the world to be selected to attend the English-speaking program over six weeks.

Ms Mansell-McKenna was chosen from hundreds of candidates, with selection based on the applicant's contribution to protecting and

promoting Indigenous rights in their country, the general human rights situation in their country and the treatment of the Indigenous people in their country.

She was selected for her 'active leadership on issues such as the Brighton bypass and youth development focusing on Aboriginal language revival'.

Ms Mansell-McKenna says she is keen to learn about international laws and declarations which could help Aboriginal people in their fight for self-determination.



NALA MANSSELL-McKENNA

Two more awards for *Lani's Story*



THE SBS documentary *Lani's Story*, which featured at last year's Message Sticks Indigenous

Film Festival, picked up two Eliminating Violence Against Women media awards (the EVAs) in Victoria earlier this month.

Written and directed by first-time film-maker Genevieve Grieves, the film follows Lani Brennan who was raped, beaten with a hammer and almost choked

to death by her partner on Christmas Day in 2000.

It's an account of her violent relationship, her long and courageous fight for justice and the greater ramifications of the guilty verdict.

The film also seeks to explain why battered women so often suffer in silence, and tackles the specific Indigenous issue of 'don't trust the cops'.

The documentary is now used as a training tool for the NSW Police Service specifically dealing

with domestic violence issues in the Indigenous community. It is also being used as a training tool for health care professionals, community service workers and as a teaching tool in prisons and offender reform programs.

Lani Brennan is now in demand as a public speaker on domestic violence issues and is currently developing a program for survivors of domestic violence. She has also secured an international book deal and a feature film is in development.

In 2010, *Lani's Story* picked up the United Nations of Australia Media Peace Award for Best Documentary. At the same awards, the documentary also took out a special award for Increasing Awareness and Understanding of Women's Rights and Issues.

Produced by Darren Dale at Blackfella Films, *Lani's Story* received awards for Best Television Current Affairs (more than 20 minutes) and the Gold EVA for Best Media Across Categories at an awards ceremony

on 10 June at Melbourne's town hall.

The judges described the documentary as 'a stand-out piece of journalism'.

"With heart-felt and straight-talking conviction, Genevieve and Darren's documentary expresses the magnitude of consequence that violence has on all those involved," they said. "It places the experience, survival and courage of Lani at the forefront."

For more information go to www.evas.org.au



Andrew Blacklock, Barbara Connors and Suzanne Blacklock at the commemoration service.



Rev John Brown of the Uniting Church addresses the gathering at the memorial site.



Remembering the past ... Michael Gane, of Cessnock, Des Blake, of Lennox Head, and Suzanne Blacklock.



From left, Jack Woodbridge, of Toomelah, John Weeronga-Bartoo, of Elbow Valley, Mike Murphy, of Silverwood, Roger Knox, of Toomelah, and Les Knox, of Narrabri.

Myall Creek education centre plan

By DARREN COYNE



A PUSH is on to attract government funding to build an education

and cultural centre near the site of the Myall Creek massacre in northern New South Wales.

At its recent commemoration day, the Myall Creek Memorial Committee urged visiting state and federal politicians to back their requests for funding.

Committee co-chair John Brown told the *Koori Mail* the committee was seeking upwards of \$5 million, plus ongoing funding to operate the centre.

Mr Brown said an application had been made to the Federal Department of Heritage and 'we have been assured that we will receive a grant to develop a detailed financial business plan'.

He said once that plan was complete, applications would be made to state and federal governments to fund the centre.

Mr Brown's co-chair, Lyall Munro, said it was time for governments to be more open about the massacre of Aboriginal people by European invaders.

"It's also time we asked government to stand up and say sorry for all the massacres," he said.

Mr Munro wasn't the only one asking for an apology.

Guest speaker at the memorial service, Dr Anne Pattel-Gray, told the gathering, which included descendants of the murdering stockmen, and the murdered Aboriginal people, that the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations did not go far enough.



Co-chair of the Myall Creek Memorial Committee Lyall Munro.

"One wonders when these untold stories of violent atrocities, massacres, dispossession and oppression will be told and acknowledged in the nation's capital," she said.

"I felt that all the Aboriginal nations should have received an apology for the theft of their land, the thousands of massacres of our people, the denial of our humanity, the rape and sexual abuse of our women, girls and boys..." she said.

Trauma

"We Aboriginal people know this trauma personally and we carry it each and every day.

"Today is a painful reminder that violence and oppression is not what we want to teach our children, nor do we want this to continue into the future.

"Through the forgiveness of Aboriginal people and through the courage of non-Aboriginal people, we stand here today reconciled through our Creator,

one to another."

During his speech, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Victor Dominello said 'having the courage to face such tragic events was a very brave thing to do'.

"But here we are, and right now, nothing else is more important than that," he said.

"I believe that it is more than a ceremony; it's about mutual respect for experiences of one another."

The Minister also said the efforts by Aboriginal and other people to create a memorial to the massacre was an example of 'unprecedented reconciliation'.

"I believe that this story is a truly meaningful one given that it is one of a joint search of commemoration and reconciliation. I also believe it is one that cannot be forgotten," he said.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of Myall Creek should visit www.myallcreek.info for contact details.

Awards to shine a light on justice



PUBLIC nominations are now open for this year's awards NSW Justice Awards. The annual awards highlight the efforts of people who are improving access to justice for disadvantaged people. Now in their 12th year, they include categories of the Justice Medal,

Aboriginal Justice Award, Pro Bono Partnership Award, and Law and Justice Volunteer Award. They'll be presented on 24 October at Parliament House. Presented by the Law and Justice Foundation NSW, the awards aim to recognise the achievements of unsung heroes in the community – some who are lawyers, but many who are not.

"Our research shows most disadvantaged people don't turn to a lawyer when they have a legal problem," the foundation says.

"Instead, they usually rely on friends, advocates, community organisations and a range of non-legal professionals and other services for assistance.

"Many members of our

community labour tirelessly and beyond the call of duty to help others.

"The Justice Awards is an opportunity to recognise both lawyers and non-lawyers for their extraordinary efforts and outstanding achievements in helping disadvantaged people achieve justice.

"Previous nominees have

come from all walks of life, from all across New South Wales.

"We encourage everyone in the community to think about who deserves recognition and to nominate them for a Justice Award."

Nominations close on 29 July 2011 and can be made online at www.lawfoundation.net.au/justice_awards.



Mission Australia NSW operations manager for youth services Evelyne Tadros, the organisation's NSW director of community services Leonie Green, Western Region ICC manager Tom Warren, and Mission Australia Dubbo staffer Ian Redpath.



Mission Australia staff Chris Gleisner, Coral Peckham and Josh Kirk, with the organisation's operations manager, Central and Far West NSW Ann Winterton.



Mission Australia staff, from left, Ray Fuller, Bowen Ryan, Carla Ferguson and Joseph Williams.

Dubbo's unsung heroes in focus



THE lives of some of Dubbo's 'Aboriginal Unsung Heroes' have been celebrated in a new DVD launched this month.

Mission Australia worked with the Dubbo Koori Interagency Network to launch *Unsung Heroes – Stories from Dubbo*, at Western Plains Cultural Centre.

Students from the Dubbo College Senior Campus' Aboriginal Studies class interviewed Elders who shared their personal experiences for the DVD.

Mission Australia's Dale Towns said the project was the idea of Dubbo Koori Interagency Network (DKIN) members, who realised after the death of two well-loved local Elders that the community had lost their history, life experience and stories.

"This project will provide information of cultural significance and reflects the personal experiences of the Elders growing up as an Aboriginal person," Ms Towns said.

"In this way, others, particularly our children, can learn about the past from a personal perspective of what it was like to grow up as an Aboriginal person in times past, not just what is written in history books."

Ms Towns said that originally the plan for the project was for the Elders to record their experiences.

"However, as the project progressed, the students who did the interviewing as well as the Mission Australia support staff were so moved by what they heard, that it was decided that their reactions to the Elders' experiences would also be recorded on the DVD," she said.



Uncle John Hill and Craig Biles.



Maurice Wright and Tony Fuller.



Kade Goodwin, Ailsa Peckham, Karen Schaefer and Coral Peckham.

Unsung Heroes was filmed and edited by Mission Australia's Creative Youth Initiatives (CYI), based in Sydney.

The 10-minute trailer on the DVD is at www.dubbokin.com.au



Students from St Joseph's Catholic School, Walgett, who took part in the *Through our Eyes* documentary. Photo by Craig Bender

Catchment area winners praised



THREE groups have been recognised for conserving Aboriginal history and culture in the Western Catchment area of New South Wales. Central Darling Shire Council, Yatama Ngurra Land Enterprise and the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group all won awards in the Western Catchment Environmental Care Awards.

The Western Catchment encompasses 230,000 square kilometres, incorporating towns including Wilcannia, Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett.

The region has a diverse population of 18,000, of which an estimated 20 per cent are Aboriginal people, with 13 Aboriginal language groups identified.

Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA) general manager Daryl Green commended the work being carried out in the Western Catchment.

"Aboriginal people are actively involved in natural resource management in the Western Catchment, and provide a wealth of knowledge, experience and traditional and cultural heritage information that is important in improving the environment," he said.

The groups received awards for the following categories and projects.

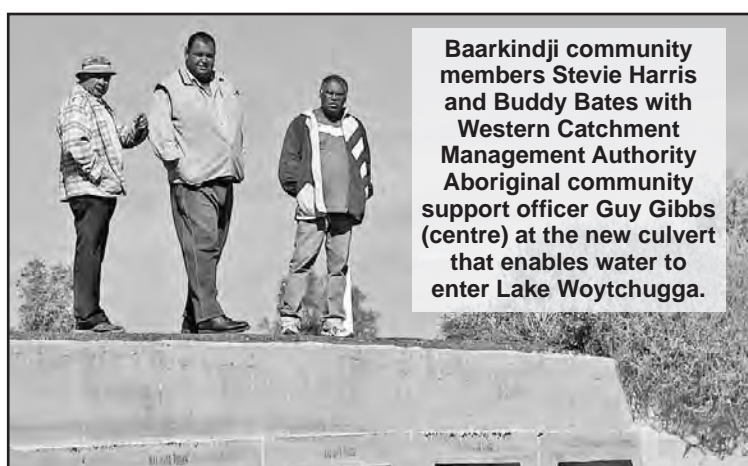
- The Business and Industry Category, sponsored by CSA Mine Cobar Management Pty Ltd, went to the Central Darling Shire Council for the Protection of Lake Woytchugga.

- The Indigenous Community Category, sponsored by Essential Energy, went to the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group for the *Through our Eyes* documentaries.

- And the Nature



Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group members with award sponsor Essential Energy's Mick Davies.



Baarkindji community members Stevie Harris and Buddy Bates with Western Catchment Management Authority Aboriginal community support officer Guy Gibbs (centre) at the new culvert that enables water to enter Lake Woytchugga.



Stephen Gordon, of Yatama Ngurra Land Enterprise, at Compton Downs.

Conservation Category went to Yatama Ngurra Land Enterprise for its implementation of a conservation agreement for Compton Downs near Brewarrina.

Mr Green said Central Darling Shire Council had undertaken an integrated strategy to protect Lake Woytchugga, a wetland west of Wilcannia and of significance to

the Baarkindji people.

The Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Group was recognised for documenting the cultural land management practices of Aboriginal people in the Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Brewarrina region.

"The *Through our Eyes* series commissioned by the Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group comprises 19 documentaries highlighting the unique land management practices that enabled the Ngemba, Kamilaroi and Euahlyi groups to care for the country for tens of thousands of years," Mr Green said.

"The stories are recorded on a DVD and since its release last year, it has been extremely popular. DVDs have been requested by schools and individuals throughout Australia and are soon to air on the NITV channel. They can also be viewed via YouTube.

"The Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group has donated their prizemoney of \$600 to the three schools who took part in the documentary. They were St Joseph's Catholic School in Walgett, Walgett Community College Primary School and Brewarrina Central School."

Mr Green said Yatama Ngurra Land Enterprise was awarded the Nature Conservation Award for their current and long-term vision to raise cultural awareness of important Aboriginal land assets at Compton Downs.

"Compton Downs is an Aboriginal-owned property south of Brewarrina which currently has 450 hectares protected under a conservation agreement to preserve rare habitat, flora and fauna species and the Little Thigabillas, a series of hills that feature in a creation story of importance to the Ngemba people of the region," he said.

Funding to expand WA patrols



MORE than \$2.1 million will be provided over the next two years to help expand Aboriginal Community Patrol

services across Western Australia. WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier said patrols offered support, advice and intervention and operate on the streets primarily at night, working with business, residents and visitors to diffuse any potential problems.

"Their presence has a significant impact in ensuring a safe, more family-friendly environment, and means that any issue that might arise can be handled in a culturally appropriate manner," he said.

"This funding will ensure that new patroller positions are created, which will allow more Aboriginal Community Patrol services to operate in the locations we require them, at the times that we need them.

"For example, Nyoongar Patrol will extend its services to the south-east and northern corridors of the Perth metropolitan area, focused primarily along railway line accessible areas. This adds to existing services in Perth, Midland and Fremantle.

"Regionally, the funding will allow operations in Kalgoorlie-Boulder to be back up and running within the next month."

In addition to the increased patroller positions, funding will be used to replace buses for existing patrols and to buy additional safety equipment.

Mr Collier said the allocation from this year's State Budget was in addition to \$3.8 million administered annually by the Department of Indigenous Affairs.

Projects to aid families



MORE than 100 centres across the country are set to benefit from more than \$8 million for local

projects to help Indigenous families deal with violence, according to the Federal Government.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says seven new projects will be in regional centres to help reduce family violence and build safer communities.

"Another 33 projects will receive additional funding to continue providing counselling and mediation services, anger management courses and men's, women's and youth groups," Ms Macklin said.

"Every Australian has the right to feel safe in their home, and violence is never acceptable in any community.

"These projects will also contribute to our broader initiatives to combat disadvantage across areas of health, education, employment, and early childhood."

Promise to treat TB cases



AUSTRALIAN hospitals in the Torres Strait will not turn away Papua New Guinea nationals seriously ill with tuberculosis despite the planned closure of specialist TB clinics. Queensland Health said last Monday that PNG nationals who presented at hospitals on Boigu and Saibai Islands in the Torres Strait would continue to receive emergency care if needed.

"All emergency cases presenting to Queensland Health facilities, regardless of their nationality, receive treatment appropriate to their condition," Queensland Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said in a statement.

The department will close tuberculosis clinics on both islands from this Friday, 1 July, after the Federal Government indicated it would stop funding the service, which is aimed at PNG nationals.

Health advocates have criticised the closures, while Leichhardt MP Warren Entsch says TB sufferers will be forced to 'island hop all the way to Cairns' until the situation improves at Daru.

Treaty

Under a treaty between the Australian and PNG governments, residents of the country's western province are allowed to travel to northern islands in the Torres Strait for traditional purposes.

The treaty does not specifically relate to medical care, but Queensland Health provides the TB clinics for PNG nationals under the direction of the Federal Government.

The Federal Government says it is focused on helping PNG to improve services on its side of the border, reducing the reliance on Australian facilities.

AusAID has directed \$43 million toward PNG health services, including the improvement of TB treatment at Daru hospital.

Those living in the impoverished western province say they could not do without access to the Saibai and Boigu hospitals.

PNG father Aniba Peteru endured an eight-hour voyage in a dinghy from

Daru to Saibai earlier this year in a desperate attempt to seek help for his daughter Mathi, who died of TB a week later after being transferred to Cairns Base Hospital.

He was due to fly back to Daru last Tuesday with her body, but hopes to bring his three remaining children to Saibai in a fortnight because he fears they too have the disease. "I am worried about them, that's why I want to bring them back," he said.

He said Queensland Health staff had promised to see his children and treat them if necessary, despite the closure of the clinics.

However, Queensland Health denied it had agreed to treat the children.

No commitment

"Queensland Health made no such commitment. Further, the treatment of overseas nationals is the responsibility of the home country, or the Australian Government through aid initiatives," the department said in a statement.

Mr Peteru said he would like to see services improve at Daru, but in the meantime he says the situation would be dire for people from his region without access to the Australian hospitals.

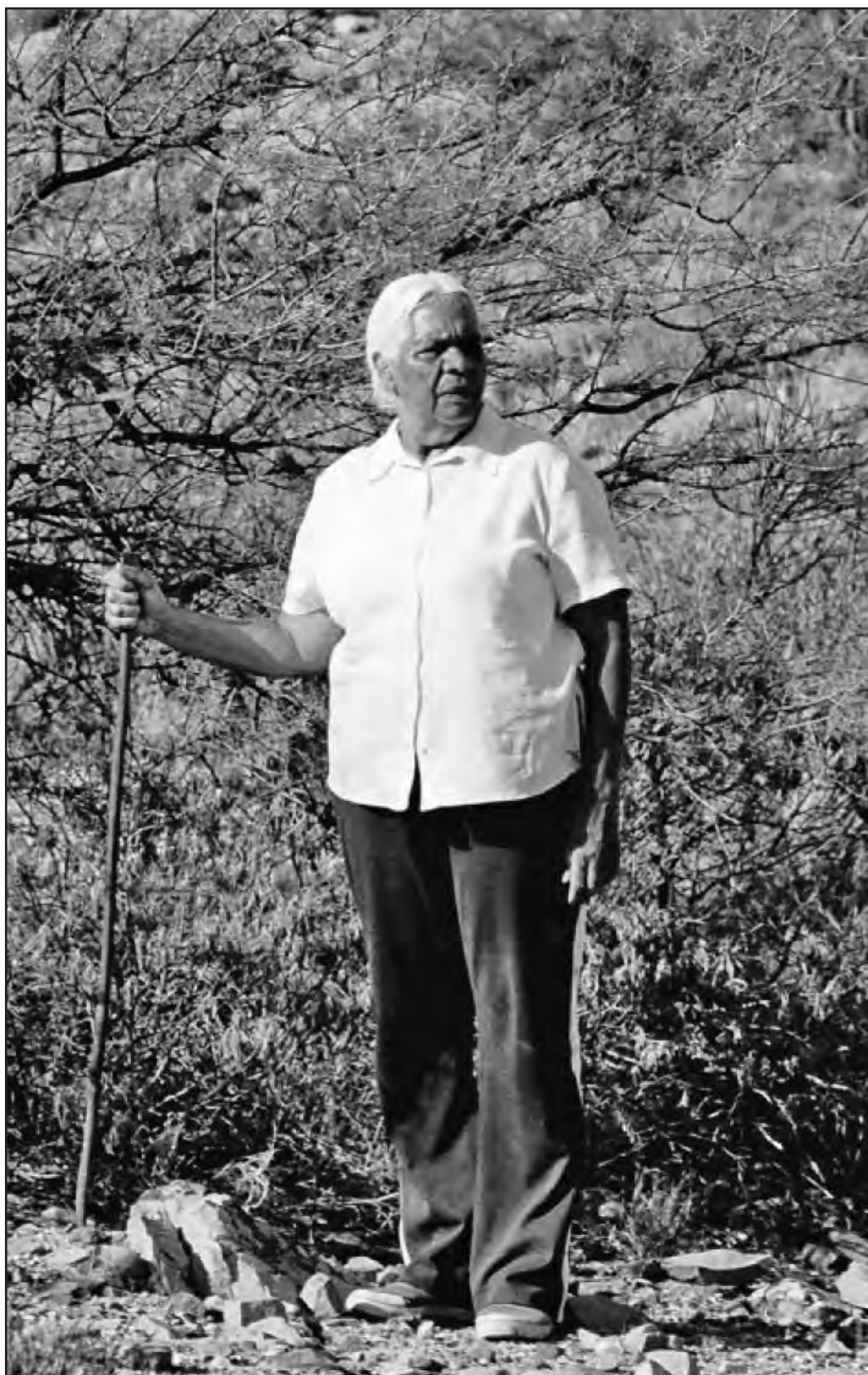
"The clinics in Papua New Guinea are not good, that is why people are coming to Australia," he said.

"We will not have a life if they close it because there is no medicine in Daru. There is good medicine in Australia."

Federal Coalition regional health spokesperson Andrew Laming said the decision to transfer TB clinics from the Torres Strait to Daru spelled disaster for adequate TB surveillance.

"This is a case of Queensland Labor desperate to save money by using AusAID to bail them out," Dr Laming said.

"Torres Strait Island residents would be understandably shocked to learn that Queensland Health is so desperate to save money that they are prepared to abandon local health services. No one would deny the need for better services in PNG but this should never be at the price of exposing Australian citizens to the risk of TB." – AAP



Veronica Dobson on her country.

Honour for senior Arrernte woman



SENIOR Arrernte woman Veronica Dobson is now a Member of the Order of Australia after

receiving the honour in the Queen's Birthday List.

Mrs Dobson was recognised for her work as an educator, sharing her knowledge of country, languages and plants.

Over the years, she has been associated with the Olive Pink Botanical Gardens and the Desert Park in Alice Springs. She has been a pioneer in the development of language curriculum at Yipirinya School.

As a professionally qualified educator, Mrs Dobson has taught Arrernte language to children through to academics, for close to 30

years. She co-authored the *Eastern and Central Arrernte to English Dictionary*, first published in 1994. In 2007, IAD Press published her book *Arelhe-kenhe Merrethene – Arrernte Traditional Healing*.

She is also a trained and nationally accredited interpreter with extensive experience, and assists IAD Press with publishing projects by translating and checking Eastern Arrernte language elements, particularly those that communicate complex cultural ideas.

Consulted

In recent years, Mrs Dobson has consulted on joint management initiatives within national park areas of the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges. This has involved documenting the cultural values and significance of

plants, animals and country.

"Maintaining language and culture is a tool for relating to country and looking after everything that is on it," Mrs Dobson said.

"Aboriginal people belong to the country, the country owns them instead of them owning it."

IAD Press business manager Janette Wormald said it was an honour to work with Mrs Dobson.

"She is incredibly generous in sharing her knowledge and her pleasure in teaching the Arrernte language and culture is obvious," Ms Wormald said.

"IAD Press staff are privileged to have Veronica teach us the Arrernte language and culture each week and we appreciate her gentle encouragement, even when we stumble with the pronunciations."

ALS seeks artworks



INDIGENOUS artists are invited to submit artworks to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Aboriginal Legal

Service (NSW/ACT), with entries closing on 15 August.

Submitted works must reflect the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) and its 40-year history and survival. The winner will collect a \$2000 cash prize and their artwork will be used to create the 40th anniversary poster.

Aboriginal activists and lawyers established the ALS in 1970. It was

staffed by volunteers providing free legal advice and representation to Aboriginal people in inner-Sydney.

In 1971, the ALS received its first government grant for the salaries of a full-time solicitor, a field officer and a secretary. It was Australia's first free legal service, setting the model for mainstream community legal aid.

All entries must be accompanied by the entry form, which can be found at www.facebook.com/pages/Aboriginal-Legal-Service-NSWACT/135522603177840

19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival



Mossman Gorge Kuku Yalanji Dancers.



Laura Festival MCs Sean Choolburra and Barry Cedric.

Culture was the winner

Story by **CHRISTINE HOWES**
Photos by **MAHALA STROHFELDT**



BY popular agreement, 'culture' was the overall winner at the 19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival, held close to the middle of Cape York more than 300kms north of Cairns last week. The three-day event hosted up to 500 dancers from about 20 mostly Cape York communities, as well as an estimated 5000 spectators.

While dancing, much of it in pursuit of a shield prize for the best, took centre stage on an ancient bora ring, there was also an art competition, cultural displays, bush tucker, camping and some more contemporary entertainment on offer.

Program co-ordinator Diat Alferink said a lot of effort had gone into the festival.

"There's a few thousand people parked, camped, excited and here for culture and community from all around the country," she said.

"That's the history of Laura Festival, we bring everyone from around the country to come and celebrate culture. It's about the Cape York community celebrating their identity and their culture and 'dancing it up'."

Lockhart River community won this year's competition for their spectacular and exciting portrayal of battle between groups.

One of the dance leaders of the group, Josiah Omeenyo, said co-ordinating, teaching and just dressing the 50 dancers and 20 or more other helpers had been a massive job.

"It's been a month of just gathering costumes," he told the *Koori Mail*.

"Some of the organisations really helped us here in Laura but then in Lockhart there was the council, the PCYC and the Elders."

Mr Omeenyo said the group had been practising since last year for the event.

"The kids are happy and I'm happy too," he said.

Dance competition judges Marilyn Miller and Seith Fourmile were enthusiastic.

"I think the overall winner for us today was culture," Ms Miller said.

"That's the main thing, cultural maintenance and cultural expression and the passing on of that through the different generations.

"I think the Laura Festival has built up relevance and significance for cultural dancing in communities and what that means.

"And it helps instil pride because you can come away to a place like Laura and



The Laura Festival grounds. Photo: **CHRISTINE HOWES**

dance among other country folk.

"When I say 'country', I mean people coming from different homelands on country. And that just spreads out across the nation, not just these homelands and country for us but across the nation."

Mr Fourmile said it had been difficult to pick a winner.

"We looked at the age groups of some of the younger ones and a couple of the little ones from Lockhart River were just outstanding," he said.

"They knew the moves, they knew all the dances and they had the youngest performers.

"It's the spirit of the dance and you can't fault any one mob who danced here today, you can't fault anyone.

"It's not about winning and losing – not when culture's concerned. It's about showing what you've got and they really showed us what they had."

Amongst the more contemporary performances were local band Black Image, Brisbane-based group Banawurun and comedian Sean Choolburra, who doubled as MC with Yarrabah singer Barry Cedric and local traditional owner Derek Rosendale.

Mr Choolburra said the festival got better and better every year.

"To come here to just traditional dance is to re-focus and re-balance everything," he said. "Strip away all of that rock music, all the hip-hop, all the bling bling and all that type of stuff – this is the real us.

"Everyone's in a really great mood, everyone has the festival vibe. There's 5000 people here and no security, no drinks, no nothing – it's just a lot of love and respect in the air.

"People in the city may look forward to the Deadlys or the Red Ochre Awards, but these communities up here really, really train for two whole years to come to Laura. They really look forward to dancing here and winning."

Mr Cedric said 'this is where it's all happening'.

"I come up every year and every time I come up here I learn more and more about being Aboriginal and rich in my culture," he said.

"Communities strutting their stuff. To me, they're all winners for being here. It's all so colourful and so vibrant."

Mr Rosendale said the event was rich in history.

"This was a meeting place for a lot of the tribes from Cape York Peninsula," he said. "I'm a traditional owner for this land and this used to happen in the old days – all the tribes would get together here for a conference just to speak about cultural matters and to renew old ties.

"I think it's fantastic to see that happening again."



Djarragun College Torres Strait Islander dancers.



Lesley Gibson with her niece Jahlarna Harrigan and, in front, Tiffany Heart-Rosendale.



Kuranda's Rosetta Asaki with her sister Delta Wason.

19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival



Elders Tommy George (seated) and Michael Ross closing the festival. Photo: KERRY TRAPNELL



Injinoo dancers perform.
Photo by KERRY TRAPNELL



Les Malezer, co-chair-elect of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, was at the Laura Dance Festival for the first time.



Kuranda dancers were a strong force in this year's dance festival.



Rhonda Duffin and Rhonda Brim, from Bundarra.



The Cold Water Band were a popular choice for late-night punters ready to kick up their heels after the heat of the day.



Laura traditional owner Francis Lee-Cheu and Mossman local Alex Lyall.



Laura Festival volunteers Shawn Cady and Ursula Lyons.



Cairns lads James Rice, Marcus Auda, Jimmy Joseph and Otis Morrison.



Above and below: Djarragun College Torres Strait Islander dancers gave a fierce warrior performance.



19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival



The Laura dance ground.
Photo by KERRY TRAPNELL



Festival program co-ordinator Diat Alferink.



MC Derek Rosendale and Tommy George Snr.
Photo: Christine Howes



Young dancers wait patiently for their turn on the grounds.



Tania Hunter, from Kuranda, (at back) with Loretta Lowdown, from Laura, and Laurel Doughboy, from Wujal Wujal.



David Ross, from Cooktown, with his friend from Wujal Wujal Stella Williams.



Lockhart River lads Zane Butcher and Paddy Hobson.



From Elcho Island Tana Baker and Sandra Munyarryun.



Rodney Dillon and Tracey Foley representing Amnesty International.



A group from the Pormpuraaw Art and Crafts Centre were there to promote their work.

19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival



Kerry Trapnell took these photos of the Pormpuraaw dancers, left, and the Night Dancers at this year's Laura Festival.



Shaniece Gaykamangu, Marita Atu and Vanessa Dhurrkay, from the Northern Territory.



A dancer from Pormpuraaw.



Josiah Omeenyo, lead dancer for Lockhart River. Photo: STEFAN AMBRUSTER



Shalom Chooky Boys, from Townsville, hamming it up.



Levina Dixon and Jodie Summers from the Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service in Mareeba.



Kowanyama woman Avril Paul with her grandmother Ruth David.



These Kowanyama State School students had a good time at Laura.



Singer Adam James played for the Laura audiences throughout the festival.



A Lockhart River dancer.



Sasha Bounghi with her son Markeis Patterson.



Cairns' Georgina Archer with bub Erin Hobbler.



Lockhart River Rangers Caroline Warradoo, Elaine Moses and Claudia Sauerland.

19th Laura Dance and Cultural Festival



Members of the Bumma Bipperra Media crew at Laura. Photo: Christine Howes



Brian Kepple, Les Kepple, Justin Walker and Jonathon Upton came in from Coen.



This year the festival was full of children and young people dancing for the first time, including this young Kuranda fella doing a kangaroo dance.



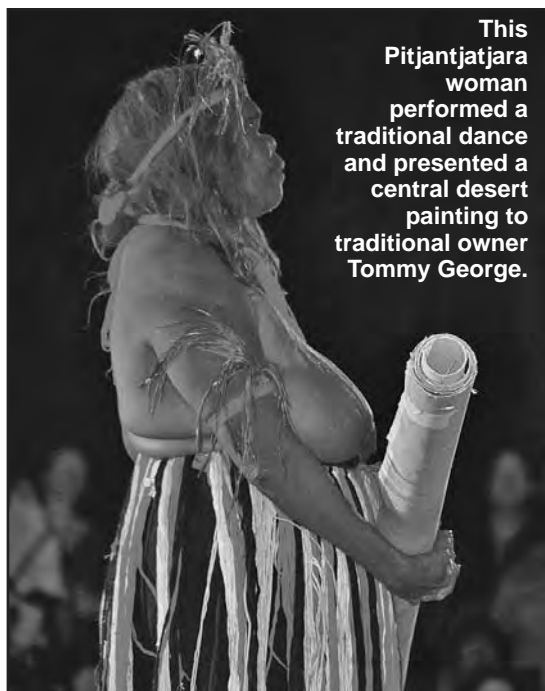
From left, Cathy Ilin, Estelle Sandow, Marciel Lawrence and Juanita Johnson. Photo by Christine Howes



Dancers get set to perform. Photo: Kerry Trapnell



Alban Zingle, Fred Lee-Cheu, Darren Zingle holding his grandson Cussmero Manantan and John Erib.



This Pitjantjatjara woman performed a traditional dance and presented a central desert painting to traditional owner Tommy George.



Centrelink staff, from left, Helen Rosner, Amanda Huxtable, Vanessa Lee Cheu and Edward Lampton.



Reg Williams, Michael Ross and Brian Ross Snr.



Chairman of the Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board Mark Bin Baker attended the festival and led some workshops in the men's shed.



Karly O'Connell, from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Government Champion for Laura Mark Bermingham with Fran Maddern, and Margaret Schweiger and Nathan Williams, from the Department of Communities.



Singer Emma Donovan performed during the festival.

Central Queensland training program to help 125 people



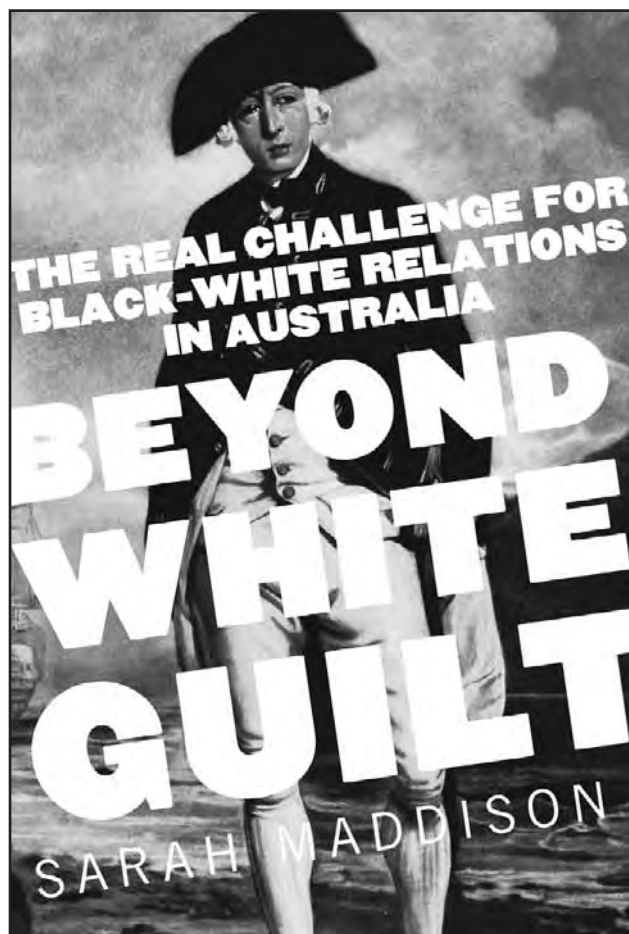
THE Federal Government says Indigenous Queenslanders are being given the skills to find jobs in the mining, construction and aged-care sectors through a pre-employment program.

The Queensland and Federal governments are partnering with Salvation Army Employment Plus to train 125 Indigenous people in central Queensland in industries where there are skill shortages.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib said the project employed a full-time mentor and trainer to provide pre- and post-employment support to the participants as well as working with employers to deliver cultural awareness training.

"We know that mining, construction and aged-care are industries looking for workers and we want to be sure Indigenous people have the skills to meet those needs," the Minister said.

"Already 14 of the participants have started work and training. Six are working with Road Tek while completing a Certificate III in Civil Construction, while the other eight are employed as dump truck operators with a large mining contractor."



The cover of *Beyond White Guilt*.



Author Sarah Maddison. Photo by Tina Fiveash



Mid-term review of IHRNA?

Expressions of interest are invited to undertake a mid-term review of the Indigenous Human Rights Network Australia (IHRNA) in July/August 2011. The objective of the mid-term review are:

- to review progress in implementing the mission, objectives and values of IHRNA, as stated in part 1 of the draft Governance Framework, including through the development of the IHRNA website, and to make recommendations in relation to strengthening this process;
- to review progress to date in developing the membership of IHRNA and in engaging members in IHRNA, and to make recommendations in relation to strengthening membership;
- to review progress to date in establishing the IHRNA structure and governance framework, as envisaged in part 3 of the draft Governance Framework, including the effectiveness of the management of IHRNA, and to make recommendations in relation to strengthening the framework.

IHRNA is a project of the Australian Human Rights Commission.
A standard Commission contract will be awarded.

For further information on the consultancy please download a copy of the Proposal Brief and the Terms of Reference from the IHRNA website (<http://www.ihrna.info/jobs-at-ihrna>).

If you have any further queries regarding the consultancy please contact the IHRNA Coordinator (coordinator@ihrna.info or 02 9284 9814).

Sea Country Partnership's Sponsorship Program

Traditional Owners can apply for Sea Country sponsorship to the value of \$5000 per person to cover participation in training, events or exchanges.

The Sea Country Partnership's Sponsorship Program is part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's implementation of the *Caring for our Country Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program* funded by the Australian Government.

Possible sponsorship opportunities can include attendance at conferences, events, forums, workshops, education and training, or any other activity that promotes sea country management deemed appropriate by the application assessment panel.

For further information about the Sponsorship Program, the application form and application guidelines, please visit www.gbrmpa.gov.au.

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Or please call the **Indigenous Partnerships Group** toll-free on **1800 990 177** to request the documents by post.

'White guilt' a hot topic

By MARGARET SMITH



WHY is Australia in such denial as a nation? That was the prevailing question during an event held recently at Sydney's Glee Books.

Journalist and author Jeff McMullen put the question to the audience and to Sarah Maddison, author of the new book *Beyond White Guilt*.

Associate Professor Maddison, a research fellow at the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit at the University of NSW, replied that her mother had taught her guilt was a useless emotion, unless it was followed up by action.

She said her book was about the collective nature of the guilt shared by non-Indigenous people living on this continent.

Mr McMullen listed white invasion, theft of Aboriginal land, massacres, children being stolen and wages being stolen as facts in Australia's history that many people still denied.

"There were many slaughters that haven't been recorded. The frontier war was not part of our consciousness. Our modern nation was born with blood," he said.

The conflict had lasted for more than 100 years, Assoc Prof Maddison added, 'but the Australian War Memorial still refuses to acknowledge this war'.

She asked why white



JEFF McMULLEN

Australia's collective guilt was intergenerational and how government policies like the Northern Territory Intervention could exist today.

"There is still a war of sorts against Aboriginal culture today," she said.

On the nature of Prime Minister's apology to the nation, she said: "We're sorry, but only a bit sorry – we're not willing to make reparations."

Assoc Prof Maddison said it would take an immense amount of work for Australia to secure a 'yes' vote in a referendum to change the Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

She and Mr McMullen expressed dismay that a recent *Four Corners* program on live animal exports to Indonesia brought more condemnation from

voters than either the NT intervention or the refugee issue.

"The stereotyping of Aboriginal men and women by the media is also very damaging... there are at least 400,000 Aboriginal people living in urban centres," Mr McMullen said.

He said some mining companies were engaged in unethical and unlawful behaviour in Australia.

Assoc Prof Maddison said: "Whilst we're still extracting profits, we can't engage with Indigenous ownership of the land."

Questions from the audience brought other perspectives.

"I'm drawn to the idea that we appear to be mourning in different ways," said audience member Margaret Rosen.

"The English way is to say 'let's move on' but the Aboriginal way is to open up the heart."

Assoc Prof Maddison agreed: "The English side of us doesn't like to deal with pain – there are cultural differences in the way we deal with grief and loss."

Mr McMullen said: "We are still saying it did not happen."

He described *White Guilt* as an important contribution to the debate, calling it 'a very impressive piece of work'.

● *Beyond White Guilt* (ISBN: 9781742373287) is published by Allen and Unwin. RRP \$27.99.

New crime drama set in Torres Strait



EMMY Award-winning Scottish actor Brian Cox (*The Bourne Supremacy*, *Troy*, *Braveheart*) will

be a part of the ensemble of actors to appear in a new ABC1 drama series being produced on location in Cairns and the Torres Strait Islands.

The Straits, to be screened over 10 one-hour programs, is described as a darkly humorous crime drama series.

It focuses on a family called the Montebellos. Modern-day smugglers, their family business is transporting drugs into Australia, and guns and exotic wildlife out, making use of ties of blood and loyalty in the Torres Strait.

When Harry, the head of the family, starts to plan his succession he sparks a vicious family power struggle, however, under attack from ambitious bikies and Papua New Guinea raskols, the family must hold together through torture, assassination and imprisonment.



BRIAN COX

Brian Cox will play Harry Montebello. Cox is an accomplished Shakespearean actor, spending seasons with both the Royal Shakespeare Company and London's National Theatre. His best known appearances include *Rob Roy*,

Braveheart, *The Ring*, *X2*, *Troy* and *The Bourne Supremacy*.

Rena Owen will play Harry's wife Kitty, a prominent Torres Strait Islander/Maori woman.

Joining Cox and Owen in the cast will be AFI-nominated Torres Strait Islander actor Aaron Fa'aoso, Logie winner Firass Dirani as well as newcomers Jimi Bani and Suzannah Bayes-Morton, who together play the Montebellos children.

The Straits is produced by Matchbox Pictures' Penny Chapman and Helen Panckhurst, who were the team behind the AFI Award-winning TV series *RAN (Remote Area Nurse)*, which also brought the Torres Strait to the TV screen.

Ms Panckhurst said the production house had assembled an extraordinary cast, including a large number of Torres Strait Islander and Papua New Guinea actors.

"We are delighted to be collaborating once again with our Torres Strait Islander friends in showcasing this extraordinary part of the world," she said.

Paintings go to institute



FIVE paintings from Central Australia and rare recordings of Aboriginal activists from the 1970s have been donated to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

The watercolours were donated by Leigh Murray, of Hughes, and feature the work of Hermannsburg artists from 50 years ago, which are now valued between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

"The paintings belonged to my 92-year-old aunt, Mrs Joan Bolton, who now lives in Queanbeyan, and she wanted to make sure that they were not locked away in some private collection and we decided to donate them to the institute," Mrs Murray said.

She said her aunt bought the paintings at Hermannsburg during travels to Central Australia with her husband in the very early 1960s.

AIATSIS's Audio Visual Archives Collections manager David Jeffery said the five watercolours – all landscapes – were reminiscent of the work of renowned Western Arrernte artist Albert Namitjira.

"Two were painted by Otto

Pareroulta, and three of the others are by Helmut and Edwin Pareroulta and one is the work of Brentan Raberaba. Recent auctions of Otto's work, for example, have sold for between \$3000 and \$5000," Mr Jeffery said.

The other donation, from Joan Garvan, of Lyneham, was rare recordings from the 1970s of well-known Aboriginal activists speaking at an Aboriginal land rights 'teach in' organised by the Aboriginal



One of the five watercolours painted some 50 years ago by Hermannsburg artists (including Edwin Pareroulta) that were recently donated to AIATSIS.

Land Rights' Support Group in Sydney.

Some of the recordings feature speakers such as the late Joe McGinness and Mick Miller, Lawrence Dugong, Marcia Langton, Pat O'Shane, Steven Albert and many others.

"The Aboriginal Land Rights Support Group was a group of non-Indigenous people who offered support to Indigenous

people who were actively fighting for land rights at that time," Ms Garvan said.

"I was a member of that group as a young person living in Sydney at that time.

"I donated a lot of papers and newspaper cuttings many years ago to Tranby Aboriginal College but I thought it appropriate that AIATSIS take charge of protecting the tapes – particularly as AIATSIS also holds the collection of the newsletter that the support group published for several years."

Ms Garvan, who grew up in Sydney but moved to Canberra many years ago and married there, recently completed a PhD at the Australian National University and is president of the Australian Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement, whose patron is Dr Jackie Huggins.

"I thought these tapes are a valuable part of contemporary Indigenous history and should be properly cared for," Ms Garvan said.

The institute's growing archive holds almost a million items of unique audio and videotape, photos, film records and written material of Indigenous people's ceremony, culture, lifestyles, art, music, languages, and oral history.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline Fri 22 July 2011

The Sentencing Advisory Council has been asked to advise the Government on the introduction of standard non-parole periods in Queensland for serious violent offences and sexual offences.

Your submission will inform the Council's recommendations to the Attorney-General.

Make a submission by going to the Council's website and responding to the Consultation Paper:

- **online:** www.sentencingcouncil.qld.gov.au
- **by email:** sac@justice.qld.gov.au
- **in writing:** GPO Box 2360 Brisbane Qld 4001
- **phone:** 1300 461 577
- **in person (by appointment):** Level 30, 400 George Street, Brisbane.
- **fax:** 07 34059780

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Department of Environment and Resource Management

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Intention to prepare draft management plans

Binya National Park	Lawn Hill (Arthur Creek) Resources Reserve
Bluff Hill National Park	Lawn Hill (Creek) Resources Reserve
Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park	Lawn Hill (Gorge Mouth) Resources Reserve
Brampton Islands National Park	Lawn Hill (Gregory) Resources Reserve
Bullock Creek Conservation Park*	Lawn Hill (Gregory River Base) Resources Reserve
Bunyaville Conservation Park	Lawn Hill (Lilydale) Resources Reserve
Byron Creek Conservation Park	Lawn Hill (Littles Range) Resources Reserve
Caloundra Conservation Park	Lawn Hill (Stockyard Creek) Resources Reserve
Camooweal Caves National Park	Lawn Hill (Widdallion) Resources Reserve
Clear Mountain Conservation Park	Moggill Conservation Park
Cooloola (Noosa River) Resources Reserve**	Mount Kinchant Conservation Park
Cooloothin Conservation Park	Neurum Creek Conservation Park
Cressbrook Conservation Park*	Newry Islands National Park*
Crohamhurst Conservation Park	Ningi Creek Conservation Park
Currawinya National Park*	Northumberland Islands National Park
D'Aguilar National Park (Recovery)	Percy Isles National Park
D'Aguilar National Park*	Pipeclay National Park*
Deer Reserve National Park	Pumicestone National Park
Double Island Point Conservation Park**	Rosins Lookout Conservation Park
Eungella National Park#	Samford Conservation Park
Glass House Mountains National Park*	Sandy Cape Conservation Park
Glass House Mountains Conservation Park	Sheep Island Conservation Park**
Goat Island (Noosa River) Conservation Park**	Smith Islands National Park
Great Sandy Conservation Park*	South Cumberland Islands National Park
Great Sandy National Park**	Springbrook Conservation Park
Great Sandy Resources Reserve**	Springbrook National Park
Homevale National Park#	St Helens Gap Conservation Park#
Homevale Resources Reserve#	Tomewin Conservation Park
Indooroopilly Island Conservation Park*	Toorbul Conservation Park
Lake Bindegolly National Park	Wararba Creek Conservation Park
Lark Quarry Conservation Park	Womalah Resources Reserve

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, local governments, landholders, interested groups and members of the public are invited to make written submissions suggesting how these protected areas should be managed.

All submissions will be considered when preparing the draft management plans. A further round of consultation will then be invited on the draft plans.

These management plans also incorporate other lands managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, including marine parks, recreation areas, forest reserves, State forests and other reserves.

Areas marked with an asterisk (*) have existing management plans, which are being reviewed and replaced with new plans. During the process of developing these plans, consideration will also be given to the areas mentioned in the Mackay Highlands Management Strategy (#), the Newry Islands National Park Management Strategy (*) and the areas mentioned in the Great Sandy Region Management Plan (**).

Suggestions for these areas can, but do not have to, relate to the existing plans.

For further information or to obtain a guide on how to make a submission, visit the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) website <www.derm.qld.gov.au> or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

The closing date for submissions is Monday 1 August 2011.

Submissions can be emailed to <parkplans@derm.qld.gov.au> or posted to:

The Manager, Planning Services Unit
Conservation, Strategy and Planning
Department of Environment and Resource Management
Level 4, 400 George Street
GPO Box 2454
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Hon. Kate Jones MP
Minister for Environment and Resource Management

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Evelyn's got one of the top jobs in the country

By ALF WILSON



HELPING people gain employment at Australia's northern outposts of Boigu, Dauan and Saibai Islands in the Torres Strait is a challenge

Evelyn Richard is relishing.

Miss Richard, 28, took up a job as ITEC employment co-ordinator on the outer island of Boigu this month.

"I spent a week training on Thursday Island and it will be so good to be able to help Torres Strait Islander people to get jobs on the most remote islands," she said

Miss Richard said Boigu, which was in sight of Papua New Guinea, was one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Travelling to other outer islands Dauan and Saibai is another benefit of the job for Miss Richard.

"I'll be travelling to Dauan and Saibai fortnightly and the jobs I'll



Evelyn Richard on the Thursday Island jetty ready to head to Boigu Island.

be trying to fill could be anything from positions in the IBIS supermarkets or for local council and government departments," she said.

When not working, Miss Richard hopes to be able to spend time fishing and catching mud crabs.

"There are plenty of barramundi, grunter, snapper, coral trout and lots of other

types of fish. The crabs can be found on the mud flats but there are also some crocodiles around so I'll have to be careful," she said.

"I like fishing and the boys go hunting there and now is the camping time of the year on the other side of the island.

"There are also markets twice a week and also a local basketball competition,

so life is good there."

Born on Thursday Island, Miss Richard will also get to travel back to TI in the coming months.

ITEC Employment provides support in more than 70 locations across Australia through the delivery of employment and related services to people most disadvantaged by their

remoteness, their labour market or their personal circumstances.

Much of its current work is with Indigenous communities across Northern and Central Australia assisting to provide pathways towards jobs through community capacity building, greater access to opportunities for education and program development specific to the needs of local people.

New NT agency CEO welcomed



THE Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) has welcomed the appointment of Josie Guy as chief executive officer for the new

Aboriginal Community Controlled Peak Agency for Children, Youth and their Families.

"In appointing Josie Guy, we have taken a major step forward in helping meet the main recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into Child Protection," AMSANT CEO John Paterson said last week.

"Josie's proven leadership skills, knowledge, experience and community networks together with her staunch commitment to the welfare and well-being of Indigenous people will enable her to be a key player in 're-visioning and re-orientating' child protection and family wellbeing policies, programs and services in the NT.

"She has a strong and dedicated history in advocacy for Aboriginal people and continues to be committed to achieving improved conditions and



JOSIE GUY

bringing about social change on the ground.

"Her extensive and diverse career has included senior executive roles in both government and Aboriginal controlled organisations responsible for policy, program and service delivery."

In 2008, the project team led by Ms Guy won the Cross Government Collaboration Category of the 2008 Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in the Public Service.

Mr Paterson said that the appointment of Ms Guy would fit with the appointment of an interim board for the peak agency.

"We re-opened nominations for the interim board to extend the range of people we believe we need-especially in the areas of youth services," he said.

"Josie will be hitting the ground running – and part of her task will be to work with the interim board to design the structure of the final organisation so it will represent Aboriginal people across the NT."

Ms Guy said the new job would be a huge challenge.

"It is a great honour to be able to work for our people at such a senior role," she said. "The new Aboriginal community controlled agency will be at the heart of a new deal for children, youth and families, and I look forward to working with our people across the Territory to build a strong, vibrant representative body."

Employment project in south Brisbane



AN Indigenous employment project is helping prepare up to 50 Indigenous Australians in south Brisbane for jobs in administration, horticulture and retail. The project, called 'Gulgan Yanbi – Walking a Different Path', allows Indigenous people to learn

about modern business practices. It provides them with long-term job opportunities.

Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib said that at the end of 12 months, participants would receive a Certificate II in Business that covers customer service, workplace communication and business technology.

"With the assistance of local Indigenous mentors, participants will also complete pre-employment and on-the-job training to prepare them for full-time work," he said.

Comment sought on Roe Highway plan



LOCAL people have been invited to comment on a proposed extension of the Roe Highway in southern Perth. WA Transport Minister Troy Buswell said a 12-week public comment period would give an opportunity for community input into the preferred

concept design and the proposed management of environmental impacts. He said work on the proposal had already included extensive talks, including Aboriginal heritage consultation.

A community information day will be held on Saturday, 30 July. For more details or to buy copies of the proposal, contact South Metro Connect on 1800 132 572.



A group photo of people at the Grafton Sorry Day event.

Grafton hosts event



ABOUT 60 Bundjalung, Yaegl and Gumbaingirr people were represented at a Sorry Day celebration organised by Abcare Coffs

Harbour. The community event, in the northern NSW city of Grafton, was supported by the local Family and Community Services office and Sea Parks Grafton.

There was a welcome from Grafton Elder Herbert Durox and speech by Coffs Harbour Elder Daphne Flanders before participants had a barbecue lunch.

● **Left: From left, Cheryl Anderson (foster care co-ordinator, Abcare Coffs Harbour), Bundjalung Elder Herbert Durox (welcome to country, Grafton), CEO of Grafton FACS Debbie Cornale, Gumbaingirr Elder Daphne Flanders (response to welcome to country, Coffs Harbour), CEO of Abcare Coffs Harbour Garry Matthews and Abcare Coffs Harbour foster care support worker Fallon Frail.**

Budget boost for education



THE Queensland Government announced major funding for the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), especially for education, in the recent State Budget.

Labor Member for Cook Jason O'Brien said the Government was committed to ensuring Torres Strait and NPA children received the best facilities and resources possible.

He said the Tagai State College – Mer Campus would be wholly relocated, with the Government spending \$28.4 million on a new facility.

"\$1.46 million will be also spent this year towards building a new kindergarten at the Tagai State College, Badu Island Campus," Mr O'Brien said.

"Kindergartens are a child's introduction to education and for that reason it's critically important we provide the kids with a first-class learning environment.

"Tagai State College's Darnley Island, Dauan Island, Kubin, Mabuag, Poruma and St Pauls campuses will

also receive significant funding boosts."

The Government has also allocated \$262,000 for a multi-purpose sport shelter at the NPA College – Bamaga Junior campus.

Other funding included:

● \$10 million for a new police station on Badu Island;

● \$260,000 to the NPA Regional Council to construct an all-abilities playground and purpose built recreational area for all children;

● \$113,000 to provide the community of Ugar Island, Darnley Island and Yorke Island with a subsidised connecting helicopter service to Horn Island when the ferry is unavailable due to bad weather;

● \$1.8 million across far north Queensland for capacity building and ongoing maintenance of water and sewerage assets of Torres Strait councils at a total cost of \$14.4 million;

● \$2.92 million in the NPA for the operation and maintenance of water assets, including the reticulation system and treatment plant at a total cost of \$16.85 million;

● \$570,000 to assist remote Indigenous communities prepare for the impacts of extreme weather which may result from climate change, at a total of \$2 million;

● \$5 million for a special integrated facility to deliver chronic disease management;

● \$6.4 million to provide assistance to low-skilled workers, those disadvantaged in the labour market and to support the Queensland Green Army strategy;

● \$120,000 towards implementation of a skills formation strategy to assist in the North Queensland community to develop industry and support regional development;

● \$5.54 million to continue the engagement of Aboriginal rangers in Cape York Peninsula and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Mr O'Brien said the Cook electorate would receive \$10 million towards recovery and reconstruction projects, and this included \$7.77 million for the NPA and \$6.82 million for the Torres Strait.

The Jack Cusack Lecture
Named for one of CSIRO's longest serving Indigenous staff members. A Walpiri man raised on the Tiwi Islands Jack Cusack was an expert botanist and worked out of the CSIRO Darwin laboratory from the early 1970s until his retirement in 2002. Celebrating NAIDOC Week 2011

Change - the Next Step Is Ours
with Dr Cass Hunter, CSIRO



Dr Cass Hunter comes from north Queensland's Kuku-Yalanji people. Growing up in regional places provided the landscape to help her develop an interest in caring for and understanding our environment. Dr Hunter held a CSIRO Indigenous cadetship while an undergraduate, and her later PhD took her to CSIRO's Hobart laboratory. Her post-doctoral work explores the impact that exposure to threats, including climate change, has on marine life in the Torres Strait.

CSIRO's Dr Cass Hunter will deliver the 2011 Jack Cusack Lecture, exploring the NAIDOC Week theme 'Change - the next step is ours.'

Friday 8 July 2011 CSIRO Discovery - Canberra

Admission free. RSVP essential. Register your seat at:

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Transport
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Princes Highway Foxground and Berry bypass.

The RTA is proposing to upgrade the Princes Highway from Toolijooa Road, south of Gerringong to Schofields Lane, south of Berry (the Foxground and Berry bypass).

An Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment will be undertaken for this project and may result in the RTA:

- Undertaking investigations in accordance with the Code of practice for archaeological investigations in NSW, and/or
- Undertaking an environmental assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

The RTA invites Aboriginal people and/or Aboriginal groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects(s) and/or place(s) in the Foxground and Berry bypass project area, to register with the RTA to be consulted. The project has been engaging with Aboriginal stakeholders since 2006, existing stakeholders do not need to re-register.

An Aboriginal focus group meeting will be held in Gerringong on 14 July 2011.



To register your interest, please contact:
Agnes Donovan, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor,
PO Box 477,
WOLLONGONG NSW 2520
or call 02 4221 2767.

Registrations must be received by **Wednesday 13 July 2011.**

Badu plays host to this



On the commentary box verandah were, from left, carnival organiser Wayne Guivarra, league legend Artie Beetson and Sea Swift representatives Bruce Ranga and Ken Marquis.



A group of spectators enjoying the action.

Players from Badu United and Argun Warriors bond after a game.



These youngsters helped clean the ground before playing a game.



Relaxing after an Island of Origin game were, from left, Keiji Bowie, Boyd Ahmat and Jordan Ketchell.



Every woman, man and his dog on the field during one of the games



At a free breakfast put on for visitors were, from left, Diane Ronsen and Moira Hosea, both of St Pauls Moa Island, and Densen Misi, from Bamaga.

year's Island of Origin



A men's Island of Origin game under way in front of the commentary box on Badu Island.



George Bagiri, left, and Anthony Joseph, from Goemu Bau Raiders, after a game.

Top football at carnival

Story and photos by ALF WILSON



THE 26th Sea Swift Island of Origin rugby league carnival held on Badu Island this month was a great success, with spectators travelling from around the Torres Strait.

Held from 8-10 June, the carnival saw five men's teams and three women's sides battle it out for honours.

Three of the men's teams were from the host island with the others representing Moa Island and Mabuyag island.

Players came from as far away as Townsville, Ayr, Tully, Cairns and Boigu Island near Papua New Guinea.

Special guests at the Origin were former Test stars Arthur Beetson and Sam Backo, along with Northern Pride players including former North Queensland Cowboys' Ty Williams and Rod Jensen.

It was an alcohol-free event where a healthy lifestyle was encouraged.

Badu Island councillor and chief carnival organiser Wayne Guivarra told the crowd that a zero-tolerance to alcohol was in place at the ground.

"And if anybody wants to have a smoke, they should go out the back away from everybody," he said.

There were many stalls around the ground and a selection of great food on offer. A free breakfast provided for all visitors hit the spot.

TSIMA Radio Station 4MW did live broadcasts around the Torres Strait, and NITV was there to film the action.

Games will be shown on NITV starting during NAIDOC Week celebrations next fortnight.



● ABOVE: Media personality Sonia Townson, left, with Northern Pride players including former Cowboys Ty Williams and Rod Jensen walked around ground selling raffle tickets for this autographed jumper.



● LEFT: Hot work ... League legends Artie Beetson, left, and Sam Backo at the presentation.

Many of the players and spectators from other islands travelled to Badu by powered dinghies.

The *Koori Mail* saw scores of players and spectators leaving Thursday Island in such 'Kingswoods', as they are known in the Torres Strait. Some had come over

from mainland Bamaga and stopped off at TI. The occasion allowed local families to watch the footy and catch up with many visitors they hadn't seen since the previous year.

● See a full report and more photos in our sports section on pages 84-85.



Sundown Sirens players with arm injuries after day two were Jaimee Eales, left, and Nancy Sagigi.



Players from women's grand finalists Sundown Sirens and Bau Au Stingers congratulate each other after the game.



Local juniors on the field during a break.

NT health centres gain accreditation



FOUR Aboriginal health centres in the Northern Territory have gained accreditation from the Royal College of General Practitioners. The health centres are located at Ampilatwatja, Mutitjulu, the Urapuntja service in Alice Springs and Mpwellerre at Santa Teresa.

The Pintupi Homelands Health Service received its accreditation for the second year running.

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory

(AMSANT) chief executive John Paterson congratulated the services.

"The news that Ampilatwatja Health Centre joined four other Northern Territory Aboriginal health services in gaining accreditation to Royal College of General Practitioners standards is great news for the bush," he said.

"To get their accreditation (they) had to meet the same standards as medical practices in the leafy suburbs of Canberra or Sydney.

"The standards are set by the Royal College of General



JOHN PATERSON

Practitioners, and mean that the services are put through their paces in meeting clinical and

administrative standards.

"To achieve these standards involves a huge effort from the staff and boards of management of the services, and as you can imagine is all the harder getting across the line in very remote settings.

"The AMSANT family sends its congratulations to each of the health services on the achievements."

Ampilatwatja CEO David Smith said getting the accreditation was a huge source of pride for the health service, and for the Aboriginal board that runs it.

"It was 12 pretty hard months and it just couldn't have been done without the solid support of the board," he said.

"We still face huge problems here without a full-time doctor, for example, but that hasn't lessened our enthusiasm and commitment to get the best possible service we can to our people.

"A special mention must be given to our chairperson, Cigarette Morton, for his continued support through the whole process.

"It's another win for Aboriginal community controlled health."

'Weed' risk highlighted

Cross-cultural liaison officer for the Far Northern Police Region, Sgt Stephen Tillett, ran an information stall along with Acting Snr Sgt Scott Pottle.



By ALF WILSON



THE dangers of smoking cannabis were highlighted during the Island of origin carnival on Badu Island earlier this month.

Cross-cultural liaison officer for the Far Northern Police Region Sgt Stephen Tillett ran an information stall along with Acting Snr Sgt Scott Pottle.

Over the loud speaker during the carnival, Badu councillor Wayne Guivarra warned of the dangers of the drug, often referred to as gunja or weed.

"It is no good for you, don't go near it," Cr Guivarra said.

Sgt Tillett said the Queensland Police Service (QPS) began the 'Weed It Out' project in 2007 with the aim of reducing the harm associated with cannabis use in Indigenous communities across Cape York and the Torres Strait regions through community engagement, education, supply reduction and crime prevention.

The region-wide project began under a shared responsibility agreement (SRA) to perform consultations and conduct the project in the two regions negotiated between the QPS, Regional Organisation of Cape York Councils (ROCYC) and Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC).

The current funding arrangement expires tomorrow, 30 June. The project, currently funded by the Department of Health and Aging, aims to reduce harm associated with cannabis use in Indigenous

communities across Cape York and Torres Strait regions.

Consistent with the National Illicit Drugs Strategy in addressing Indigenous needs to deal with problems related to drug misuse and partnered with James Cook University (JCU), CYCP community awareness and education programs have been aimed at changing community attitudes towards cannabis use.

In collaboration with JCU research into patterns of cannabis use, data has been collated, with the findings to be presented to community members in a culturally appropriate manner.

In terms of reducing cannabis availability, 'Weed It Out' has resulted in seizures totalling 45kgs of cannabis destined for Cape York and Torres Strait communities.

Since the project began, police said there have been no reported cases of amphetamine substances being supplied to Cape York and Torres Strait communities.

This reduced availability of cannabis is expected to directly

improve the health and lifestyles for local people.

The project is also believed to have had an impact on people's attitudes toward crime in these communities. Crime prevention strategies have been implemented, with a focus on promotion of Crimestoppers and general reporting of drug-related crime.

Police said the effect of the strategy had been significant, with a 6900 per cent increase in community reports of drug-related crime in Cape York and Torres Strait communities since 2006.

'It is no good for you, don't go near it'

One-stop shop for Badu Island



THE Queensland Government says parents living on Badu Island now have access to a new 'one-stop shop' offering a range of child-related health services.

Local MP Jason O'Brien welcomed the free clinic, to be held once a week, with a doctor

attending for the morning session.

There will also be a drop-in centre giving mothers a chance to discuss any issues they may be having with new-born babies.

"The clinic is free and no appointment is required. Parents only need to turn up with their baby, baby book and can bring other children," Mr O'Brien said.

He said delivery of the health

and well-being related programs through a new leased premises in the village had been well received by residents. "Because the new venue is separate to the primary health care centre and doesn't get tied up by having to deal with acute-care situations, residents find the programs and clinics offered are more accessible and there's less waiting time," he said.

Conference gets to heart of solutions



REDUCING heightened risk factors is key to cutting the incidence of cardiovascular conditions among

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, a major conference of heart health professionals heard earlier this month.

"We need to look at both primary and secondary prevention," Indigenous doctor Professor Alex Brown told about 150 cardiologists, cardiovascular nurses, researchers and scientists at the second Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ) Indigenous Cardiovascular Health Conference in Alice Springs on 16 June.

The aim of the three-day gathering was to identify population-wide approaches to reducing the impact of heart disease and related conditions on Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori people.

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who suffer and die from cardiovascular disease at much higher rates than other Australians.

Almost one in eight Indigenous people have a long-term heart or related condition and the number of Indigenous deaths from CVD is more than three times that of non-Indigenous people in Australia.

The higher prevalence is attributed to a range of risk factors, from those most commonly recognised such as behavioural problems like smoking and poor nutrition, through to increasingly understood psycho-social factors such as social isolation and depression.

Prof Brown, who co-convened the conference, said that reducing the gap between Indigenous and other Australians was a national priority in the context of health reform within Australia.

"Whilst the health disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is



Conference co-convenors Prof Alex Brown and Dr Leonard Kritharides and Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon.

frequently documented, little is known about how best to close the gap in life expectancy," he said.

"Heart disease alone contributes about one third of the life-expectancy gap, so this must be our first target in the fight to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations."

Tom Calma, the national Co-ordinator of the Federal Government program to reduce smoking and its impacts amongst Indigenous Australians, spoke at the conference about Indigenous-specific quit programs.

He said high rates of smoking among Indigenous Australians (one in two Indigenous Australians is a smoker, which is almost three times the rate of other Australians) was a factor inextricably linked to high rates of chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease.

"We urgently need to make some

real inroads into this problem as generalised anti-smoking campaigns fail to have impact with Indigenous people," he said.

Vicki Wade, from the Heart Foundation's National Aboriginal Health Unit, spoke about culturally aware hospital care for Indigenous people having heart attacks.

Disparities

Ms Wade detailed a Heart Foundation report last year that recommended ways to address disparities in hospital care for Indigenous people, including making hospitals accountable for providing culturally safe environments, introducing compulsory cultural training for clinicians and hospital staff, and increasing the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in public hospitals.

The conference also heard about a New Zealand preventative health campaign which had significantly improved take-up of cholesterol lowering medication among Maori and Pacific Island men.

The One Heart Many Lives campaign was developed to spread the messages that such men died up to 14 years earlier than others, but could make lifestyle changes to close that gap.

The campaign was taken to places 'where men are' – workplaces, tertiary institutions, even prisons. And women – mothers, wives and daughters – were targeted by the campaign as key influencers to get their men checked.

Prof Brown said that by convening such a gathering of heart health experts 'we are ensuring that we move forward in this battle with purpose and action'.

Diabetics face more mental problems



DIABETICS are more likely to suffer mental health

problems than those without the disease, research shows.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) says 42 per cent of diabetic adults suffered medium to very high levels of psychological distress compared with 32 per cent of non-sufferers between 2007 and 2008.

Diabetic patients admitted to hospital during that period were also found to be more likely to have some sort of mental health condition than other patients. "Substance use disorder, dementia/Alzheimer's disease and depression were the most common mental health conditions also recorded for people hospitalised with diabetes," the report said.

The research also found a link between poor mental health and diabetics who smoked.

"People with diabetes, who were also current smokers, were more likely to have a mental disorder and more likely to have medium, high or very high levels of psychological distress than those with diabetes who were not current smokers," the AIHW said.

More than 800,000 adults are estimated to have diabetes, while more than four million suffer from psychological distress.

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More people getting help they need, report finds



MANY more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are now getting the prescription

medicines they need, along with tailored advice and assistance, according to an independent report. The improvement is being credited to the QUMAX (Quality Use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples) program operating in Aboriginal community controlled health services (ACCHSs).

"The report, available on Department of Health and Ageing website, shows the QUMAX program has been an unprecedented success in increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's access to medicines," said National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) chairman Justin Mohamed.

The report, by Urbis Pty Ltd, covers the QUMAX Program's operation since November 2008.

"In a six-month period, the number of medicines dispensed



JUSTIN MOHAMED

to clients of urban and regional Aboriginal community controlled health services rose by 14 per cent and outstripped the increase in medicines dispensed to all other Australians, by a factor of at least five times. This increase has also exceeded the increase seen in remote areas under the Section 100 scheme by a factor of seven.

"Access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is significantly less than that for other

Australians. For every \$1 spent by non-Aboriginal Australians on PBS medicines, only 60 cents is spent on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

"We aim to ensure that Aboriginal peoples have access to the PBS at least equal to that of other Australians."

NACCHO and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia jointly developed and manage the QUMAX Program. The Federal Government funded it under the fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement.

The QUMAX Program involved 69 Aboriginal community controlled health services in rural, regional and urban areas with strong participation by community pharmacists and Aboriginal consumers. More than 540 pharmacies took part. Nearly 34,000 Aboriginal patients were registered to the program, and pharmacists dispensed 271,000 medicines where the PBS co-payment was waived. Since 1 July 2010 the co-payment has been covered under the Closing the Gap PBS Co-payment measure.

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Toolboxes on way to sheds



TOOLBOXES containing health promotion material will soon be sent to men's sheds around the country.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon and Australian Men's Shed Association patron Tim Mathieson unveiled the toolboxes during Men's Health Week recently.

The toolboxes contain promotional material such as carpenter's pencils, tape measures and magnetic clips which feature health messages.

"These are actual metal toolboxes that will contain a combination of health promotion materials featuring resources suitable to a shed environment," Mr Snowdon said.

As well, Mr Snowdon launched a new report which suggested that many men remain at risk of poor health.

The report was conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and funded by the Australian Government.

"These toolboxes are a timely reminder for men to address some of the very serious issues raised in AIHW's 'The Health of Australian

Males report', the Minister said.

"This report shows some disturbing data, including that less than five per cent of males eat sufficient fruit and vegetables and two-thirds of adult males are overweight or obese.

"Men need to make a difference to their own health by taking positive health action – now.

"Eat more fruit and vegetables, lose weight, exercise more, think about your mental health and see your GP regularly – this is the call to action for Australian men as part of this year's Men's Health Week."

Chronic

The AIHW report found that nearly one-third of Australian men had a chronic health condition such as cancer or diabetes; and they made fewer GP visits than women. Only 40 per cent of men discuss healthy lifestyle issues with health professionals.

This year's National Men's Health Week ran from 13 June to 19 June. The toolkits will be available from September 2011.

The AIHW report is available to download at:

http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/phe/141/aihw_20110614_12928.pdf

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The Queen & I 2011, HD video, line animation by Douglas Watkin (director/producer), commissioned for the GoMA exhibition *Land, Sea and Sky: Contemporary Art of the Torres Strait Islands*, with the support of Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

Torres Strait focus of 'Land, Sea and Sky'

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



BRISBANE-based film-maker Douglas Watkin has re-created the story of how his parents met in his most recent work *The Queen & I*, part of the new exhibition at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) which opens this week.

The GoMA exhibition *Land, Sea and Sky: Contemporary Art of the Torres Strait Islands* is part of a precinct-wide focus on the art and culture of the Torres Strait, with the State Library of Queensland (SLQ), the Queensland Museum and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) also staging their own events and exhibitions.

Watkin, whose grandmother is from Erub, and also has family ties to Badu Island, was born in Cairns, and says *The Queen & I* is based on his father's story.

"He used to be in the army and for one of his duties he was called in to be a driver for the Queen's cavalcade during her visit to Cairns in 1954," he said.

"That's the premise of the film. The sub-plot is how my father met my mother, so there's a romantic hook thrown into the storyline.

"He was the only blackfella in the Queen's cavalcade, so that brought him to my mother's attention.

"Dad was only 19 and Mum was about 17. They were just kids growing up, and this would have been a feather in his cap to try and woo Mum."

Queensland Art Gallery/GoMA associate curator of Indigenous Australian art Bruce McLean said *Land, Sea and Sky* was an 'enormous exhibition'.

With more than 200 works by 58 artists, it was the biggest Indigenous exhibition with a geographical focus ever done at the gallery, he said.

"It's definitely one of the largest geographical survey shows that's ever been done anywhere in the country," he said. "And then with what's happening at the Queensland Museum and the State Library, it's almost that size again."

McLean said some major new works had been commissioned for the exhibition, from people who weren't necessarily regarded as artists in the strictest sense, such as those working in dance, film-making and architecture.

Watkin's *The Queen & I* is one of the



Pearling lifestyle 2004, linocut printed in black ink from one block, ed. of 35, by Joey Laifoo and Theo Tremblay (printer).

commissioned works for the show, and is described as 'a moving graphic novel', which includes sections of animation.

McLean said Brisbane-based Torres Strait Islander architect Kevin O'Brien had made the entrance work for the exhibition using marine floats, which washed up on the beaches of the Torres Strait and were then used by locals to decorate houses or trees along the foreshore.

"(O'Brien) has created an installation using those trees as a metaphor for his family tree, tracing back to two of the islands," he said.

Another element of the *Land, Sea and Sky* exhibition comes from the Ghost Net Project, which conducts workshops across the Top End, teaching people how to make utilitarian objects like bags and baskets, as well as sculptures, out of discarded or lost fishing nets washed up on beaches throughout the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Torres Strait.

"The nets float around and often wipe out large parts of the marine eco-systems – sharks and dugongs – which are really important to the Torres Strait," McLean said.

"Also, endangered species of turtles and fish get caught up in the nets."

Another issue was the danger of the nets getting tangled up in people's propellers, potentially leaving them stranded at sea.

"So it's quite a major statement, bringing those ghost nets to people's attention through art," McLean said.

It was also a form of recycling and kept the costs of production down.

"The rubbish is turned into something that people can use in their daily lives," he said, referring to the bags and baskets.

"A lot of people have only just begun creating art as well. And when they sell things as art, the prices are usually lower, because it is a recycled waste product."

McLean said the significance of dance to Torres Strait culture was also being celebrated, with objects like the dhoeri/dari (head-dresses), the articulated dance machines (zamiyakal) and masks on show, accompanied by films to contextualise the objects, along with a large performance program.

"Some of the works will be taken off the wall, performed with and then put back onto the wall, to show that these objects do have another life, they come out of a living culture," he said.

Other commissioned works include a 7.5m x 53m mural by Alick Tipoti depicting the shovel-nosed shark's creation of the Milky Way.

Photographer and video maker Destiny Deacon has created a major new assemblage juxtaposing historic film footage taken on Erub in 1899, with contemporary photos.

McLean said Deacon had used one of the oldest films made in Queensland, which showed people from Erub, the island Deacon's descended from, offering gifts of bananas to a visiting dignitary.

"Nobody is identified except the visiting dignitary and the white care-takers and she's re-cut the film to put more emphasis on the Erubam Le people within the film, and wondering if any of those people are her relatives," McLean said. "She's also done a series of contemporary photos, looking at people in Melbourne, looking at the diaspora from the Torres Strait. Those people are identified and identifiable, so she's recontextualising how people are seen now, versus in the late 1800s."

Land, Sea and Sky runs at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art from this Friday, 1 July, until 9 October. Many of the featured artists will be speaking as part of the cross-precinct opening weekend celebration this Saturday and Sunday (2-3 July). For more info visit www.tsi.org.au For more on the GoMA exhibition go to www.qag.qld.gov.au



Ceremonial Dhoeri, 2008, cane, bamboo, string with natural pigments, bees wax, shell, seed, eagle, heron and pheasant feathers by George Nona.



Kaygasiw-Usul (Trail of dust underwater created by the shovel nose shark) . . . Milky way, (detail), 2011, mural commissioned for *Land, Sea and Sky* by Alick Tipoti.



Ghost Net Basket (detail), 2011 by Mahnah Angela Torenbeek.

Emerging producers are in demand



EMERGING Indigenous producers are in demand, with several new positions being created in both Queensland and New South Wales. Two new roles have been created at Queensland Theatre Company and QPAC,

which are supported by the Australia Council.

Both roles are full-time for 18 months and applications close on Monday 18 July. The roles will include an industry mentorship aspect, as well as opportunities for increasing professional networks nationally and internationally.

For details on the Queensland Theatre Company position, go to www.queenslandtheatre.com.au/company/employment/ and for the QPAC position go to www.qpac.com.au/careers/jobs/

Applicants are welcome to apply for both roles, and interviews will be conducted from 27 July.

Meanwhile, Performance Space at CarriageWorks in Sydney is also looking for an emerging Indigenous producer, who will work from July 2011 to December 2012, with applications closing 5pm this Friday, 1 July.

For more information go to www.performancespace.com.au/2010/work-with-us/

Queensland Theatre Company artistic director Wesley Enoch said there was a national trend towards more Indigenous performance.

"The Sydney Opera House and Performing Lines are also looking at engaging Indigenous producers in the next few months", he said.



Uncle Larry, by John Sones of Singing Bowl Media.

Footscray to host 'Blak Side Story'



FOOTSCRAY Community Arts Centre will launch a new multi-media exhibition tomorrow night called 'Blak Side Story', which explores contemporary

Aboriginal identity.

As part of the exhibition development, traditional owners, Elders and community members from Melbourne's west were invited to share a story of significance, and to answer the question: 'What does it mean to you to be Aboriginal?'

These stories were then filmed and sewn together, resulting in a 'digital quilt' which is viewed on interactive display screens and online through the project's website.

'Blak Side Story' is the result of a seven-month project produced by Footscray Community Arts Centre in partnership with Moondani Balluk (Victoria University's Indigenous Academic Unit) and Boon Wurrung Cultural Foundation (founded by Boon Wurrung Elder Auntie Carolyn Briggs).

Footscray Community Arts Centre Indigenous programs producer and local artist Paola Balla worked with artists Tamsin Sharp and John Sones, of visual media production company Singing Bowl Media, to develop the exhibition in conjunction with Elders and community members. The exhibition and website www.blaksidestory.com will be launched at Footscray Community Arts Centre at 6pm tomorrow, 30 June.

The new exhibition runs from 1 July-28 August, with opening hours Tuesday-Sunday, 9.30am-5pm.

Artist leads way at Laura

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WHILE Donna Cobus considers herself a contemporary artist, her paintings are steeped in tradition.

They're now an integral part of her family's story-telling tradition, handed down to her by her mother and then reconstructed on to the canvas.

It is not always a simple process, Cobus maintains, but one that merges the best of two worlds – modern art and traditional Aboriginal lore.

Last week, Cobus took out the coveted Cape York Leading Art Award at the 2011 19th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival with a cash prize of \$5000. The nod from her peers – including contemporary Aboriginal artist Brenda Croft – has now given Cobus the confidence to continue creating her one-of-a-kind pieces as well as the financial backing to support it.

"I'm from the Guugu Yimithirra Nation and we're from Hopevale," she said. "My mum still lives there and she has played a pivotal role in our family. You could say she's our matriarch, she is the inspiration for my life."

"I paint in a contemporary style and my mother hands down the stories for me to paint, that's how we keep our stories alive. These stories are so important because they reflect our ancestors lives as they lived them all those years ago, they give their lives meaning."

While raising five children with ten grandchildren, Cobus was studying criminology when she was struck down with heart failure. Forced to slow down and reassess her life, she picked up a paintbrush for the first time in years and started to record the stories of her mother and the Guugu Yimithirra nation. What she experienced was not only a healing process but a cultural rejuvenation.

"When my mother was 17 she said to herself 'I don't want this life any more' – she was a slave to the mission wives – and ran away with my father to the Northern Territory. She was never content to just accept things as they were, she was a very strong person," Cobus said. "Mum was enslaved but she broke those shackles and escaped."

Cobus believes that while there is a place for all kinds of art, there's a special significance in art for cultural continuance.

"Art's been good for me, it's been healing, it also helps to think about the past and how our people struggle. It's so important to carry on these stories so no



Artist Donna Cobus, winner of the Cape York Leading Art Award ... "Art's been good for me, it's been healing, it also helps to think about the past and how our people struggle. It's so important to carry on these stories so no one forgets that Australia has a black history."

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Cobus says that while many stories have a dark and tragic history, they can serve as important lessons in the fight for Aboriginal rights.

"Many of our stories come from a tragic past," she said.

"My own grandmother was Stolen Generation, she was taken when she was four years old. And my brother was taken when he was little to work on an outstation. I didn't see him until many years later when he escaped and found his way back to us."

"You've got to know where you come from but it doesn't mean you've got to become a tragic figure, you become strong from these stories."

"It gives me a sense of purpose, it verifies and confirms the past and gives me a sense of pride for what our ancestors went through."

Cobus knows the beauty of art is that people will interpret each work in their own way, but she also hopes they take away some important lessons.

"Our ancestors were humble and gentle people who roamed the earth and were custodians to the land. We must be too," she says.

"One of the main messages I hope to impart is to listen to the old people, they hold so much wisdom."

Cobus also wants more young people to take up creative arts to maintain their culture.

"You must use these stories to inspire yourself and display it in whatever art form – whether through writing it down or drawing or painting," she said.

"I'd like to engage more young Indigenous people to take up art and never feel shame about it and to spend their money on canvas and paints, not on alcohol and drugs."

Wandjina case win



THE NSW Land and Environment Court has upheld a decision by Blue Mountains City Council to remove a controversial stone sculpture depicting Wandjina spirits from the grounds of a Katoomba art gallery.

In his submission to the court, Worrorra Elder and senior lawman Donny Woolagoodja said the sculpture was 'a caricature of the Wandjina spirit', which is sacred to the Worrorra, Wunumbal and Ngarinyin peoples of the Kimberley region in Western Australia. "Its presence mocks and denigrates the spiritual beliefs of the Worrorra people," he said. "It exemplifies the racial and religious intolerance of those responsible for the sculpture and their contempt for our religious and spiritual beliefs."

The sculpture was commissioned by gallery owners Vesna and Damir Tenodi and the creation and public display of Wandjinas, (or creation spirits) by non-Aboriginal people without any consultation has attracted strong



Worrorra Elder Donny Woolagoodja and local Dhurug man from Katoomba Chris Tobin with the Wandjina sculpture. Photo by Rein Van de Ruit

criticism, described as deeply distressing and offensive to the traditional custodians and local Aboriginal groups of the Blue Mountains.

The council refused a development application by the Tenodis to situate the sculpture on the verge of their Katoomba premises. They appealed this decision

and the matter was heard in the NSW Land and Environment Court in Katoomba on 20 June.

The Arts Law Centre of Australia filed a submission opposing the sculpture on the grounds that it had been created and displayed in defiance of the wishes of the local traditional owners.

Arts Law argued that its ongoing public display in Katoomba was a public expression of racial, cultural and religious intolerance and, as such, had a substantial adverse social impact.

Arts Law executive director Robin Ayres welcomed the upholding of the council decision for the removal of the sculpture.

"This matter has highlighted the current gaps in legal protection afforded by intellectual property laws to Indigenous culture," she said.

"Given this inadequacy, it is important that planning processes by developers and councils take into consideration the impact of disrespectful use of Indigenous culture, particularly around public art."

Bundjalung culture on fabric

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL women artists from Bundjalung country in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales will head south to Sydney this week for an exhibition they hope will put their work on the map.

Fabric of our Culture, opening at Boomalli Aboriginal Art Gallery in Leichhardt on Saturday afternoon, will feature contemporary fibre and textile art created by 16 Bundjalung and other artists in three groups – People of the Reeds at Cabbage Tree Island, the Saltwater Women of Ballina and Wake-Up Time Group from Casino.

The show will be the culmination of six months of work on quilts and wall hangings, a large mural, lamps made with pandanus and palm tree fronds, works made from silk dyed in experimental ways using native plants, and more.

Last week, the *Koori Mail* visited the Cabbage Tree Island art space where the People of the Reeds group has been based about seven of its 20-year existence.

There, we found two of its mainstays, Leanne Anderson and her aunty Fay Anderson, hard at work in the breezy shed, finishing off quilts and wallhangings for the exhibition.

Supported by the local Bunjum Co-operative, the group grew out of a TAFE course about 20 years ago. Since then, its members have created textiles, clothing worn at fashion parades, jewellery, pottery, paintings and more.

Forty-two-year-old Leanne was born and raised at 'Cabbo', as the little community is widely known, and now has three children of her own. Aunty Fay, 63, is a Dunghutti woman from down Kempsey way, who married



Wrapped in their stories, artists Leanne Anderson and Fay Anderson, and Leanne and Fay at the Cabbage Tree Island art space.

a Bundjalung man. She has 18 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The coming exhibition will feature three of Leanne's quilts and one wall hanging, all of them made from cotton and linen that has been tie-dyed and screen printed. Aunty Fay has two batik-based and screen-printed works.

Both women see art as an important means of cultural transmission.

"While we work, we talk about the stories, how it was growing up on Cabbo and other stories from living memory," said Leanne.

"We have a lot of Elders here who have sat down with our young people and passed on their knowledge about the community.

"Recently, we lost one of our respected Elders, Aunty Vivienne Simpson; this exhibition is partly dedicated to her memory and will

include one of her quilts."

Leanne's own work features stories about being on country and going fishing, as well as some more challenging subjects including the experiences of the Stolen Generations and an historical massacre of local Aboriginal people at Angel Beach near Ballina.

Tell stories

Aunty Fay's quilts tell stories about her country around Kempsey, 'up the river'. One is called 'Dubay (women) dancing'.

The quilts and wall hangings are all one-offs.

"No two are the same, and there are lots of stages to making them," said Aunty Fay.

"With my batik, it starts out white and then I dye it two or three times. The last coat will be a darker colour and then it gets boiled off in a big pot with some detergent and ironed."



Using quilts as a medium for their fabrics is new for the Cabbage Tree women. Arts Northern Rivers asked non-Indigenous textile designer and local fashion broker Wendy Powitt for suggestions on how they might take their arts practice further.

"Many of the fabric pieces are quite big and they each tell a story. Cutting into them would mean cutting the story up," Ms Powitt told the *Koori Mail*.

"In order to be respectful to those stories, the products needed to be something that could use the pieces in their entirety so my advice was to make quilts.

"Quilts are becoming very popular throughout the world so I put the suggestion to the community last August and they said 'let's give it a go'."

Leanne said that, while the work of Northern Territory artists

was well known throughout Australia and overseas, "if you go to a big gallery, you don't really see anything about northern NSW".

"We want to change that and get noticed as artists and as painters," she said. "These are our stories about our country. Our culture is still here."

NSW Governor Professor Marie Bashir will officially open *Fabric of our Culture* at 2.30pm on Saturday, 2 July.

Boomalli Aboriginal Arts Gallery is at 55-59 Flood Street, Leichhardt, Sydney and open from Tuesday to Sunday, 11am - 4pm. For more information, go to www.boomalli.com.au.

Fabric of our Culture is an initiative of Arts Northern Rivers also supported by Arts NSW and NSW Department of Trade and Investment, and will run until 30 July.

Cairns exhibition draws on artist's memories of youth



A NEW exhibition at UMI Arts Gallery in north Cairns draws inspiration from the artist's memories growing up in the Aboriginal community of Coen in Cape York where he learned stories, traditions,

about bush foods and the making of artefacts.

Coen Mu... Bidagarra-La, meaning 'From Coen to the Barron River' is Bernard Singleton Jnr's first solo exhibition, and is the culmination of his participation in UMI Arts' Exhibition Ready Program, which helps artists with the 'nuts and bolts' of preparing and presenting works. The exhibition includes traditional and contemporary paintings and artefacts.

Bernard's mother is a Djabuguy woman born in Mona Mona mission and his father is an Umpila/Yirrkandji man from Yarrabah mission.

As a young boy growing up in Coen, Bernard would go fishing, hunting, and

visit cave paintings and sacred sites. He was also involved in returning artefacts and bones to their country with his parents, and enjoyed watching his granddad make wagay (sword) at Oakforest.

Bernard would also sit with his

'These memories and experiences are the reason for what comes out of my head and into my work'

mother's people and watch them make rainforest-swords, shields, boomerangs, throwing sticks, spears, baskets and the like.

"These memories and experiences are the reason for what comes out of my head and into my work," he said.

"I now carry on the traditional practices

of my people by making artefacts, painting traditional stories and animals on canvas using acrylic and ochre.

"From the old traditional creation stories, and the simple sunset paintings, to the many artefacts I make, I try to keep to detail as much as I can.

"I love being able to source materials and ideas from the bush. I appreciate nature and hopefully that comes through in my artwork.

"My artwork captures the knowledge I gained over the years and it compliments the appreciation I have for my culture, the nature and the ways of my forefathers."

The *Coen Mu... Bidagarra-La* exhibition runs until Friday 29 July at the UMI Arts gallery, 335 Sheridan Street, north Cairns, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm.

For more information, visit www.umiarts.com.au

● Pictured right: *Bidadji* by Bernard Singleton Jnr.



Designs on award

Kiwirrkura Art Centre architects win praise



ARCHITECTS who designed an Aboriginal art centre in one of the most rugged and remote parts of the country are in the running for a prestigious national award.

Papunya Tula Artists Pty Ltd, for whom the Kiwirrkura Art Centre was built, last week congratulated architects Tangentyere Design for taking out the Indigenous Community Architecture Award at the recent 2011 NT Architecture Awards. The Alice Springs-based firm is now in the finals of the National Architecture Awards, to be announced in Hobart this November.

With a population of up to 350 at any given time, Kiwirrkura is in Western Australia's Gibson Desert and about nine hours' drive from Alice Springs. A traditional homeland for the Pintubi people, its artists are part of a thriving art movement that supports autonomy and well-being for thousands of Western Desert people and seen as integral to the success of the Papunya Tula Artists co-operative.

The art centre project transformed a disused storeroom into a practical and iconic civic



Papunya Tula Artists' award-winning Kiwirrkura Art Centre features swallow-wing roofs enabling artists to enjoy the winter sun. Inset: The interior studio, soon after the art centre's completion late last year.

space for Kiwirrkura's artists, at least 15 of whom are career artists – painters mostly – with impressive exhibition histories.

The brief was to provide space for them to meet and paint, and for curators to prepare and catalogue works for sale through the Papunya Tula gallery in Alice Springs.

The building's transformation cost about \$650,000, funded by Papunya Tula Artists though the proceeds of art sales.

The existing roof was removed and replaced with a 'butterfly' form: raised and extended to mark the important place of art in the community's cultural and economic livelihood. Inside are

painting areas for men and women, respecting cultural protocols, separated by a double-sided joinery unit for storage and paint preparation.

The award judges observed that the art centre acted as much more. They saw many locals, including artists, who 'came to sit in the verandah spaces under

swallow-wing roofs and overhangs' that capture breezes, provide heat extraction and 'allows natural light into the two lofty internal studio spaces'.

"Considering its isolated and harsh context, the building is robust," the judges said. "And (it) will continue to play a central function for the continuing evolution of Papunya Tula Artists and the community's social interaction, well into the future."

Papunya Tula Artists manager Paul Sweeney said the art centre had become a focus for an activity that was a 'lifeblood' of the community.

"It's a special cultural hub that people gather around," he told the *Koori Mail*. "One of the great design facets is that it has a variety of different spaces and areas to both work and socialise in.

"It was basically just a box divided in two halves, one of which was used to store tools. We knocked out the central section of the wall, and re-roofed it with a roof that allows the sun to enter into the building during winter and put a verandah around it, an office and toilet and shower.

"It's quite modest but is well designed and it'll work for Kiwirrkura."

The Kiwirrkura Art Centre represents the final phase of infrastructure upgrades to Papunya Tula Artists' studio and accommodation facilities at Kiwirrkura and Kintore, a couple of hundred kilometres away.

The art centres make possible the company's ongoing support of a Western Desert dialysis service, the Kintore Pool and many other community activities and events.

Remote art workers on course



EIGHT Indigenous art workers from remote

Northern Territory and Western Australia communities undertook short residencies in some of the country's leading art institutions earlier this month.

The Association of Northern, Kimberley and Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) supports artists and Indigenous art workers in 43 Indigenous-owned art centres across the Top End of the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

The National Gallery of Australia (NGA) in Canberra hosted four ANKAAA art workers from 2-10 June. The Art Gallery of NSW and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney hosted a further four from 8-10 June and 13-15 June respectively.

The residencies were part of the Arts Worker Extension Program,

which offers participants nine months of training and mentoring aimed at extending their skills and industry networks and the chance to share their own knowledge of their culture and art centres with interstate galleries.

"It is really important for our mob to meet and work with the people who are running the

to the people in their communities.

"(And) it is good also for those people in town. If they work together they will understand each other the bush people and the city people.

"...It is important for those young art workers coming up to make their purpose strong, to see the reality of that art, and to be strong in those jobs and art practice.

"This kind of course helps remote people to understand more and extend themselves. For the people from remote areas we are really stirring them around and opening their

visions and their dreams to get into this open world. It is a new pathway opening up for art workers. A new pathway for both sides. That is the point."

The 2010-11 Arts Worker Extension Program has been supported by the NT and Commonwealth governments.

'This kind of course helps remote people to understand more and extend themselves'

mainstream galleries and organisations at those very high levels," said ANKAAA chairman and Madarppa Clan leader, Djambawa Marawili.

"In that way they will have experience of the culture and political languages of the mainstream world and take the message back



Pictured at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) in Canberra earlier this month are, from left, Christina Davidson (CEO ANKAAA), Tina Baum (curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art, NGA), John Saunders (arts administration trainee, ANKAAA), Nici Cumpson (assistant curator of Aboriginal Art, Art Gallery of SA), Vivian Douglas Warlapinni (Tiwi Design, Bathurst Island), Glen Pilkington (curator of Indigenous Art, Art Gallery of WA), Madeleine Challenger (resource and development officer, ANKAAA), Rachael Umbagai (Mowanjam Artists Spirit of the Wandjina), Faith Thompson (Ngukurr Arts Centre). Photo courtesy of ANKAAA

More outrageous stuff from Destiny Deacon



ARTIST Destiny Deacon has always been innovative, cheeky and even outrageous in her photographic, video and performance work, and her latest show at Sydney's Roslyn Oxley Gallery is no exception.

Deacon is known for her ironic perception and for exploring issues such as race, gender and sexuality where she often uses herself as the subject.

In her recent past she's recreated her Brunswick living room for the Museum of Contemporary Art, had Richard Bell and Gary Foley pose in their pyjamas in their kitchens, made videos of herself as a frustrated mother dealing with her son's reluctance to attend school, and generally brought a quirky eye to modern-day life.

Deacon says her activist mother Eleanor Harding was a great inspiration. Her grandparents were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who lived in Maryborough, Queensland, before Eleanor moved to Melbourne and became involved in the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) and other human rights issues of her time.

The show features Deacon's brother John Harding dressed up in various guises for her camera.

"He's a great actor in his own right," she says of her sibling.

In one, he's the sad poignant black maid, 'Trouble', who was jailed for killing her white boss who'd raped her. In another guise, he's a young Aboriginal woman 'waiting for a taxi, who's waited so long she's turned to drink to give herself a lift'.

One of the most memorable is Harding dressed to the nines as a black soul singer, a la James Brown, which Deacon has titled 'Shake it up baby'.

Deacon says she was inspired to have a bit of fun because of all the negative stereotypes stirred up by the NT Intervention.

She took more than 50 different images of her brother acting out the role, which she's put together as a video.

"It's a flicker image of all these still photographs, even though it looks like a video," she explains. "Black men are vilified these days. This image is from the rock and roll era - he's Mr Smooth."

The exhibition is on at Roslyn Oxley, 8 Soudan Lane, Paddington until 9 July, Tuesday through to Saturday, from 10-5pm. - by Margaret Smith

DO YOU WANT TO SCREEN INDIGENOUS FILMS FOR NAIDOC WEEK?

A SCREENING OF INDIGENOUS SHORT FILMS CAN BE A GREAT ADDITION TO NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS OR OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The National Film & Sound Archive's (NFSA) Black Screen Program can supply DVDs free to your community organisation or local council. Each DVD features a selection of contemporary short Indigenous films and is provided on a loan basis.

The NFSA recently released a new Black Screen compile (No 12) with 6 engaging and entertaining films, including Deborah Mailman's *Ralph*, Leah Purcell's *Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wakgun*,

documentaries *Captain of the Team* and *Dancing with the Prime Minister*, and *Wadu Matyidi* (pictured) a short animation and documentary about the Adnyamathanha people and language in South Australia.

For more information visit the NFSA website www.nfsa.gov.au or talk to the Black Screen Coordinator (02 8202 0112) about how we can help you bring Indigenous films to your community.

NATIONAL FILM & SOUND ARCHIVE AUSTRALIA

Artists head to London



EIGHT Aboriginal artists from the Northern Territory's Gulf region will showcase their work next month at the same London gallery that curated the first European solo exhibitions for leading Indigenous artists Clifford Possum, Emily Kngwarrye, Jimmy Pike and Denis Nona.

The featured artists in the London exhibition are all represented by the Warlungku Arts Centre, in the town of Borroloola 960kms south-east of Darwin.

Gallery owner Rebecca Hossack said she had pioneered the introduction of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artwork into the United Kingdom and the work from Borroloola was 'some of the most exciting to come out of Australia in recent years'.

"And I think it is important to introduce the work to a wider audience in Europe," she said.

Participating artists Nancy McDinny and Stewart Hoosan will attend the exhibition opening on 13 July, along with Warlungku manager Peter Callinan and local arts worker Madeline Dirdi.

Waralungku Arts Centre is Aboriginal owned and controlled and represents artists from the four different language groups of the region – Yanyuwa, Garrawa, Mara

and Gurdanji.

Artists involved in the exhibition are Stewart Hoosan, Nancy McDinny, Susan George, Reggie Hoosan, Thelma Dixon, Hazel Godfrey, Martin Davey, Violet Hammer and Norman Kingsley, who recently passed away. They will show work in a variety of mediums, from paintings on linen and prints on paper to wooden sculptures. Their work has been described as 'a reflection of two cultures'.

Travel to London has been made possible with funding from NT Arts, Mabunji, MAWA, the McArthur River



Participating artists Stewart Hoosan and Nancy McDinny who will attend the exhibition opening in central London on 13 July.

Mine Community Benefit Trust and Trade Support Scheme.

The McArthur River Mine Community Benefit Trust has also provided additional funding to be used for furthering international opportunities and partnerships, as well as marketing and website development. For more info, go to www.waralungku.com

Gathering in Bathurst



ABORIGINAL artists and other people interested in the arts are being encouraged to attend a special gathering in Bathurst on 12 July.

Called Maramarra – a Wiradjuri word meaning 'Make, Create, Do' – the event will feature Indigenous art talents found during a series of workshops held across central-western NSW this year.

To be held at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, it'll include an art exhibition, film screenings and live performances.

Organised by Arts OutWest, Maramarra will also feature a free

lunch and buses have been organised to bring people from Wellington, Cowra, Dubbo, Orange, Parkes and Condonbolin.

The event will be officially opened by author Anita Heiss, a Wiradjuri woman. Lead-up workshops in contemporary Aboriginal dance, film and hip-hop music-making and professional development for visual artists were held in Bathurst, Condonbolin, Cowra, Dubbo, Lake Cargelligo, Parkes, Orange and Wellington.

For more information about transport to the event, contact Arts OutWest on (02) 6338 4657 or artsoutwest@csu.edu.au



Leichhardt Mayor Rochelle Porteous, NSW Governor Marie Bashir and Bundjalung artist Bronwyn Bancroft at the official opening of Bancroft's stained glass installation, *Weavings of Light and Life*, on 18 June. The installation forms part of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade in Sydney's inner west.

Bancroft weaves Leichhardt panels



BUNDJALUNG artist Bronwyn Bancroft has drawn on the history of

the original people of the Leichhardt area as inspiration for her stained glass installation *Weavings of Light and Life*, which was officially opened on 18 June.

The installation creates a visual portal to the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre in Sydney and each of the seven panels has a different theme: The land and foreshore; food collection; fishing with hand-made hooks; song lines; kinship; a shield for protection of lands and family; and water – the source of life as found in streams around the area.

This was Bancroft's first foray into using stained glass as a medium, with her original acrylic paintings of the works on paper digitally printed inside the glass.

Each panel weighs 38kgs and is expected to last for 30 years.

● Pictured left: Stained glass installation *Weavings of Light and Life* by Bronwyn Bancroft at the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre.

Conference shapes as an eye-opener



FOUR Carnarvon-based Aboriginal women will host interactive weaving workshops at the West Australian state regional arts conference in Geraldton this September. The conference, which this year has adopted the slogan OPEN YOUR EYES, is held every four years in a different regional centre.

The Jilinbirri Weavers will spend a two-week residency in Geraldton as part of a new \$50,000 Aboriginal project, Seeding the Future, which is a partnership between Country Arts WA and mining company Rio Tinto.

There are three sessions available to conference participants on 14 and 15 September. Workshop participants will use materials

such as banana leaves and trunk fibre, palm fruit stems, sand dune spinifex and copper wire to create an original design.

Exchanges

The \$50,000 Seed the Future project aims to enable cultural exchanges and facilitated meetings to take place, to give the Aboriginal community a focus for determining future projects and collaborations.

There will also be a focus on working directly with mid-west Aboriginal communities to share arts practice, with the aim of inspiring future residencies and cultural exchanges.

A key focus of the Seeding the Future project will be on revitalising cultural links between the mid-west, Kimberley and Gascoyne communities.

The priorities of the project will be engagement with young

people, knowledge exchange and the creation of new opportunities for celebration to guard against this knowledge being lost. These celebrations will form part of the OPEN YOUR EYES program in a broader project in partnership with Yamaji Arts supported by Lotterywest.

For more information about the OPEN YOUR EYES conference go to www.openyoureyes2011.com.au



TAFE students who worked with MCA curator Keith Munro (far right) in selecting artworks for the new exhibition at Port Macquarie's Glasshouse Regional Gallery were, back row from left, Patricia McInherney, Ann Campbell, Eddie Davies, Kerry Hoskins. Front, from left, Ashley Davies, Leah Bale, Kristy Holten, Narelle Toomey, Steven Donovan and Garry Drewson.

Exhibition provides a curating experience



A NEW exhibition at the Glasshouse Regional Gallery in Port Macquarie has provided local TAFE students

studying Aboriginal cultural arts with the experience of curating the show, selecting works from the Museum of Contemporary Art's Indigenous collection.

Working with MCA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs curator Keith Munro, students spent three days in Sydney looking at the MCA collection, making selections and discussing content.

The resulting exhibition, *People of the First Sunrise: Indigenous Art from Eastern Australia*, runs at the Glasshouse until 7 August.

Glasshouse Regional Gallery director Sharni Lloyd said Keith Munro had provided a major link between the MCA and the Port Macquarie region.

"Keith's mentoring skills and

workshop on the theme, styles and content of the MCA Collection with the students, TAFE teacher Jacky Beckhurst, and Glasshouse Gallery staff."

'Keith's mentoring skills and knowledge of the MCA Collection has fostered a strong bond and assurance with the local Aboriginal community and students'

knowledge of the MCA Collection has fostered a strong bond and assurance with the local Aboriginal community and students," she said.

"Keith visited our region, and led a

Ms Lloyd said inclusion of works by Robert Campbell Jnr and Milton Budge ensured local representation within the exhibition, and visits to the Burnt Bridge community in neighbouring Kempsey for meetings with the Campbell family allowed students to view works not usually available to the public.

On 15 July, the Glasshouse Gallery will also host an exhibition of Vernon Ah Kee's work called *Cant Chant*, at which point the entire gallery will be dedicated to Indigenous art.

High notes for TI



THURSDAY Island is hosting the Queensland Music Festival's opening weekend event on 17 July with Ailan Kores, a free concert which features a community choir from across the Torres Strait performing with the Queensland Youth Orchestra.

QMF artistic director Deborah Conway said the project had been over a year in the making and was of unprecedented scale, with workshops spanning six islands and three language groups.

"The combined choir will feature people from Thursday Island, Iama, Mabuiag, Hammond, Erub and Horn Islands and Bamaga on Cape York performing new and iconic choral works on stage with a symphony orchestra," Ms Conway said.

Music for the concert would include the *Hallelujah Chorus* by Handel and excerpts from the *St John Passion* by Bach.

"Many of these works will be translated into western, central and eastern Torres Strait language groups, as well as Yumplatok, the Torres Strait Creole," Ms Conway said.

Success

Ailan Kores builds on the success of the QMF 2009 event *Hidden Republic*, hailed as the largest performance ever in the Torres Strait. It featured 25 artists from the Black Arm Band, the Queensland Youth Orchestra and an array of local singers and dancers.

Meanwhile, the Australian String Quartet (ASQ) will perform in Weipa, Mapoon, Cairns and Aurukun as part of the Cape York Instrumental Project bringing orchestral and chamber music to remote Queensland.

Ms Conway said there had been 'a leaning toward taking hip hop and rap workshops and performances up to northern Aboriginal communities'.

"We are very aware of the dearth of opportunity for remote communities to access orchestral chamber music," she said.

"We are thrilled to be able to not only introduce different styles of music through this tour, but also to inspire confidence and participation through workshops in each location."

The Queensland Music Festival runs every two years and will see local, national and international talent performing in Brisbane and 33 regional and remote centres from 15-31 July. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/QldMusicFestival

National

3 July: SBS Celebrates NAIDOC Week screening a powerful Indigenous documentary called *Big Fella*, which explores the story of the crippling health affects of diabetes and obesity in Indigenous communities throughout Australia and his battle to stay alive. Details: (02) 9430 3784 or email Julianne.McCormackBrown@sbs.com.au

NAIDOC 2011 Family Day with music, arts and crafts, information stalls, face painting, workshops also a sausage sizzle, art exhibition, jumping castle and more, plus live entertainment. Free and all welcome. Free transport provided. Dates and locations: 8 July: at Southern Cross University, Military Rd, Lismore. 5 July: Gold Coast Beachside Campus (Plaza) Southern Cross Drive, Bilinga. Details: (02) 6620 3955 or email virginia.ingham@scu.edu.au

NAIDOC Week celebrations, an Indigenous community gathering, including flag-raising ceremony and church services, also a cultural day and hall of fame induction. A day of healing expos and sport day, also kids' fun day and disco for the teenagers and an Elders' day, finishing up with NAIDOC street march and corroboree in the park and more. All welcome. 3-5 July: Cnr Kirkwood RD, South Tweed Heads. 6 July: Cnr Heffron St, South Tweed Heads. 7-8 July: Recreation St, Tweed Heads; Curumbin Creek Rd, Curumbin; Brett St and also Wharf St, Tweed Heads. Details: (07) 5536 1763 or (07) 5524 2275

10 July: SBS Celebrates NAIDOC Week screening a powerful Indigenous documentary *Nin's Brother*, which explores a powerful documentary about one Aboriginal family journey to heal their past. Details: (02) 9430 3784 or email Julianne.McCormackBrown@sbs.com.au

NSW-ACT

29 June: Elders' lunch, a community lunch for local Aboriginal Elders and student from local schools. The lunch is an opportunity for young people to yarn with older community members, also featuring performances and dances. Free and all elders and schools students welcome. Held Café Church, Glebe, St Johns Rd, Glebe. Details: email glebesacc@optusnet.com.au

30 June: Lismore Community NAIDOC celebrations for all ages. Featuring welcome to country, music and dance, information store and children's activities, including jumping castle, rides, face paintings and much more. Free and all welcome. Held Heritage Park, Lismore. Details: (02) 6625 0432 or email lee-Ann.emzin@lismore.nsw.gov.au

2 July: Illawarra Regional Awards dinner, bringing the Illawarra together to recognise the contribution made by our people at a local level. All welcome, cost for tickets do apply. Held at Shellharbour Workers Club, Shellharbour. Details: (02) 4221 6093

3-10 July: Celebrating NAIDOC Week in Blacktown City with an arts and culture day featuring a performance by Casey Donovan, face painting, cultural stalls and workshops, art displays, BBQ and much more. Free and all welcome. Held at Nurragingy Reserve, Cusaurina Picnic Area, Knox Road, Doonside. Details: (02) 9839 6439 or bianca.devine@blacktown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

4 July: The National Film & Sound Archive's Black Screen Program in collaboration with ANTAR ACT, invites all to a special screening of *Freedom Rides - 40 Years On*, a film about the 2005 bus tour tracing the nation-changing 1965 tour that exposed racism in Australia. Free and all welcome. Held National Film and Sound Archive, McCoy Circuit, Acton Details: (0417) 197 382

4 July: Redfern NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony, including special guest speakers, entertainment and lunch will be provided. Free and all welcome. Held Redfern Community Centre, 29 Hugo St, Redfern. Details: 02 9288 5713 or email jpitt@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

4-8 July: Hastings celebrations include flag-

raising at Town Green, health, education, employment and training theme days, family fun day at Birpai LALC, short films and sports and recreational activities. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6584 9066 or email birpailalc@midcoast.com.au

5 July: Celebrating NAIDOC Week with Col Hardy, award-winning Indigenous musician and storyteller. Free and all welcome. Booking is essential. Held at The Learning Centre, Dickens Drive, Centennial Parklands, Sydney. Details: (02) 9339 6699

5 July: Traditional Indigenous Games. Join in on the fun; discover the games and play of Indigenous Australian culture. All games are played in a fun, safe environment with the emphasis on participation and the cultural significance of the games. Free and all welcome. Booking is essential. Held at The Learning Centre, Dickens Drive, Centennial Parklands. Sydney. Details: (02) 9339 6699

6 July: NAIDOC Week Family Fun Day - celebrations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians, featuring live traditional Aboriginal and hip-hop dance performances, football knockout competition, dance and art workshops, game, information stalls, children activities, competitions, BBQ and much more. Free and all welcome. Held Emerton Leisure Centre, Emerton. Details: (02) 9628 7016 or visit www.elc.blacktown.nsw.gov.au

6 July: ABC Open is hosting a DreamBox Photo Booth and invites Indigenous Australians to share their dreams in a single photograph. Free and all welcome to come along and showcase your photography. Held at Wilcannia NAIDOC Bush Day at the Wilcannia Caravan Park, Barrier Hwy, Wilcannia. Details: 0428 117 170 or email abcopen.brokenhill@abc.net.au or www.abc.net.au/open

7 July: Indigenous art workshop. Seniors are invited to celebrate NAIDOC Week with local Indigenous artist Annette Webb. Learn about Indigenous art, culture. Free and all welcome. Held Oatley Library, 26 Leticia St. Oatley. Details: (02) 9330 9455

7 July: Indigenous Culture Discovery Walk for Youth, in celebrating of NAIDOC Week, an Indigenous ranger from National Parks & Wildlife Service will show young people the importance of local flora and fauna to Aboriginal people and demonstrate some traditional crafts. Free and all welcome. Held at Carwar Ave, Carrs Bush Park, Sydney. Details: (02) 9330 9596

8 July: 2011 National NAIDOC Gala Dinner and Awards - the annual awards recognise the outstanding contributions that Indigenous Australians make to improve the lives of Indigenous people, or to promote Indigenous issues in the wider community, or the excellence they've shown in their chosen field. Featuring dinner and performances. All welcome, costs apply. Held at Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Details: email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.org.au

8 July: NAIDOC Masquerade Ball featuring two-course meal, comedy acts, great music and a dance off, also fun prizes for best mask and best dressed. All welcome cost for tickets apply. Held Vernon St, Coffs Harbour. Details: (0438) 012 702

8 July: The Jack Cusack Lecture, *Change - the Next Step Is Ours*, with Dr Cass Hunter. Celebrating NAIDOC Week, this aims to explore the impact that exposure to threats, including climate change on marine life in the Torres Strait and more. Held CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain. Details: 1300 361 822 or email enquiries@csiro.au

8 July: Naidoc Fashion Show and Dance - Who will be crowned Miss NAIDOC 2011. The night will start with a performance by a local Lismore dance crew, then dashon show featuring models from the Bundjalung nation to be judge by three Bundjalung Elders. Also featuring welcome to country, raffles and more. Also calling for entries until the 8 July for Indigenous girls aged 13-25 to participate. Cost for

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From left, Chenoa Deemal, Lillian Crombie and Christine Anu star in Jane Harrison's play *Rainbow's End*, which can be seen at Port Macquarie's Glasshouse next week.

'Feel good' play coming to Port's Glasshouse



MID-NORTH Coast audiences have the chance to experience a

'feel good' night of theatre during NAIDOC Week, with Indigenous playwright Jane Harrison's play *Rainbow's End* being staged at Port Macquarie's Glasshouse.

The play tells the story of three generations of Koori women living in a shack on the edge of town in 1950s country Victoria.

Set in the flood-prone area near Shepparton called 'The Flats', it is a fictional account of the everyday struggle of women keeping their families together in Menzies-era Australia.

It stars Christine Anu, Chenoa Deemal, Lillian Crombie and Garth Holcombe.

For Nan, even life on 'The Flats' represents progress of a kind, but Gladys has ambitions for a real house in town and a proper job for daughter Dolly.

Set against the Queen's visit in 1954, with music that evokes the period, the play celebrates the fierce optimism of the women as they struggle for community acceptance.

Rainbow's End has been described as a 'feel good' night of theatre, written with gentle irony and humorous affection.

To book tickets for shows at 8pm next Friday and Saturday, 8 and 9 July, call (02) 6581 8888 or visit www.glasshouse.org.au

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tickets apply, children \$5 and adults \$10. All welcome. Held Lismore Workers Club, Keen St, Lismore. Details: (0432) 658 753 or email reception@koorimail.com

9 July: 2011 Hunter Indigenous Women's NAIDOC Dinner includes a three-course meal and entertainment. All welcome, cost for tickets apply. Held at the Newcastle Town Hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle. Details: (02) 4969 5299 or email admin@mulloobinba.org.au

10 July: Hawkesbury NAIDOC concert – a great day for the whole family to enjoy Live performances and live bands, stalls and children's activities, also bush tucker, BBQ, face painting, art and wildlife displays. Free and all welcome. Held Richmond Park, Windsor St, Richmond. Details: (02) 4588 5144

Queensland

5 July: Tjapukai NAIDOC Open Day, celebrating with many family activities such as theatre show, didgeridoo a journey show, boomerang and spear throwing, hunting tool, cultural talks, bush food and medicine, also Indigenous stalls, jumping castle and slides, sausage sizzle and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Cairns Western, Arterial Road, Smithfield. Details: (07) 4042 9922

7 July: NAIDOC golf day, a fun day of golf to celebrate NAIDOC Week. All welcome. Registration fees apply. Held at Nudgee Golf Club, Nudgee Road. Nudgee. Details: (07) 3221 3866

7 July: The Gatherer's Queensland, Townsville, celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, culture, and dance also children activities, live performances and BBQ lunch. All welcome, cost \$8 each. Held North Townsville Community Hub, 52 Palm Dr,

Deeragun, Townsville. Details: (07) 4751 6511 or email r.green@bvcc.org.au

9 July: UMI Arts Open day celebrating NAIDOC Week through arts, music, dance, and food, also including a special colouring in competition for the kids. Free and all welcome. Held UMI Arts, 335 Sheridan St, Cairns. Details: (07) 40 416 152 or email admin@umiarts.com.au

9 July: Moreton Bay Region's NAIDOC celebrations, traditional dancers, information stalls, live performances and many children's activities. Free and all welcome. Held at Lawnton Show Grounds, Lawnton. Details: email info@bunyabilla.com

11-15 July: Borallon Correctional Centre NAIDOC Week ceremony, including NAIDOC touch football skills session and competition, yarning up – Kup Mari, family day, health and reintegration expo. Light refreshments will be served following the opening ceremony. Please ensure you bring identification for entry into the Centre. Held at Borallon Correctional Centre, Brisbane. Details: (07) 5467 0011 or email carlie.sheehy@dcs.qld.gov.au

Victoria

6 July: Celebrating NAIDOC week while being entertained by King Kadu and the Sunshine Sisters, Lady Lash, Yung Warriors, Coloured Stone. Free and all welcome. Held at The Espy Basement Bar, 11 The Esplanade, St Kilda. Details: (0466) 752 875 or visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Western Australia

3-10 July: NAIDOC in Perth... the movement! Showcasing Aboriginal culture, music, art and dance. Free and all welcome. Held at Wellington Square, East Perth. Details: (0457) 552 607 or email tsolonec@optusnet.com or visit www.naidocperth.org

Two exhibitions at Canberra gallery



CANBERRA'S Huw Davies Gallery will present two exhibitions showing different aspects of Indigenous life in Australia for NAIDOC Week next week.

Walan Budhang Yinaagirrbang, by Kerstin Styche, and *Erub July 1*, by Bronwyn Jewell, manager of the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island, in the Torres Strait, opened last week at the Manuka Arts Centre gallery and will run until 10 July.

Born and raised in Canberra, Wiradjuri woman Styche is the fourth PhotoAccess Emerging Indigenous photographer to show in the Huw Davies Gallery for NAIDOC Week.

Walan Budhang Yinaagirrbang (Wirajuri for Strong Black Women) features a selection of six of 15 portraits made by Styche last year and, according to the photographer, is 'a series of images of individual women who represent all black women, rather than a group of individual photographs'.

"I have deliberately not identified each woman because *Walan Budhang Yinaagirrbang* is not about individual portraits," says Styche.

"I feel strongly about this, because I want my images to allow these women to tell their unique stories while at the same time reflecting

the common history and experiences Aboriginal women have shared.

"... I decided to photograph each woman in a similar way without Western accessories and in black and white because I did not want to detract from the essential self and message of the women.

"To me, *Walan Budhang Yinaagirrbang*

portrays beauty, strength, courage and wisdom..."

Bronwyn Jewell was artistic director of PhotoAccess through the 1990s.

Erub July 1 is her second solo exhibition in the Huw Davies Gallery and focuses on 'Coming of the Light' celebrations on Erub in the Torres Strait, marking the 1871 arrival of the London Missionary Society in the island region.

"There is much more to this event than is recorded here," says Jewell.

"The celebration goes for many days with many stirring sermons from pastors of many denominations, school children perform many

dances and feasting and traditional dancing goes on over day and night.

"Erub is not the only community or island that continues the tradition as many Torres Strait Islanders around the country will be marking this day in some way."

This year, 1 July is the 140th anniversary of the 'Coming of Light'.



Untitled # 6, by Kerstin Styche

Busy time for Kalkadunga man

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

WILLIAM BARTON is a busy man. The leading didgeridoo player is currently in London where he is the 'artist in residence' at the City of London Festival, and on his return to Australia he'll be taking his show *Kalkadunga Man* on the road, touring Western Australia and Darwin.

The show is the story of Barton's home country and people from the Mt Isa region in Queensland and sees him collaborating with vocal ensemble The Song Company. *Kalkadunga Man* is described as 'evocative vocal music' combined with 'the visceral sounds of the didg'.

For audiences in Perth, Geraldton and Darwin, the performance will be set against figurative, yet symbolic, images by photographer Allan Chawner, depicting the essence of day and night from the Kalkadunga Man's homelands. For the other regions, the community will have the opportunity to attend a free workshop with the artists.



William Barton performing with The Song Company in *Kalkadunga Man*, with the photography of Allan Chawner seen in the background.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail* last week, just before departing for London where he will perform with Australian musicians pianist Piers Lane and the Goldner String Quartet amongst others, Barton said one of his passions was being able to do musical

collaborations. His latest CD, *Desert Stars Dancing*, sees him joining forces with classical guitarist and composer Anthony Garcia. "It's not just about being able to do your own thing," he said. "It's about having a musical conversation with your

co-collaborators... you have something to offer both your fellow musicians and the audience."

Speaking specifically about his collaboration with The Song Company, Barton said they were all 'great vocalists'.

"There's always been that sense of community with the human voice," he said.

"You can get together a mass choir and bring people together through that art form."

It'll be the first time Barton has toured regional WA, and he'll participate in several community workshops with students in remote communities.

Barton said he would be talking to the students about where he came from and where he's going.

"I'm always on tour, so to speak," he said. "My schedule is usually booked up 12 to 24 months in advance, so I'll be trying to give them a sense that even though they might live in regional areas, they can still be a mainstream artist."

Kalkadunga Man tour dates: Perth, 17 July; Geraldton, 18 July; Carnarvon, 20 July; Exmouth, 23 July; Batchelor, 25 July; Darwin, 27 July; Kununurra, 30 July; Beagle Bay, 1 August; Djarindjin/Lombadina, 2 August; One Arm Point, 3 August; Broome, 5 August.

Welcome to *The Koori Mail's* National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to calendar@koorimail.com, faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

Northern Territory

26-28 August: The 45th anniversary commemoration of the Gurindji Walkoff the celebration event which led to the national land rights movement on the 26 of August 1975, including a range of entertain and activities. Free and all welcome. Held. Details: 0420 719 166 or visit www.gurindjifreedomday.com

NSW-ACT

2-30 July: Arts Northern Rivers is pleased to invite you to the opening of 'Fabric of our Culture', an exhibition of contemporary textiles by Bundjalung women from the Northern Rivers region of NSW, opened by Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of NSW. Free and all

welcome. Held Boomalli Aboriginal Art Gallery, Leichhardt. Details: visit www.boomalli.com.au.

3, 10, 17 July: Mother Earth Dreaming – a day with a Bundjalung healer, medium and clairvoyant as she is known to bring healing and blessing. Including meditation and also connections. All welcome, costs apply. Details: (02) 6680 9899

Until 7 July: Stinging Rain... Yah Fall – an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks from Rosella Namok and Rone Meeks. Free and all welcome. Held Coo-ee Aboriginal Art Gallery, 31 Lamrock Ave, Bondi Beach. Details: (02) 9300 9233 or email info@cooeart.com.au

15 July: AFL Indigenous Athlete Assessment Talent Search. All Indigenous boys aged 12 to 14 who love sport. This is a chance to be athletically assessed by elite coaches and staff. Each boy will have the opportunity to be selected as a 2012 QBE Sydney Swans Academy member. Free and all welcome. Held at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney. Details: (0404) 090 598 or email Heikkanen@aflnswact.com.au

25 July-12 September: Life and

Relations for Women is a small confidential group held for women who want to move from surviving to thriving in their relationships, also to learn new kills and discuss new ideas and have fun, including eight sessions. Free and all welcome. Held at the Family Centre, Market St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6620 2999

Victoria

3 August-23 October: Groundwork an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing common expectations of Indigenous art assumes in a distinctive regional style by three Indigenous artists from Western Australia's Kimberley region: Mick Jawalji, Ramney Ramsey and Butcher Cherel. Free and all welcome. Held at Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9663 3222 or email kara@medialinkproductions.com

Queensland

1-2 July: Kuranda Roots Festival of soul, reggae and sound system culture aimed for people to get together of camping and live music and performances featuring Archie Roach and more. All welcome, cost

for tickets apply. Held at Kuranda Amphi Theatre, Kuranda. Details: 0418 757 888 or visit www.kurandaroots.com

1-July-23 October: Queensland major arts organisation invites you to a celebration showcasing the diverse arts and vibrant culture of Torres Strait Islanders, include an extensive program of workshops, talks, food, dancing and music, with performances by artists and groups from the Torres Strait Islands and local community groups. Free and all welcome. Held Maiwar Green (between GoMA and the State Library) Cultural Centre South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3842 9706 or email tsirsvp@qpac.com.au

Western Australia

Until 17 July: Living Our Dream an Aboriginal art exhibition that explores the traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture from an individual perspective, by many metropolitan Aboriginal artists showcasing their passion that paints their stories. Free and all welcome, light refreshment provided. Held Fremantle Arts Centre Access Gallery, 1 Finnerty St, Fremantle. Details: (08) 9335 9636 or email info@kidogo.com.au

Jandamarra going home



FOLLOWING a sell-out season at the 2008 Perth International Arts Festival, the Indigenous theatre production

Jandamarra is going 'home' with a tour of the Kimberley.

Performances will be held in Broome (13-16 July), Windjana Gorge (22-27 July), a free performance at the Loonja Community (Red Hill) in Halls Creek (30 July) and at the Mirima National Park, Kununurra 4-6 August).

Legendary warrior

Jandamarra was a legendary Indigenous warrior and lawman who led one of Australia's longest and most successful campaigns to defend Aboriginal country.

Having led the resistance successfully for years, he was gunned down in 1897 while still in his 20s.

The production was written by playwright Steve Hawke in collaboration with the Bunuba community, and

produced by Fitzroy Crossing-based company Bunuba Films.

The cast is a mixture of Bunuba people and experienced professional actors, including Kelton Pell, who was a cast member in the original 2008 production and is co-directing the 2011 season, alongside Phil Thomson.

Respected Bunuba woman Patsy Bedford will make her stage debut as Jandamarra's mother.

Ms Bedford has worked on a wide range of projects across a number of languages at the Fitzroy Crossing annexe of the Kimberley Language Resource Centre, recently compiling a comprehensive Bunuba dictionary. She worked as a linguist and cultural consultant on the 2008 productions of *Jandamarra*, and on the translations for the play.

Tickets are on sale from www.jandamarra.com.au and from local visitor centres in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Kununurra.



Actor Damion Hunter who has the lead role in the Indigenous theatre production *Jandamarra*, which is touring the Kimberley in July and August.

Vibe Alive coming to Kalgoorlie for fourth time

VIBE Alive is coming to Kalgoorlie. The fourth Vibe Alive event to be held in the West Australian mining town will be held on 17-18 August at the Oasis playing fields, Johnson Street.

The youth festival will challenge students of Kalgoorlie and greater Western Australia as they form teams to compete in Indigenous games and take part in a jam-packed festival full of fun.

As well as Indigenous games, students will have the chance to take part in dancing and singing competitions, numeracy and literacy activities, careers and

health expos, art workshops and goal-setting activities to determine the overall Vibe Alive Kalgoorlie, WA, winner.

Last year more than 2000 students from across Western Australia descended on Kalgoorlie for the festival, with young people from as far afield as Perth, Esperance, Merriden and Laverton joining hundreds of local students.

Vibe Alive executive producer Gavin Jones said the Kalgoorlie event promised to be huge.

"This will be the fourth year that we've been to Kalgoorlie and we've always received an enthusiastic welcome," he said.

"The festival offers something for everyone. It's also amazing to see where schools will travel from.

It's not too late to join in. Registrations are open via the website at www.vibealive.com.au or by phoning the free-call line 1800 623 430.

Vibe Alive is also looking for volunteers to be part of the event. People who can help out should contact meredith@outthereproductions.com.au

Vibe Alive is funded by the Australian Government's Community Festivals for Education Engagement program.

Yolngu women graduate



AMONG the latest graduates from Batchelor Institute were three Yolngu women who have been mainstays at Yirrkala School, on the north-east tip of Arnhem Land.

Multhara Mununggurr and sisters Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr Stubbs and Banbapuy Ganambarr, who all completed their schooling in Arnhem Land, each received the Bachelor of Education degree.

In the early 1980s the three were employed in teaching assistant roles at the same school they attended as children at Yirrkala.

They continued working at the school for the next two decades, taking on more senior roles. Each completed an Advanced Diploma of Education in 1998.

They enrolled in the NT DET Indigenous Teacher Upgrade Program in 2009 and began two years of study to complete their Bachelor of Education.

The three women received their Bachelor of Education degrees in front of proud family and friends.

All have long and distinguished careers in Indigenous education, which was further highlighted by the graduation ceremony.



At the teacher graduation ceremony at Batchelor campus, from left, Yalmay Yunupingu, Bachelor Institute lecturer Leon White, Mandawuy Yunupingu, Multhara Mununggurr, Banbapuy Ganambarr and Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr Stubbs at the teacher graduation ceremony at Batchelor campus.

Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr Stubbs, a senior teacher at Yirrakala College, received the NT Department of Education and Training Higher Education Award which recognises outstanding achievement by a graduate completing the teaching degree at Batchelor Institute.

Multhara Mununggurr, who is

about take up a role as senior cultural adviser at Yirrakala Homelands School, was also recognised at the ceremony and received the Australian Association of Literacy Educators Award for achievement in literacy education.

Yothu Yindi frontman and former Yirrkala Community

principal Mandawuy Yunupingu was also at the graduation ceremony to witness the achievements of others who have followed in his footsteps.

In 1987, Dr Yunupingu was the first Aboriginal person from Arnhem Land to gain a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. He resigned from his role as Yirrakala

School principal in 1991 when Yothu Yindi shot to international fame.

The NT Government says the success of the women highlights the fact that 'home-grown' people – as much as interstate teachers – can help change the face of Indigenous education in the NT.

Institute winners



ABORIGINAL students Ethel-Anne Gundy and Sally King were winners at this year's TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute (NSI) Excellence Awards. Ms Gundy won the ICT Media, Arts and Electrotechnology Student of the Year Award, while Ms King was named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year.

Ms Gundy enrolled in the Diploma of Fine Arts at NSI's Hornsby College in order to pursue a life-long passion for art, drawing and painting.

From Bundjalung country in northern New South Wales, she says she has a particular interest in Indigenous art.

Parliamentary Secretary Gabrielle Upton presented a total of 14 awards at the event.

Ms Gundy said she was honoured to receive the institute award.

"I hope I can inspire my countrymen and women to also achieve great success," she said.

New ambassadors gather



INDIGENOUS education ambassadors gathered in Canberra last week to share their experiences and skills.

The 41 ambassadors, 27 of whom were recently inducted into the program, aim to inspire young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to continue their education.

The program, which has been running for 10 years, involves successful Indigenous people visiting schools, TAFE colleges, universities and community organisations all over Australia.

Federal School Education Minister Peter Garrett said the new participants would give more young people across Australia the opportunity to meet

ambassadors and be inspired by their successes.

"This workshop is a great opportunity for ambassadors to come together, share their experiences and stories, and meet the new recruits," Mr Garrett said.

"The Gillard Government understands that a quality education is the best way to help young Indigenous people secure a brighter future, helping them move on to higher education, start their own businesses or pursue a career.

"Our ambassadors meet with young people around the country to share their personal experiences and explain how they overcame obstacles to their own successes – helping to motivate a new generation of potential future community leaders."

The Indigenous Ambassadors Program was boosted last year with the recruitment of the new participants and by extending the visits beyond schools and into other education and training facilities.

Mr Garrett said the ambassadors enjoyed strong support from schools, parents, teachers and communities across Australia.

"They are a fantastic example to our young people and I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet most of the ambassadors and congratulate them on their involvement in such a worthwhile scheme," he said.

For more information on the ambassador program, go to the website <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ambassadors>.

Big dreaming, no shame!



Joe Egger is a Walpiri Man from Alice Springs. He is in the second year of the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) at the University of Melbourne, and lives at Queen's College.

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Hair salon dream closer



A GROUP of Indigenous women are a step closer to realising their dream of opening a hairdressing salon, called Black Beauty.

While on a tour of the Australasian College Broadway in Sydney, the women received gift bags containing equipment they will need as hairdressers.

The college has also promised to mentor the women as they complete their studies.

The students – Kelly Fergusson, Phanessa Rossiter, Katrina Craig, Emily Hyland, Denise Duckett and Kylie Flett – have been attending TAFE in Coffs Harbour, doing theory and practical education to gain their Certificate II and Certificate III in Hairdressing.

They visited Australasian College to view the state-of-the-art facilities, and had no idea they would receive the gifts and promises of mentoring.

Chairman and Founding Director of Australasian College Broadway Maureen Houssein-Mustafa said it was fantastic to see the women overcome their struggles and dream of opening a salon together.

"The college heard about their story and wanted to congratulate and help the women further in their studies. We will help to mentor and support these women so that one day Black Beauty becomes a reality," Ms Houssein-Mustafa said.

"With the help of industry organisations like Weston Imports, Rusk, De Lorenzo, Complete Hair and Beauty and Joico, we were able to gear the girls up with the right



At the college, from left, Kylie Flett, mentor Davina Keighran, Kelly Fergusson, Janis Gordon, Julie Halkidis, Denise Duckett, Katrina Craig and Phanessa Rossiter.

equipment to take home and help them with their future studies.

"The gifts were worth their weight in gold to see the women's faces when they saw what the college and industry had done for them.

"Through our continued support and mentoring, I am sure these girls will grow to be successful, well-trained hairdressers."

During the congratulations ceremony, the women listened to industry speakers, motivational talks, received a pampering

session from college students and a tour of the college facilities. They also attended a hair expo. For further information about The Australasian College Broadway, visit www.australasiancollege.com.au or call (02) 9571 8288.



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Marrara students give trades a try



A GROUP of Aboriginal students interested in a trade career had the chance to swap their

textbooks for tools recently.

They were visiting Charles Darwin University, where they took part in the Try a Trade program.

The group of seven Year 10 students from Marrara Christian College (MCC) had three days to get an insight into various industries.

The students learnt about the

building, drafting and construction industry, from occupational health and safety issues through to the correct use of power tools.

MCC teacher aide Emily Gray said the periods of work experience at CDU were critical for students planning their paths in Year 11 and 12.

"This is the second time this group has been on campus, in keeping with their personal learning plans," she said.

"These trade-tasters are great pathways into the workplace and provide a real world application for their literacy

and numeracy studies."

CDU Trades Industry Division technician Philip Ryder said the students were given a holistic introduction to the world of drafting and construction.

"The aim is to build their knowledge base and give them the confidence to enter a trade of their choice and do well," he said.

"Here they've had a chance to build tool boxes and dust pans, but more importantly they've got a head start."

The students come from East Arnhem Land, Central Arnhem Land, and Emu Point.



Marrara Christian College students show off their tool boxes and dust pans.

Program celebrates Nyungar culture



● Pictures: James Wallam of Wadumbah Dance Group, performing at the launch of Wanju Boodjah.



MURDOCH University's Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre has launched a program that celebrates Nyungar culture, community, and people. The only one of its kind in Western Australia,

Wanju Boodjah is a five-week, six-credit course in which students will be taught about Nyungar spirituality, mythology, cosmology, language, people/community, art, history, dancing, storytelling, meteorology and cartography. Australian and international students are encouraged to attend.

Kulbardi Centre director Professor Rhonda Marriott said Murdoch was proud to be 'the only university in WA to provide such an important Nyungar cultural

learning opportunity for all students'.

She said one of the features of the program was the introduction of a range of Indigenous and other guest lecturers, as well as field trips.

"We are also privileged that Nyungar Elder Eric Hayward has organised a key component of this learning experience, by co-ordinating and guiding us on a cultural tour of the WA south-west," Prof Marriott said. "This on-country learning experience is a transformational learning opportunity for our students."

Prof Marriott said 2011 had so far been an exciting year for Kulbardi, and the launch of Wanju Boodjah showed a continued commitment to providing supportive quality learning experiences for all of the students.



Retaining top teachers plan



THE Federal Government has allocated \$5 million for a new scheme to attract and retain high-quality teachers in remote areas of Australia.

School Education Minister Peter Garrett said the 'Teach Remote' program would be managed by the National Alliance for Remote Indigenous Schools (NARIS) and would focus on recruiting, training, supporting and rewarding teachers working in these communities. "We're committed to closing the gap for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and we know that one of the best ways to achieve this is to ensure that kids in these communities are getting the best education possible," he said.

"To do this, we need to attract dedicated teachers, offering them the support and training they need to work in what are often challenging environments, dealing with issues such as isolation, language and cultural differences, and poor student attendance.

"The Teach Remote Scheme will provide vital funding to the NARIS network of schools to help them find, and keep, teachers.

"This will include a common induction program for all new NARIS teachers, an online course in teaching English as a second language, and scholarships for high-performing teachers to help them undertake further study."

Mr Garrett said the scheme was also focused on encouraging teachers to commit to a minimum two-year placement in remote communities.

NARIS is a partnership between the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales governments, working with nearly 180 schools, and benefiting about 30,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Students centre on Pilbara



MASTERS students from the University of Melbourne's Faculty of Architecture, Building and

Planning are helping to build an early childhood learning centre in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

The students are spending ten days in Wakathuni, a homeland community with a cluster of 20 houses, working with the Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) to construct the centre in line with local needs. The buildings, made from four modified shipping containers, will include two dramatic roof structures and be linked with decking and landscaping.

Melbourne University says the students will use their time to consult with the community to tailor the design to suit the site, climate and local aspirations. The construction of the centre will mark the start of a much longer interdisciplinary project

that is supported by the traditional owner board of GAC, representing the Nyiyapali, Banyjima and Innawonga peoples of the Pilbara.

The project combines expertise and input from the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning with that of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, which will work in collaboration to develop an educational model for the early childhood learning centre.

Dr David O'Brien, who is leading the group of students from the Master of Architecture program, said the project was valuable for both the local community and the students.

"Not only will the local community benefit from the new early childhood learning centre, but this program will also provide opportunities for students to engage with Indigenous Australians," Dr O'Brien said.

"Too often Indigenous communities are disadvantaged in the construction and design processes."

New prize for law students



A NEW prize will recognise excellence amongst Indigenous students who are undertaking law studies.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said last week that the Federal Government's Indigenous Law Student of the Year Prize would acknowledge the achievements and contributions of Indigenous legal students to Australia's justice system.

"The prize will recognise outstanding Indigenous law students who have not only achieved sound academic results but have also made worthwhile contributions to their community," he said.

"The recipient will receive \$2500 to further their legal studies and nominations are open to any Indigenous person enrolled in a law degree in Australia."

Mr McClelland also announced the opening of nominations for the second Indigenous Legal Professional of the Year Award, which rewards the recipient with \$5000 for further professional development.

"This award recognises outstanding Indigenous lawyers who have made a significant contribution to the rights of Indigenous persons in the legal environment or who have an exceptional commitment to providing legal representation, advice or assistance," he said.

"Nominations for this award are open to any Indigenous person admitted as a barrister or solicitor in Australia."

Nominations for both awards are open until 4 July.

Information on how to nominate is at www.ag.gov.au/indigenouslegalaward or by emailing IndigenousLegalAward@ag.gov.au

Training program pays off



A 15-WEEK training program in Perth is said to be changing the lives of young Aboriginal men.

The Live Works program provides meaningful and relevant training to help participants prepare for work, combining personal development with construction industry training.

Forty-nine people have finished the course since the first was held in 2009 and more than half of them have gone on to apprenticeships or to work in other jobs.

The course is run by West Australian employment and training business Skill Hire in partnership with Outcare as part of a bid to reduce the rate of people who re-offend after being in contact with the justice system.

Eleven young men started the latest Live Works program on 7 June and had the chance to show their potential to West Australian Training and Workforce Development Minister Peter Collier at Skill Hire's newest training centre, in Kewdale.

The State Government has provided \$52,500 to enable the current program to go ahead, and during his visit, Mr Collier emphasised how significant the Live Works program was in assisting Indigenous people overcome existing barriers.

Break down barriers

"One of the ways to break down the barriers is through training," he said.

"But it is pointless in providing training for Aboriginal people if we don't support them in to the workplace. The marriage between Outcare and Skill Hire is what it is all about."

The 11 new starters in the Live Works program also had the chance to meet a former participant in the program, 19-year-old Clinton Prosser, who showed them some of the skills he now applies in his daily work as an apprentice bricklayer.

Mr Prosser is one of the state's top apprentices and won the Master Builders Association's First Year Apprentice of the Year award last year.

He congratulated the group for joining the program and encouraged them to go right through the course.

"You will end up in a good place," he said. "You'll meet new people every day – it's good, so keep it up."

As part of their training, the group will work on renovations to a Department of Housing rental home including fencing, brick paving and building retaining walls and pergolas.

They'll also work towards a Certificate II in Construction, which is a starting point for an apprenticeship.

When they finish the program, Skill Hire says they will receive ongoing mentoring and post-placement support from its principal Indigenous consultant who works with apprentices and trainees.

The program is supported by a range of Federal and State government departments.



On the job, back, from left, Michael Lawrence and John Edwards. Front, from left, Richard Prosser and Clinton Prosser.

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The Indigenous Student Recruitment Officer identifies and encourages the educational aspirations of Indigenous people within our regions and works with them, their schools and communities to facilitate access to Southern Cross University study.

For full details, including selection criteria and closing date, **first go to www.scu.edu.au/jobs**

Committed to equal opportunity, occupational health and safety and cultural diversity.

Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office

Expressions of Interest are sought for the AEW*

Aboriginal Education Worker

position at:

James Sheahan Catholic High School, Orange, NSW. (Co-ed, Yrs 7-12)

- Temporary, Full-Time Position - 76 hrs/fortnight beginning at the start of Term 3 (negotiable start) until 16/12/11.
- There is a possibility that the position could extend beyond the end of Term 4, 2011 into future years.
- This position may eventually include liaison and involvement with the Orange area Catholic Primary Schools.

Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Indigenous students, and knowledge of local issues which impact on Indigenous students.
- Build links with the local Indigenous community.
- Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community

Applications will close: Friday 27/7/2011.

Please ring 02 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an application package and further details. Final date for lodgment of this application is 25/7/11.

* All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by, and depend upon, the Commonwealth's IEP program.

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.



ABORIGINAL YOUTH WORKER

Awabakal Co-op requires an Aboriginal person for this full-time position to provide services, social programs and activities to youth and young people across the Newcastle & Lake Macquarie region. The position will entail group work, setting activities and projects, operating the community youth patrol and working on social support needs for Indigenous Youth.

The successful applicant should be in possession of a current LR licence, or be willing to obtain one. Computer literacy is essential for this position.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER PART-TIME

Awabakal Aboriginal Co-op is seeking an experienced part-time Administration Officer to work 25 hours per week to support our Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service based at Wickham.

This role requires someone who is highly organised, friendly and approachable as well as having the ability & confidence to manage centre fees, high level communication skills and excellent telephone and computer skills.

ABORIGINAL OUTREACH WORKER

Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service has an exciting new role for an Aboriginal Outreach Worker based at its Hamilton Clinic.

The AOW will have a non-clinical role and duties may include administrative and support tasks. AOW will be working with Indigenous clients to provide practical assistance to undertake the health checks and to access other health services as required, including follow-up care, specialist services, and community pharmacies;

This full time role requires someone with a sound understanding of Indigenous health issues, excellent communication and interpersonal skills and you must have the ability to work with minimal supervision, as well as part of a multidisciplinary team.

ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER (CLINICAL) 1 FULL TIME, 1 PART-TIME

Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service has an exciting new role for 2 Aboriginal Health Workers to be based at our Primary Health Clinic in Hamilton. A major component of this position will be to attend and provide clinical support for our outreach clinics at various communities in the Hunter, Upper Hunter, Toronto and Port Stephen's Region.

This role requires someone with a minimum Cert III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care or equivalent, and a willingness to undertake further training. The main duties of this role will include screening patients prior to their appointment with the doctor, co-ordinating patient care as part of a multi-disciplinary team and administrative duties as required.

These positions are Aboriginal identified positions, authorised by s14d Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

All information packages can be obtained from Awabakal Admin on (02) 4969 4711 or by emailing admin@awabakal.org

Closing date is 5pm Friday 8th July 2011.



Australian Government

Department of Human Services

Child Support Agency

Medicare Australia



The **Human Services Portfolio** is about people and the services we may need at different stages of our lives. It consists of the Department of Human Services—including the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia—and the Portfolio agencies, Centrelink, Medicare Australia and Australian Hearing. Each day, about a million people make contact with a Human Services agency.

The **Department of Human Services** focuses on the development of service delivery policy and on the delivery of high quality, efficient and effective services to the Australian people, particularly in the areas of child support and rehabilitation services.

The **Child Support Agency** provides separated and separating parents with the tools, support, service options and assistance they need to transfer child support for the benefit of their children.

Centrelink serves the Australian community by delivering a range of services to assist people to become self-sufficient and supporting those in need.

Medicare Australia plays an integral role in helping improve health outcomes for Australians.

Business Manager

Executive Level 2

\$97,255 - \$121,537

Canberra, ACT

Job Reference: 2011/33

The Indigenous Strategies Branch is responsible for providing high level strategic advice and direction to assist the Human Services Portfolio to improve its delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The successful applicants will need to demonstrate strong coordination and liaison skills and effective relationship management as they will be dealing on a regular basis with senior officers both internal and external to DHS. They will also need to demonstrate an understanding of key issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and have superior program/project management skills, including proven ability to generate innovative solutions and options.

Contact: Shane Hoffman – (02) 6155 0753

Closing Date: 7 July 2011

Selection Documentation: Please call Shane Hoffman– (02) 6155 0753 or email Mercades.Castilla@centrelink.gov.au

Note: These agencies will integrate into the Australian Government Department of Human Services from 1 July 2011. Please refer to DHS Website: www.dhs.gov.au

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Government of **Western Australia**
North Metropolitan Area Mental Health Service

Clinical Nurse

Web Search No: Pool Ref GL184

Level/Salary: ANF Level 2 \$69,459 - \$73,798 p.a.

Do you wish to be a part of the new Metropolitan Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (MSAMHS), Department of Health, Western Australia? You will be a part of a Perth metropolitan-based multidisciplinary health team. You will work collaboratively with all service providers within the Social Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Continuum.

We are seeking a pool of applicants to fill the role of Clinical Nurse. We currently have 3 positions available; 2 for Adult Mental Health and 1 for the child and adolescent program. To be successful in this role, you will be able to deliver a specialist nursing service within a multidisciplinary and professional mental health team context, and provide support to colleagues and other professionals. We encourage all those who have experience as a practising Community Mental Health Nurse and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people to apply to this pool.

To Access Detailed Information: Visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 08 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Michael Mitchell on 08 9347 6674

Location: Mt Claremont

Closing Date: Monday 4 July 2011 at 4.00pm.



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health Network

Closing Date: 10 July 2011

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Worker

Temporary Full-Time

Drug & Alcohol Services, Shellharbour

Ref No: 34741

Enquiries: David Reid, (02) 422 38341

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

or email application quoting Ref. No. to:
jobs@hss.health.nsw.gov.au or
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Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
HRMC NSW 2310.

NSW Health Service:
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Enterprise Project Officer

Yarnteen Hub in Partnership with KY-EEY-BAH
Environmental Services are seeking to engage a
Project Officer (28 hours per week)

The Project Officer will be a part of a dynamic team working within the Bahtahbah Local Aboriginal Land Council Structure. The successful applicants will be responsible for Project Managing functions of the newly established KY-EEY-BAH Environmental Services Team. It is essential that all interested applicants have relevant Natural Resource Management Industry experience or qualifications, Tender writing and a Drivers Licence.

Interested applicants should e-mail
kellie.pipe@yarnteen.com.au for a copy of the Criteria to be addressed, **applications close on July 8th 2011.**



Health
Sydney
Local Health Network



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health Network

Dental Assistant – Aboriginal Oral Health

Reference No: 22379.

Salary: \$969.20–\$1,067.10 pw, Temp F/T up to July 2012 at Surry Hills.

Enquiries: Marianne Weston, Ph: 9293 3262.

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Trainee (HEO Non-Grad)

Reference No: 30196.

Salary: \$835.80–\$1,231 pw, Temp F/T up to June 2014 at Campbelltown.

Enquiries: Keren Kiel, Ph: 0425 227 797.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Closing Date: Friday, 8 July 2011.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Please apply online by visiting:
<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/>

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Family & Community Services
Housing NSW

Team Leader, Technical Support

Clerk Grade 7/8

Department of Family and Community Services

Housing Contact Centre

Liverpool

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No: 00000H95

Total remuneration package valued up to \$95,451 per annum (Salary: \$78,142 pa - \$86,498 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The role exists to manage the technical environment of the Contact Centre and to maximise the efficiency of service output from the infrastructure and software.

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to identify areas of improvement through the analysis of data, develop innovative solutions to enhance the service provided to our customers through recommendation of business technology enhancements in a contact centre environment.
- Experience in maintaining and implementing Contact Centre Technologies, including AVAYA and Verint systems.
- Experience in trouble shooting and offering first level support to end users.
- Demonstrated ability to manage conflicting priorities and meet deadlines under pressure.
- Demonstrated experience in developing and maintaining sound relationships with both internal and external stakeholders.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available online. Applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Tara Vella (02) 9612 6166

Information Packages and to apply: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000H95

Closing Date: Friday 8 July 2011

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FAMILY VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICE

Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

(Readvertised)

We are seeking a Support Worker to provide culturally appropriate and safe case management support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children who have experienced family violence.

Position: 26.6 hrs pw (.7 EFT) for 1 yr (possibly on-going – depending on funding)

Salary and Classification: as per SACS [Vic] Award 2000 Salary sacrificing, employee wellbeing program and flexible work conditions apply.

Applications close:

5.00 pm on Monday 11 July 2011

For position descriptions, or information contact
Anita Koelle Business Manager phone **03 5333 3666** or
email anitak@wrisc.org.au

Indigenous women are encouraged to apply

EEO exemption applies: Appl. no. A104/2010

*Family Violence Support Service
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Youth Connections is expanding its Youth and Family Services Team of highly experienced, motivated, and results focused youth case managers.

Are you:

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We offer a unique opportunity to combine a rewarding career with an enviable coastal lifestyle through the following newly created positions:

• Early Intervention Intake and Assessment Coordinator

1 position

• Youth Wellbeing Facilitators

2 positions

Information packs are available on our website ycnc.com.au For information relating to these positions please contact Sonya Martindale-Vale on (02) 6622 3143 or sonyam@ycnc.com.au

All Applicants must email a current Resume including two referees along with a statement addressing each selection criteria to sonyam@ycnc.com.au no later than **10am Monday 11 of July.**

Interviews will be held on the 15 and 18 July 2011

YCNC is an EEO employer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 1

Home Care Service of NSW

Hunter Region

Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast

Permanent Part-Time (4 Positions)

Job Reference: 00000H4T

Total remuneration package valued up to \$41,091 per annum (Salary: \$37,237 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$18.78 ph

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to enable them to live independently in their own homes.

We are seeking to employ permanent part-time Grade 1 Aboriginal Care Workers to provide domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Friday available.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to work independently and within a team
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds

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Job Notes: There are four (4) permanent part-time (15 hpw) positions available. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Kristy Bissaker on (02) 4321 7215

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000H51

Closing Date: Friday 15 July 2011

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Government of
Western Australia
Department for Child Protection

Assistant District Director

Country Services

Web Search No: 006381

Level/Salary: Level 4, SC, \$100,374- \$107,581pa, plus District Allowance

The Assistant District Director has a key role in driving the integration, implementation and management of Responsible Parenting Services and support to vulnerable children and families in the district. In addition, the position assists the district to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and is responsible for establishing responses within the framework of the Departments strategic plan and operational guidelines.

To Access Detailed Information: Visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Tracey Gillett on 9168 0333.

Special Notice: GROH Housing and Regional Incentives may apply to eligible applicants

Location: Kununurra

Closing Date: Monday, 11 July 2011 at 5.00pm.

JUSTICE HEALTH STATEWIDE SERVICE NSW HEALTH

Community Integration Team Clinician – Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Penrith

Temporary Full Time, until July 2013

JH No: 11/201

Salary: Health Manager Level 2: \$78,673 to \$93,313 pa.

An exciting opportunity exists for a highly motivated and experienced Aboriginal Mental Health Worker to join the Community Integration Team. This position plays an integral part in the multi-disciplinary team that addresses the needs of adolescents with significant mental health and/or problematic drug and alcohol issues that are released from custody into their local and surrounding communities.

The position involves coordinating post-release care, developing individual health plans in conjunction with other members of the team, maintaining contact with the young person and their families during the critical post-release period and establishing strong working partnerships with relevant community agencies.

Enquiries: Jeanette Toole on 0408 163 583.

Closing Date: 15 July 2011.

• *This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being an Aboriginal person and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of Anti-Discrimination Act.*

Applicants require an information package for selection criteria and application form from: Employee Services, (02) 9700 3048. **Applications to:** recruit@justicehealth.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Service – Justice Health Division is committed to OH&S, EEO, Ethical Practices, and the Principles of Cultural Diversity. Personal criminal records checks will be conducted. Prohibited persons as declared under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 are not eligible to apply for child-related employment.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Central Coast
Local Health Network

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Trainee

Temporary Full time (up until 30 June 2014)

Central Coast Area

Ref ID: 28901

Enquiries: Steve Childs, (02) 4320 3057

Closing Date: 17 July 2011

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Applicants will be expected to provide a reference from an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander person as per the role description instructions.

Head of School, Indigenous Australian People (Specified)

Education and Training

\$88 184 - \$94 558 p.a.

Brisbane

SBIT7732/11

The Head of School – Indigenous Australian People supervises educational staff who are responsible for the delivery of high quality educational outcomes to our student population. Our students comprise entry level Indigenous students, existing workers & people who might be returning to education after long periods outside the workforce. The School offers a level of pastoral support to assist students into and through the School's programs.

Enquiries: John Martin Phone: (07) 3244 5502

To Apply For The Position Above:

Job Ad Reference: QLD/SBIT7732/11

For more information and how to apply online please visit the Queensland Government Smart Jobs & Careers website www.jobs.qld.gov.au and quote the Job Ad Reference number shown above.

Closing Date: Friday 8 July 2011



TAFE Queensland



Government of **Western Australia**
North Metropolitan Area Mental Health Service

Senior Social Worker

Web Search No: GL601732

Level/Salary: HSU Level P2 \$82,223 - \$87,567 p.a.

Do you wish to be a part of the new Metropolitan Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (MSAMHS), Department of Health, Western Australia? You will be a part of a Perth metropolitan-based multidisciplinary health team. You will work collaboratively with all service providers within the Social Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Continuum.

We are looking for a Senior Social Worker to join our team. This role is an essential part of this new model, responsible for providing a clinical and professional social work service and case management at an advanced practice level to clients and families of the North and South Metropolitan Area Mental Health Services, including educational and therapy groups and community development. To be considered for this position you will be able to demonstrate your ability and experience in implementing a range of clinical social work interventions at an advanced level with mental health clients.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 08 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Michael Mitchell on 08 9347 6674

Location: Mt Claremont

Closing Date: Monday 4 July 2011 at 4.00pm.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



DISPUTE ASSESSMENT OFFICER

*Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria,
Loddon Mallee Region*

\$53,502 - \$64,962 Fixed term until June 2012

Position No : DJ7429

The Dispute Settlement Centre is seeking to fill a Dispute Assessment Officer position in the Loddon Mallee Region as part of its 'dispute assessment team' – serving at the Loddon Mallee Region.

The DSCV is the leading government agency in the DOJ for the provision of a wide range of dispute resolution services to the Victorian community.

The key focus of this position is to provide dispute resolution advice and assess suitability of cases for mediation (including those referred from Court). The main focus of the role is to respond to enquiries (both face to face and telephone) and to provide authoritative information on appropriate dispute resolution and mediation options.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 10 July 2011

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Recruitment

Program Manager

Re-advertised
(Identified position)

In this position, an applicants' Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 NSW'.

Our well respected client, a successful Aboriginal health service is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced Program Manager.

This newly created and innovative senior position is responsible for the effective management and coordination of the Social & Emotional Wellbeing Team (SEWBT) and the Health Promotion team within the organisation.

Working in close collaboration with the CEO, this position will oversee the effective delivery and review of all practice across the SEWBT. This position will also provide direct management, consultation, support and mentoring to staff within the Health Promotion Team, overseeing the implementation and evaluation of health promotion projects.

The successful applicant will be tertiary qualified in a health related discipline and have a demonstrated understanding of issues related to the spiritual, social and emotional well being of Aboriginal Communities including the underlying factors. They will also have previous experience in the development, management, administration and evaluation of health promotion programs and experience in successfully managing and leading staff. An understanding of and commitment to the principles of continuous quality improvement will also be required.

If you think you possess the skills and qualities to be successful in this role then please contact:

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Bookings are essential. Contact Darwin 8999 3708, Alice Springs 8951 6548 or Katherine 8973 8588 to reserve your place.

Vacancy number: 211009

Closing date: 1 July 2011

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply. The Northern Territory Government is aiming for an inclusive and diverse workforce. All equal employment opportunity (EEO) groups are encouraged to apply.

www.nt.gov.au/jobs



Family & Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator Community Options Program

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Metro South Region
Alleena Warrambucca Branch
Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00000HMA

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$70,899 per annum (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$64,249 pa) includes annual leave loading and employers contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position is responsible for providing case management and brokerage services to enable frail aged people, people with disabilities and their carers to live independently in their own homes.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network and relevant program standards, community care and welfare systems, and health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of Aboriginal frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights issues including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, conflict resolution, problem solving, written and oral communications.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health science.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client records and basic accounting practices to monitor and work to a budget.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access. Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Applicants MUST address the full selection criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Enquiries: Judith Murray (02) 8344 2800

For Information Package: Kelly Bashford (02) 8344 2800

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Judith Murray, 12A Dadley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015
Closing Date: Thursday, 14 July 2011

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**Bulgarr Ngaru
Medical Aboriginal
Corporation**
Grafton, Casino and
Inverell

General Practitioner Vacancies

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation has positions vacant for either full time or part time General Practitioners at the Grafton, Casino and Inverell Aboriginal Medical Services. Bulgarr Ngaru is looking for a General Practitioner with an interest in Aboriginal and/or primary healthcare.

There is also an option for a position which rotates through the three services.

Applications will be sought until the position(s) is/are filled.

For further information contact:

Mr. Scott Monaghan on smonaghan@bulgarr.com.au
or phone 02 66432199



Health
Sydney
Local Health Network



Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health Network

Dental Assistant – Aboriginal Oral Health

Reference No: 22379.

Salary: \$969.20–\$1,067.10 pw, Temp F/T up to July 2012 at Surry Hills.

Enquiries: Marianne Weston, Ph: 9293 3262.

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Trainee (HEO Non-Grad)

Reference No: 30196.

Salary: \$835.80–\$1,231 pw, Temp F/T up to June 2014 at Campbelltown.

Enquiries: Keren Kiel, Ph: 0425 227 797.

FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

Closing Date: Friday, 8 July 2011.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions as described under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Please apply online by visiting:
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NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health Network

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Female Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Drug and Alcohol Clinical Services, Taree

Temporary Full Time (up to 29/06/2014)

Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part time and Casual positions.

Applicants must be female - exemption is claimed under Section 31(2)(h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

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 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Hunter New England Local Health Network deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions. Confirmation of Aboriginality can be provided as evidence via:

- a) a confirmation with a common seal on it from an Aboriginal organisation; or
- b) a reference letter stating that the person is Aboriginal and accepted by community. (The letter must be supplied by an Aboriginal organisation)

Enquiries: Cecily Willis, (02) 6592 9918

Reference ID: 33013

Closing Date: 10 July 2011

Environmental Health Officer

HNEAHS Population Health, Wallsend, Tamworth, Taree/ Manning

Temporary Full Time (up to 29/06/2012)

Creation of an eligibility list for future perm/temp, full/part time and casual vacancies.

Enquiries: Philippe Porigneaux, (02) 4924 6494

Reference ID: 33866

Closing Date: 17 July 2011

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Pius X Aboriginal Corporation

Bringing Them Home Coordinator/Counsellor

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation has a full time position for a Bringing Them Home Coordinator/Counsellor. This position will assist survivors of the "Stolen Generations" and/or descendants as they prepared to be linked up with their families and take their place within their communities. The role of the Coordinator/Counsellor will facilitate this process by bringing stolen generations survivors together and assisting them to access appropriate support services. Depending on the experience and qualifications of the successful applicant the role will take on a case management and/or counselling aspect. Attractive salary is available for the right applicant. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

- ◆ An understanding of the social and emotional wellbeing issues as they affect those who were removed as a result of past government policies.
- ◆ Experience in working one-to-one with clients, Case management skills, ability to identify client needs and refer appropriately.
- ◆ Highly develop liaison skills with the proven ability to build good working relationships with service providers. Good networking skills.
- ◆ Good negotiation and advocacy skills.
- ◆ Experience in running workshops and group meetings.
- ◆ Current Driver's licence and computer literacy.

Desirable:

- ◆ Counselling skills, experience and/or qualifications would be a distinct advantage.
- ◆ An understanding of Aboriginal and social and emotional health issues.
- ◆ Experience working with Aboriginal clients.

- Read the Position Description
- Tell us in your letter how you meet the selection criteria for the position.
- Attach your personal resume.
- Complete the Working with Children Check and the Prohibited Person Declaration.

Applications should be marked confidential and forwarded to:
"Applications BTH Position"
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400

Applications should arrive no later than close of business on

Friday 15th July 2011.



Human Services
Juvenile Justice

Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.

Shift Supervisor (Aboriginal)

Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre
Grafton, Northern Region
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No: 00000I48

Total remuneration package valued up to \$78,270 pa including salary (\$61,878 pa to \$70,929 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Job Description:

The Shift Supervisor coordinates the work of Youth Officers across the Centre to ensure that daily routines, security, casework and program attendance are resourced appropriately so that care and custody of detainees and the safety of staff is maintained at all times.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Completion of Certificate IV in Juvenile Justice (Youth Work) or Community Services or equivalent plus relevant experience.
- A thorough knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures, guidelines and legislation relating to juvenile justice.
- Extensive experience and ability to work, motivate, support and communicate effectively with detainees with challenging behaviour, including an understanding of their needs.
- Demonstrated ability to manage teams and demonstrated conflict resolution skills, negotiation, liaison, problem solving and advocacy skills (on behalf of detainees).
- Ability to implement and monitor service delivery of detainee case plans including programming needs and demonstrated ability to prepare accurate and concise reports and make recommendations.
- Sound computer skills and experience in using a client based information management system.
- Possession of, or enrolled in, a Senior First Aid Certificate and possession of a minimum Class 1C Drivers licence.

Notes: An applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorized by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

Enquiries: Dennis Gosling (02) 6643 0000

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000I48

Closing Date: 15 July 2011

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Careers with Queensland Health

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Worker – Division of Family Health, Mackay Child and Youth Family Health, Mackay Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$5136 p.m., comprising salary between \$1882.30 - \$2070.50 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Temporary position until 30 June 2012 with the possibility of extension. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy.) JAR: H11MK06171.

Duties/Abilities: Develop/deliver primary health care services including prevention, education, liaison, intervention/ promotion activities and strategies to stakeholders, in keeping with Child, Maternal, Youth and Family Health service standards. Contribute to planning processes developing services framed by Closing The Gap Key Performance Indicators. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Nadine Fitzgerald (07) 4968 3863.

Application Kit: (07) 4965 9468 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 4 July 2011.

Corporate Support Services

Project Officer (Allied Health Model of Care Palm Island) – Community Health Palm Island (Bwgcolman Multidisciplinary Allied Health Team), Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Townsville with regular travel to Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$100 035 p.a., comprising salary between \$81 834 - \$87 676 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A06) (Temporary position up to 12 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H11TV06344. **Duties/Abilities:** Manage a coordinated, dedicated and responsive multidisciplinary allied health model of care for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Palm Island.

Enquiries: Judith Sellen (07) 4752 5101.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6778 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 11 July 2011.

You can apply online at
www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job.
A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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Professional Legal Placement Program

(Aboriginal Identified)

Legal Officer Grade I

(Job Reference No.: EX11/075)

We are looking for bright, hard working law graduates who are about to embark on their Practical Legal Training professional placement to join our Professional Legal Placement Program working in either our Criminal, Family or Civil Law Divisions. Applicants should indicate their preference in a practice area which will be considered based on availability.

Full position details (including selection criteria and an information package) can be found at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146 or Scott Hawkins on (02) 9219 5109.

All applications **must** be submitted via the www.jobs.nsw.gov.au website.

Closing Date: 18 July 2011

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Pius X Aboriginal Corporation Kiah Preschool

Teacher – Early Childhood

Thank you for your interest in this full time position with Kiah Preschool, a part of Pius X Aboriginal Corporation in Moree

Selection Criteria

Essential:

- ◆ Appropriate qualifications in Early Childhood teaching eg; Bachelor of Early Childhood or equivalent.
- ◆ An empathy with Aboriginal culture and previous experience working with Aboriginal children.
- ◆ Experience in planning, implantation and evaluation of programs appropriate to the children's interests and needs.
- ◆ Current First Aid Certificate/
- ◆ Ability to work as a team, sharing responsibilities for quality education with childcare workers and other support staff.
- ◆ Demonstrated experience building partnerships with families and community.

Desirable:

- ◆ Aboriginality would be a distinct advantage to working in this role.
- ◆ Familiar with DOCS regulations.

Please note: Applicants for this position are required by law to disclose if they are a "prohibited person: ie. A person convicted of a serious offence involving children and will have to agree to screening under the Children Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998.

- Read the Position Description
- Tell us in your letter how you meet the selection criteria for the position.
- Complete the Working with Children Check and the Prohibited Person Declaration.

Applications should be marked confidential and forwarded to:
"Application Teacher"

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 363 MOREE NSW 2400

Applications should arrive no later than close of business on
Friday 15th July 2011.

COX • INALL • RIDGEWAY

Health Promotion – Community Coordinator (2 x roles)

Cox Inall Ridgeway has 2 positions open for Community Coordinators to manage and support a regional group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community health promotion activities.

- South Eastern Australia Community Coordinator – Sydney office
- NT Community Coordinator – within the NT

Key Responsibilities and Tasks

- Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations across a designated region to promote a national Indigenous Chronic Disease Prevention program
- Provide insights into effective Indigenous health promotion and culturally appropriate community engagement
- Support the implementation community health promotion projects funded via Australian Government grants
- Provide event management support at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community events.

Knowledge and Skills

- Strong links into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Demonstrated understanding of Indigenous health policy and health promotion
- At least five years' experience working in community or Government health role
- Strong project management and administration skills included demonstrated writing ability, accuracy and attention to detail
- Must be able to travel as required and be flexible with regards to working hours

Salary - Negotiable based on experience

Further information: Fiona Dewar, Group Account Director,
Cox Inall Ridgeway

Phone: 0413 556 069 Email: fionad@coxinallridgeway.com.au



**Bulgarr Ngaru
Medical Aboriginal
Corporation**
GRAFTON, NSW

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation, Grafton has 5 full time positions vacant:

Practice Nurse

Male Mental Health Worker (Aboriginal identified) - readvertised

Aboriginal Family Health Worker (Aboriginal Identified) - readvertised

Drug & Alcohol Worker (Aboriginal Identified) – readvertised

Dental Therapist

Information kits, including the Position Description and Selection Criteria are available by calling (02) 6643 2199 or emailing bulgarr@bigpond.com

CLOSING DATE: 29/07/2011



If you have current industry experience and would like an opportunity to gain additional employment, we would like to hear from you.

Due to an expansion in the range of courses and growth in our Aboriginal Training and Education Programs is offering you an opportunity to express interest in working as a part time casual tutor.

Help us to address the skills shortage and utilise your qualifications and industry experience to help others to get opportunities to gain nationally recognised qualifications.

Enquiries and expression of interest to apply:
Rob Cohen 6883 3699

Note: These are Aboriginal identified positions, Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977)

Closing Date: 15 July 2011



www.wit.tafensw.edu.au



Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council Administration Officer (up to \$65k plus salary sacrifice.)

The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) is seeking to recruit an experienced and skilled Administration Officer to oversee the office administration duties of the MLALC and provide support to the CEO on a day to day basis. This position is a great opportunity to be a part of a Land Council who are moving forward and working at the coal face of Aboriginal politics and change in the community. The person we are looking for will need to possess the following;

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality and knowledge of the Aboriginal community.
2. Knowledge of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act
3. Relevant qualifications and or relevant management experiences.
4. Excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to work in the Aboriginal community.
5. Excellent interpersonal and networking skills.
6. Demonstrated ability in working together as part of a team and as an individual.
7. Ability to prioritise a demanding workload and follow the set directive of the CEO
8. Excellent computer skills and the ability to produce appropriate reports and presentations.
9. Current NSW open driver's license.
10. Knowledge of OH&S and EEO

You will also need to provide 2 referees at your most recent workplaces, from supervisors. Please be mindful that you must address all of the following selection criterion to be considered for an interview. Please email your completed application and resume to pmorris@metrolalc.org.au or send written application marked confidential to PO Box 1103 Strawberry Hills NSW 2012. For any information please do not hesitate to contact Paul Morris on 0466110674 or 02 8394 9666.

**The Closing date for applications is
Friday the 8th July 2011**



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The RTA is looking for graduates who are motivated team players with a hands-on, practical approach. Join our Graduate Program to kick start your career.

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We are looking for graduates from a wide range of disciplines.

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For more information and to apply go to
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GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

The Koori Mail is seeking to recruit to its small but dedicated editorial team.

Ours is the only 100% Aboriginal-owned and controlled fortnightly Indigenous newspaper in Australia. We're independently audited for circulation and reach an estimated 100,000+ readers per edition.

We have two full-time positions available, both of them based at our office in Lismore (Bundjalung country) in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

DEPUTY EDITOR

This is a new position. The Deputy Editor will assist the Managing Editor in all editorial functions of the Koori Mail, including:

- The creation and gathering of appropriate news and photography;
- Commissioning of editorial content within budget;
- Sub-editing, placement and proofing of editorial content, and completion of paper to deadline;
- Layout of pages;
- Handling editorial inquiries;
- Management of the Koori Mail website;
- Management of editorial staff and related matters; and
- Representation and promotion of the Koori Mail, including at high-profile events.

JOURNALIST

This is an existing vacant position, with duties including:

- Reporting;
- Photography;
- Proof-reading;
- Updating of the Koori Mail website; and
- General promotion of the Koori Mail.

We're seeking people with:

- Tertiary or equivalent qualifications in journalism;
- High-level writing skills and a commitment to professional journalism;
- Skills in the use of computers (preferably Macs) and related software, and camera equipment;
- Experience in website maintenance;
- Good, strong contacts within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- In-depth awareness and understanding of historical and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues; and
- A commitment to the advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Compulsory for both positions: A driver's licence and the capacity to undertake frequent air, road and other travel.

Closing date for applications: Monday, 1 August.

Applications will not be considered unless they address the relevant position selection criteria and duty statement. For copies of these, details of the salary packages on offer or other information, email the Managing Editor at manager@koorimail.com or call (02) 66 222 666 during business hours.

The Koori Mail: Proudly celebrating 20 years and 500 editions in 2011



Are you looking to join a dynamic organisation about to seize opportunities and embark on change? Primary Care Connect (formerly Goulburn Valley Community Health Service) is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic employee, willing to work hard for the people of Greater Shepparton and surrounding districts and to make a positive contribution to the life of the service as it continues to grow.

Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) Worker

**Revised Position
RE-ADVERTISED
(Full Time)**

The AHPACC Worker will ensure Australian Aboriginal clients that present to PCC, can access primary health care that is culturally respectful and which supports all aspects of health including prevention, promotion and treatment.

In accordance with provisions allowed under the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, this position is only available to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Exemption Number A178/2010

We offer excellent conditions, including very attractive salary packaging and a friendly team environment. We are committed to supporting our staff to ensure they deliver the best possible care to our community, as well as assisting them to find the right work/life balance that enables them to enjoy the challenges of their position and their home life too.

Further information on the above position may be obtained by telephoning Hamish Fletcher, Director Service Development on (03) 5823 3200.

For a position description and application kit, please access our website at www.primarycareconnect.com.au

A current police check and working with children check is mandatory prior to employment.

Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday, 1st July, 2011.



Reconciliation AUSTRALIA

Employment Opportunities Canberra

Reconciliation Australia (RA) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation. Our vision is for an Australia that recognises and respects the special place, culture, rights and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and where good relationships between the first Australians and other Australians.

RA is looking for highly professional, talented and motivated individuals to join our team.

Vacant Positions

- Policy Research Officer** Salary Range \$75k – 80k plus superannuation
This position will provide advice on policies and strategies to be pursued by RA.
- Media Officer** \$60k – 70k plus superannuation
This position will be RA's first point of contact with media organisations.
- Programs & Projects Officer** \$60k – 65k plus superannuation
This position will be delivering RA programs and projects to a range of stakeholders.

All the positions are full-time fixed-term positions up to 30 June 2013 and are based in Canberra.

RA is committed to improving employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and welcomes applications from Indigenous peoples.

For further information about RA, job descriptions and selection criteria go to our website at www.reconciliation.org.au. For enquires contact RA's HR Manager, Gillian Frost on 02 6272 2640

Applications close 9am Monday 11 July 2011

Please send applications to:
Gillian Frost | HR Manager
Reconciliation Australia

Old Parliament House, King George Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
gillian.frost@reconciliation.org.au

Disability Program Manager

Rewarding and meaningful career opportunity

Full Time position in NWMR and SMR (based in Eltham and Cranbourne)

Life Without Barriers (LWB) 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. We are renowned for providing support in a flexible and innovative way.

Life Without Barriers provides person directed and flexible supports to people with a disability throughout the North West Metropolitan Region.

The Disability Program manager's role includes:

- Overseeing services in our residential and individualised support services
- Developing innovative program responses
- Support to the Team Leaders and Disability Individualised Supports Coordinator
- Community engagement and capacity building

Preferred applicants will possess tertiary qualifications in Disability, Youth, Community Services, Social Work or Social Science.



A more detailed position description is available on our web site www.lwb.org.au and this includes the specific selection criteria to be addressed. Applications should be sent to Teresa McClelland, Operations Manager North West region at sue.maddison@lwb.org.au or posted to 12 Bridge Street, Eltham 3095 by **22 July 2011**.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position. Generous salary packaging, including allocation of a vehicle and a lap top is available for the successful applicants.

www.lwb.org.au



Queensland Theatre Company

INDIGENOUS PRODUCER

2 positions available at the following venues:

- Queensland Theatre Company (QTC) and
- the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC)

With support from the Australia Council for the Arts, QTC and QPAC will simultaneously be recruiting an Indigenous (Associate) Producer to work on programming and touring of Indigenous product produced by these major national performing arts companies.

Full details on both positions and how to apply are available on the respective websites:

www.queenslandtheatrecompany.com.au and www.qpac.com.au

Applications close on Monday 18 July 2011.

First round interviews are anticipated to be held in the week beginning Monday 25 July 2011.

QPAC and QTC are both equal opportunity employers.



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WHEN YOU STUDY ON THE ABORIGINAL STUDY-TO-WORK PROGRAM

The Aboriginal-study-to-work program offers Aboriginal people an opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification at the certificate IV level whilst working. Once you successfully complete the program you will be offered a position.

A Department of Human Services and Department of Health pathway to employment initiative.

Two positions are available:

Housing Services Officer, Level 1
Region: Southern Metropolitan.

Administration & Project Support Officer, Level 3
Region: Head Office, Melbourne.

Applications close: 15 July 2011

For more information or to apply PHONE: 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

www.careers.vic.gov.au





BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

Lecturer – Construction & Carpentry

Position No: 13955

Fixed term appointment commencing ASAP to Dec 2013 – Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$72,474 - \$86,063

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved academic VET sectors in construction and carpentry courses including teaching, student assessment, development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities. Liaison with remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is also required along with the ability to work throughout the Northern Territory.

Applications close Friday 8th July 2011

For further information, the Role Profile, Selection Criteria and 'Information for Applicants' are available from the Institute's website www.batchelor.edu.au (recruitment link); the Human Resources Unit on (08) 8939 7272 or (08) 8939 7393; fax (08) 8939 7432; or email recruitment@batchelor.edu.au

The Institute reserves the right not to make an appointment, or to vary the type of appointment.

A free commuter service is normally available for staff traveling between Darwin, Palmerston and some rural areas.

Australian Indigenous (Koori) Traineeships

- Great entry level role – no qualifications required
- Full time, 12 month traineeships
- National Training Wage Rates apply

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE OF AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS DESCENT TO APPLY FOR THESE POSITIONS

Equal Opportunity Act Exemption No: A80/2011

The Gunung-Willam-Balluk Learning Centre is seeking applications from suitable Indigenous people interested in undertaking traineeship programs in different areas within the Institute such as office administration, customer service, information technology and youth liaison.

There are no formal qualifications or experience required for these traineeships but ideally you will possess: a commitment to completing training in your selected career area, work readiness skills and attitudes, good personal time management and organisation skills, an ability to communicate and work with a variety of people and the ability to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in this position please visit www.kangan.edu.au/jobs to apply online or please send your Resume along with a covering letter to Tanya Douglas, Kangan Institute, Private Bag 299, Somerton Vic 3062.

For further information about these positions please contact Tanya via email on tdouglas@kangan.edu.au or 03 9279 2357, or call into the Indigenous Education Centre, Broadmeadows Campus.

**Applications close on
Friday 15 July 2011 at 5.00pm.**



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Various Locations

Salary package from \$98,295 – \$101,059 p.a.

Do you have strong leadership skills and experience working with Aboriginal children and families?

Join Community Services as a casework manager in your area and you will be leading and supervising a team of caseworkers and working with non-government agencies to provide services to vulnerable children, young people, and families.

You will benefit from: professional support and training, flexible working conditions and great career opportunities.

You will need: to identify and be recognised as Aboriginal, at least three years experience working with Aboriginal children and families, strong management and leadership abilities.

People from Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and mature aged applicants are encouraged to apply. Aboriginal applicants do not need a degree qualification as their experience with Aboriginal communities is highly valued.

Join us now.

For more information visit
www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers
or phone 1800 203 966.

To apply visit www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday 8th July 2011



**Family &
Community Services**
Community Services

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Applications close for 2012 on 29 July 2011

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HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THINK ABOUT A JOB IN GOVERNMENT



The Territory Government is working to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage in the Territory.

To do this we need Indigenous people in government working together to find solutions.

That is why we want more Indigenous Territorians to consider a job in government.

Whether you have a degree, experience or you're just looking to get started - there's lots of options.

Make a difference today.

Ph 8999 3708 or visit:
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Victoria Daly

SHIRE COUNCIL

Women & Children Services Coordinator

Victoria Daly Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for a **Women & Children Services Coordinator** in Katherine. In this role you'll be **formulating women's committees & coordinating children's services**. In return, you will be rewarded with a **competitive salary circa \$53,637 - \$57,348 plus super and more!**

www.victoriadaly.applynow.com.au
If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573



Language and Literacy Trainers (Sessional)

Holmesglen Language Centre is seeking to appoint trainers to deliver language and literacy training in Melbourne and Perth for the Indigenous Employment Program.

Trainers should have ESL/TESOL or equivalent language teaching qualifications and a Certificate IV in Training & Assessment.

Experience in working with Indigenous learners is desirable.

Applicants from indigenous background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Trainers will be appointed on a sessional basis.

If you are interested please visit the Jobs at Holmesglen section of our website at www.holmesglen.edu.au

Or alternatively apply below.

Applications close Friday, 8 July 2011



Exciting Opportunity in Aboriginal Primary Health Care



AUSTRALIAN NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) is funded by the Australian Government and provides an intensive home visiting program using Registered Nurses (Nurse Home Visitor) to work with women and families of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander babies, starting during pregnancy and continuing regularly until the child is 2 years old, providing education, support and assisting to succeed in parenting. **Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service is seeking to recruit two enthusiastic and experienced staff members to join the existing team.**

NURSE HOME VISITOR (R/N)

Full-time position
Servicing Dubbo & Wellington

Generous salary up to \$80K
Dependant on experience & qualifications.
Salary packaging available.

*ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Full-time position
Based in Wellington

Generous salary up to \$53K
Dependant on experience & qualifications.
Salary packaging available.

***Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the Administration Officer position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977**


APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 15 July 2011

All applicants must submit a CV & a detailed statement addressing the Selection Criteria. For information on the position & to obtain an application package contact Judy Townsend (ANFPP Nurse Supervisor) on 68452565 or judyt@wachs.net.au

www.anfpp.com.au for more information
Late or faxed applications will not be accepted

Solicitor, National Indigenous TV Limited

National Indigenous TV Limited (NITV) is Australia's first 24 hour national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander television channel. NITV aims to showcase the rich diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures nationwide.



NITV is seeking a qualified lawyer with at least three years' experience to join our Legal and Business Affairs team, based in Sydney.

Initially, this will be a maximum term contract, ending on 30 June 2012. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

The ideal candidate will have experience in media law, copyright law, contract negotiation and drafting and an understanding of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights.

This is an exciting opportunity to work in a dynamic media organisation, in a role that is "hands on" and full of variety.

Selection criteria and further information about the role can be found at www.nitv.org.au or contact Catherine Waters (Manager, Legal Affairs) at catherine.waters@nitv.org.au or on (02) 8423 5140.

Applications close on Friday, 15 July 2011.

Disability Support Coordinator

Rewarding and meaningful career opportunity
Full Time position in NWMR



Life Without Barriers (LWB) 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. We are renowned for providing support in a flexible and innovative way.

Life Without Barriers provides support services to enable people with a disability to live the life of their choice through provision of outreach, in home respite, residential support, day activities and case management

The Disability Support Coordinator's role includes:

- Coordination of the activities for the individualized packages
- Support to the Disability Support workers
- Follow up of incidents and budget management
- Liaison with DHS and other stakeholders
- Community engagement and capacity building

Preferred applicants will possess tertiary qualifications and/or extensive experience in Disability, Youth, Community Services or Social Work

A more detailed position description is available on our web site www.lwb.org.au and this includes the specific selection criteria to be addressed.

Applications should be sent to Teresa McClelland, Operations Manager North West region at sue.maddison@lwb.org.au or posted to 12 Bridge Street, Eltham, 3095 by **11 July 2011**.



The successful applicant will be required to undertake suitability checks.

LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background or people with disabilities to apply for the position. Generous salary packaging is available for the successful applicants.

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Applications are invited for the following employment available within Council.

Position	Salary Range	Closing Date	Further Information
General Labourer – Designated Aboriginal Position	\$36,592 to \$42,081 per annum + Super	20/07/11	Harry Wilson (02) 6620 1652


The above position is approved as a designated Aboriginal only placement. Proof of Aboriginality will be required for this position.

Please note: Applicants are encouraged to attend an information session to be held on Monday, 18 July 2011 at 10.00am, Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah.


Information packages are available on Council's website, www.lismore.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council, phone 1300 87 83 87.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT, THE ARTS AND SPORT
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Natural Resources Division, Water Resources Branch - Katherine
Permanent

NRETAS is a dynamic organisation that exists to ensure the long-term economic and social well being of Territorians by fostering use of natural resources within sustainable limits.

A Water Advisory & Regulatory Officer is sought to join a close-knit multi-disciplinary team to assist with the management, regulation and licensing of the NT's water resources under the NT Water Act 1992. Another key role of the position is the delivery of advice and technical information to the general community to aid in the promotion of sustainable natural resource management and protection of the Territory's pristine water resources.

It is essential that you have completed your secondary education with good level of Maths, English and Technology, however an appropriate Degree or Diploma in Natural Resource Management and experience is desirable. The position requires high level customer service and negotiation skills, and demonstrated experience in the use of mapping products such as cadastral, topographic, Geographical Information System (GIS) and geological maps.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Contact us on 1300 659 247 or email Recruitment@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 16180
Closing date: 8 July 2011

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Ageing, Disability and Home Care

Department of Family and Community Services NSW

ABORIGINAL TRAINEE ASSISTANT IN NURSING EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Closing Date Sunday 24 July 2011

Temporary full-time positions are now available:

The agency is currently recruiting Aboriginal people for the Trainee Assistant in Nursing Aboriginal Employment Program to commence in September 2011.

The Program is a pathway for Aboriginal people to gain the necessary skills, accredited training and confidence to apply for ongoing work in the aged and disability sector. The positions are available within large residential centres and specialist supported living centres that provide supported accommodation and care for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

The Program will offer:

- 12 months temporary full-time employment
- ADHC Nurses Award salary and public sector benefits
- On-the-job practical experience in the workplace
- Certificate III in Aged Care
- Offer of support by an Aboriginal cultural mentor and attendance at a cultural camp
- Whole of life caring for people in need

Locations:
Positions may be located in the following centres.

Kanangra Centre - Morrisett	Tomaree Centre - Shoal Bay
Casuarina Grove - Hamlyn Terrace	Westmead Centre - Westmead
Stockton Centre - Stockton	Riverside Centre - Orange

Information sessions will be conducted at:

Hunter – 12 July venue TBA	Central Coast – 13 July venue TBA
Sydney – 14 July venue TBA	Orange – 15 July venue TBA

For further information please contact Melinda Lyons on 1800 192 728 or email to aecf@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Job Notes
The positions are temporary full-time for 12 months in terms of section 27 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

Recruitment to these positions is targeted to the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is authorised by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care Department of Family and Community Services NSW EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

How to Apply
You must read the job information pack, complete the application form and address the selection criteria.

Obtain a job information package by contacting: Jennifer McFarlane – (02) 4928 0956 or via email Jennifer.McFarlane@dhs.nsw.gov.au or via the link in the advertisement on www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

1. Apply on-line at: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or
2. Manual applications post to: The Human Resource Officer, Hunter Residences, Stockton Centre, Fullerton Street, Stockton, NSW, 2295

These positions are partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).



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Ageing, Disability & Home Care



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Ref 11198 The successful appointee will contribute to the design and evaluation of training programs in chronic condition self-management and provide training and follow up support across Australia to allied health professionals, general practitioners, nurses and Aboriginal health workers in the Flinders Program for the Closing the Gap project.

- **Flinders Human Behaviour and Health Research Unit (FHBHRU), Psychiatry (Flinders Clinical Effectiveness), School of Medicine**
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Communications centres are located in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Caloundra, Brisbane, Beenleigh and Toowoomba.

The job is more than answering calls!

While answering emergency triple zero (000) calls is a key aspect of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher's role, the job also encompasses many other tasks.

Being able to type (ideally at 40 words per minute with 95% accuracy), multitask, use a computer, read maps, listen and forward plan whilst providing clear and authoritative direction in a calm manner, are essential skills required to perform the duties of an Emergency Medical Dispatcher.

The first few minutes of an emergency are critical. Early help can save lives.

Having a vital role in such circumstances, Emergency Medical Dispatcher provides instructions to guide callers in performing First Aid practices until a Paramedic crew arrives at the scene.

QAS are recruiting Indigenous applicants for Student Emergency Medical Dispatcher positions in Brisbane Region, Queensland.

APPLY NOW: www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/recruitment

Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people are strongly
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Queensland Government

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

Legal Support Officer

Aboriginal Identified
Clerk Grade 1/2, Lismore Regional Office
(Recruitment Action: RA11/072)

Job Description:

The Legal Support Officer provides a range of clerical, administrative and basic referral information services to clients to support the effective and efficient operation of legal services within Legal Aid NSW.

For full Position Description of Information Pack, please go to www.job.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries: Wendy Kilroy (02) 6621 2082

Application/Packages: Online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Sunday, 10 July 2011

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The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) is the peak organisation representing the Traditional Owners of WA's Kimberley region.

The KLC is seeking two outstanding individuals as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Deputy CEO (DCEO).

The duties include strategic, operational and financial management of the KLC as well as negotiating with Gov't and businesses.

Both roles require strong leadership ability and understanding of relevant social, cultural and legal issues; extensive negotiating, financial, operational, strategic and policy skills; and ability to effectively manage an Indigenous organisation.

The KLC offers a generous salary / benefits package.

To apply contact the Human Resources
Co-ordinator on (08) 9194 0100 or
via email at hr@klc.org.au
Job pack available at www.klc.org.au

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Islander people are
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Health

ABORIGINAL MATERNAL HEALTH WORKER

2 x PFT; **Salary:** Aboriginal Health Education Officer Non-Graduate, \$43,610-\$64,231 pa. **Enquiries:** Sue Hendy, (02) 4734 2114; Blacktown Hospital, Nepean Hospital, Mount Druitt Hospital, **Ad No:** 28747 **Close:** 25/07/11.

For further information and to apply visit:

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=28747>

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).

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Applications need to be submitted through the Macquarie University online recruitment system. Where circumstances such as disability or remote location prohibit your access to our online system or for any enquiries about this position please contact **A/Prof Susan Page** on (02) 9850 8634 or susan.page@mq.edu.au

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**Family &
Community Services**
Housing NSW

Principal Policy Officer

Clerk Grade 11/12
Policy & Strategy
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time
Job Reference No: 00000GXO

Total remuneration package valued up to \$131,481 per annum (Salary: \$103,026 pa - \$119,149 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Coordinate and contribute to actions in the NSW Homelessness Action Plan and the Homelessness Unit which support service system reforms and coordinate the implementation of Housing NSW responsibilities under the plan.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership and high level conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills to provide accurate and timely strategic policy advice, with regard to human services policy issues.
- Demonstrated high level experience in stakeholder engagement and relationship management, within the human services sector and in whole-of-government initiatives.
- Demonstrated high level experience in program and project management.
- Demonstrated experience or understanding of service delivery challenges with regard to clients with complex needs.
- Demonstrated capacity to multi-task and to deliver under pressure, and to adapt to changing priorities.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills including liaison and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage a team and team resources.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience in human services.

Job Notes: This is a re-advertised role. Previous applications will be carried forward. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Sharon Gudu (02) 8753 8460

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000GXO

Closing Date: Wednesday 13 July 2011

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INDIGENOUS RECRUITMENT COORDINATOR

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Your understanding of Indigenous culture and issues is vital and a personal link to the WA community is a great advantage. Your ability to build relationships and excellent communication skills will ensure your success in this role. Previous experience in Indigenous recruitment will be looked at favourably.

Along with the opportunity to make a difference, you'll enjoy a flexible work environment, 10% superannuation, salary sacrificing and an employee assistance program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

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CARE COORDINATOR

Full Time

The Northern Rivers General Practice Network (NRGPN), in conjunction with Aboriginal Health and Medical Services, has a vacancy for a Care Coordinator who will be responsible for working collaboratively with patients, general practitioners, practice staff and health services to provide appropriate multidisciplinary care and services for Aboriginal people with a chronic condition. **Previous applicants will be considered.**

INDIGENOUS HEALTH OUTREACH WORKER

Part-Time (16hrs p/w)

The Northern Rivers General Practice Network (NRGPN) has a vacancy for an Outreach Worker who will be responsible for working collaboratively with patients, general practitioners, practice staff and Aboriginal health services to improve access to ante-natal clinics, post natal services, health promotion and education activities for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and their babies.

These are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act. Confirmation of Aboriginal status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions is required.

For detailed position descriptions, including selection criteria, please visit the jobs section on our website at www.nrgpn.org.au

Applications to: Program Manager, NRGPN, PO Box 519, Lismore NSW 2480
or email to: manager@nrgpn.org.au
Enquiries to: Rachel Crowley on 02 6622 4453
Applications close: 5pm on Wednesday 13 July 2011



Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health Network

Aboriginal (AIMHS) Trainee

Area Drug & Alcohol, Shellharbour

Temporary Full Time

Enquiries: David Reis, (02) 4223 8341

Ref No: 29513

Closing Date: 10 July, 2011

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Worker

Wollongong

Temporary Full Time (up to 02/09/2011)

Enquiries: Glenn Krone, 0412 129 017

Ref No: 2412

Closing date: 10th July 2011

Apply online at:
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Recruitment Unit, Locked Bag 6004,
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Family & Community Services Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Northern Region, Tweed Heads
Permanent Full-Time

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,899 per annum includes a salary range \$58,249 pa to \$64,249 pa plus leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description:

The position coordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

1. Aboriginality.
2. Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of the frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.
3. Demonstrated planning, time management and administrative skills, and the ability to identify, analyse and resolve competing priorities and service issues.
4. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of client rights including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaint mechanisms.
5. Demonstrated ability to support, train and supervise staff.
6. Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiations skills.
7. Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client and staff records, writing of complex reports, extracting data base information and ensuring accurate records and billing processes.
8. Experience in a similar role in the community service sector or possession of relevant tertiary qualifications and current Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

Job notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Contact for Inquiries: Marvette Logan Ph: (07) 5523 3623

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000120

Closing Date: 15 July 2011

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LAND AND WATER RESEARCH FELLOW

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Non-Ongoing - Canberra

18 month full-time position (non-ongoing) with opportunity for six-month extension

Important note: Depending on their experience, the successful candidate will either be appointed at the APS 6 level or at the Executive Level 1. Applicants are therefore required to state in their application the selection criteria to which they are addressing.

AIATSIS is currently recruiting a Land and Water Research Fellow in the field of climate change adaptation and native title governance, for our new Land and Water Centre, within the Indigenous Country, Law and Governance Research Program. The successful candidate might have a disciplinary or interdisciplinary background from human geography, law, anthropology, political science, sustainability studies or other relevant field.

The Fellow will undertake research in accordance with the AIATSIS project "Changes to Country and Culture, Changes to Climate: strengthening institutions for Indigenous resilience and adaptation", as well as in accordance with a work plan agreed with the Director of Indigenous Country, Law and Governance. The climate change adaptation project seeks to understand the barriers to and enablers of Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBCs) in facilitating community driven adaptation on native title lands and develop best practice for participatory climate change decision-making, specifically through: 1) analysing and documenting the role and capacity of RNTBCs in climate change adaptation, through collaborative research partnerships; and 2) providing relevant stakeholders with knowledge to develop effective working relationships with RNTBCs, based upon an appreciation of their unique systems of communal land ownership and governance circumstances.

An ideal applicant for this vacancy is an early career researcher, who can assist the organisation to grow our capacity in the area of climate change adaptation and native title, and traditional ownership and land and water issues more broadly.

Relevant work experience will include research in Indigenous studies and/or successful completion of projects; cooperation with Indigenous co-workers, communities or academic research units; an excellent understanding of key issues in climate change adaptation and native title, and Indigenous affairs generally; and the ability to create coherent, academically sound research reports.

Whilst academic qualifications are an important indicator of capability to undertake research projects, they are not the sole determinant of suitability. AIATSIS will appoint applicants without PhD qualifications if they can demonstrate equivalent research skills. Early career researchers will be prioritised, in accordance with the requirements of our funding body.

Candidates should clearly identify if they are applying for the APS 6 or EL1 level.

The successful candidate will be offered an 18 month contract, with possible extension to a maximum of two years. Salary will be in the range \$63,803 to \$88,207, depending on experience. Australian Public Service Superannuation and leave entitlements apply.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Applications must include:

- A statement of claims addressing the selection criteria
- An application cover sheet
- A current resume or curriculum vitae
- Contact details of two recent referees

Applications, including the names and telephone numbers of two referees should be sent to:
Human Resources, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553, Canberra ACT 2601

Or email: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Contact officer for this position is Dr Jessica Weir on 02 6246 1162 or jess.weir@aiatsis.gov.au

Selection documentation: www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job_vacancies or Recruitment on (02) 6246 1128 or hrrteam@aiatsis.gov.au

Please read the Information for Applicants available with selection documentation before submitting your application.

Notes: Applicants for these positions must address the selection criteria which include the ability to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Institute values a skilled and diverse workforce to meet the needs of the organisation in the promotion of knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present.

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ASSISTANT CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER (Targeted ATSI)

JAG11/0690

Clerk Grade 1-2

Newcastle, Permanent full time

Salary range: \$52,104 - \$56,644

Total Remuneration package valued up to: \$62,507

Assist in the provision of professional trustee services by:

- personally administering estate, trust and power of attorney matters of low complexity
- maintaining appropriate, regular and consistent communications with clients and Operations Centre staff in regard to estate, trust, agency and power of attorney administration.

Applicants must be willing to become a Justice of the Peace.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Ability to develop sound interpersonal and communication skills and deal with a diverse range of professionals, staff and members of the community;
- Ability to administer Estate, Trust and Power of Attorney matters;
- Ability to investigate, analyse and solve problems;
- Ability to plan and prioritise work and meet deadlines;
- Sound file management, organisational and computer skills;
- Drivers licence or capacity for independent travel.

Job notes:

These positions are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants only in accordance with the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2006 - 2011.

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

An e-list may be created to fill future permanent, temporary, full time and part time positions as they arise.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement.

Inquiries: Tracey Penfold (02) 4926 4000 tracey.penfold@tag.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 8 July 2011

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Clinical Nurse

Web Search No: Pool Ref GL184

Level/Salary: ANF Level 2 \$69,459 - \$73,798 p.a.

Do you wish to be a part of the new Metropolitan Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (MSAMHS), Department of Health, Western Australia? You will be a part of a Perth metropolitan-based multidisciplinary health team. You will work collaboratively with all service providers within the Social Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Continuum.

We are seeking a pool of applicants to fill the role of Clinical Nurse. We currently have 3 positions available; 2 for Adult Mental Health and 1 for the child and adolescent program. To be successful in this role, you will be able to deliver a specialist nursing service within a multidisciplinary and professional mental health team context, and provide support to colleagues and other professionals. We encourage all those who have experience as a practising Community Mental Health Nurse and a demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people to apply to this pool.

To Access Detailed Information: Visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 08 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Michael Mitchell on 08 9347 6674

Location: Mt Claremont

Closing Date: Monday 4 July 2011 at 4.00pm.



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
25/2214	Basil Robert O'Loughlin	9.66ha	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 48 months from date of grant.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 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. 29 October 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 13 July 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



ABORIGINAL CASEWORKER/GROUPWORKER

Full Time 38 hours per week
Brighter Futures Cumberland



- Opportunity to make a difference for Aboriginal families
- Chance for professional development and training

Wesley Mission has a real mission - to reach out to a community with real needs. Through witness, work and with the assistance of supporters we can turn lives around for good. The Brighter Futures Early Intervention Program is a voluntary, child focused program that provides 'a helping hand' to support families with children aged 0-8years.

We are currently seeking the services of an Aboriginal caseworker/group worker for our Cumberland Brighter Futures program. Brighter Futures aims to promote strong, functional and well supported families within the community. The successful applicant would be required to deliver both case management support and facilitate group work programs predominantly with Aboriginal Families in the Cumberland area.

Essential Criteria:

- Tertiary qualification(s) in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work, Social Science or related fields.
- Experience working alongside Aboriginal Families with a strengths based and child focused approach
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and community
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of casework practice and key functions of case management.
- Working knowledge of issues relating to Family Violence, Child Protection, substance abuse, Parenting Skills, and social isolation.
- Current NSW or National Driver's Licence.

Salary and conditions of employment will be in accordance with the SACS NAPSA Award Grade 4 salary range (\$47, 876 - \$52,102) plus superannuation and salary packaging. A fully maintained vehicle for some private use is available with the position.

Please contact our office on 9330 7200 or email cbfintake@wesleymission.org.au to obtain an application package. **All applications must address the essential and desirable criteria.**

Interviews will be held on 14th July

Wesley Mission considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

Applications close: 8th July 2011



**Family &
Community Services**
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Care Worker

Grade 2
Home Care Service of NSW
Hunter Region
Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast
Permanent Part-Time (5 Positions)

Job Reference: 00000H51

Total remuneration package valued up to \$43,147 per annum (Salary: \$39,100 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$19.72 ph.

Aboriginal Home Care Service of NSW is a state-wide service providing household support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged people, people with disabilities to enable them to live independently in their own homes. Support is also provided to their carers.

We are seeking to employ permanent part-time Grade 2 Aboriginal Care Workers to provide basic personal care and domestic assistance (housekeeping) services to our clients in their homes. Flexible days and hours of work Monday to Sunday available.

Are You

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Caring and understanding
- Able to engage with the aged, people with disabilities and people from all backgrounds
- Able to work varying hours including early mornings, evenings, some weekends and public holidays

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- Supportive work environment
- Rewarding career

Job Notes: There are five (5) permanent part-time positions (3x 15 hpw and 2x 25 hpw positions available). Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Qualifications in community care, aged care or disability would be well regarded but not essential.

Enquiries: Kristy Bissaker on (02) 4321 7215

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000H51

Closing Date: Friday 15 July 2011

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QI2011/021 Birri People and Comerford ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 247 square kilometres, located approximately 102km east of Mackay, north and east of Turrawulla as shown on the locality map, being all of Exmoor Station and that part of Turrawulla Station covered by the Birri People native title claim (QUD6244/1998).

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Isaac and Whitsunday Regional Councils



QI2011/023 Birri People and Rea ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 24 square kilometres over Lot 2 on SB25 and is located southeast of Millaroo as shown on the locality map, being part of Kirknie Station.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Whitsunday Regional Council.

Parties to the agreements and their contact address:

Donald Alan Rea and June Maree Rea (QI2011/23)
Daniel Edward Comerford,
Noel James Griffin Comerford, and
Errol Henry Comerford (QI2011/21)
C/- MacDonnells Law
Level 9, 120 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4179

Grace Smallwood, Allan Fisher, Heather Tilberoo,
Algon Walsh Jnr, Colin McLennon, David Miller
and Frank Fisher on their behalf and on behalf of the
Birri People (QUD6244/1998)
Michael Owens Lawyer and Consultant
PO Box 1989
Aitkenvale BC QLD 4814

The agreements contain the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

QI2011/021 Birri People and Comerford ILUA

5.1 The parties consent to the grant of the Lease by the State.

"Lease" means the grant of a perpetual lease for grazing purposes under the *Land Act, 1994* (Qld) over each of Exmoor [Station] and [part of] Turrawulla [Station].

QI2011/023 Birri People and Rea ILUA

5.1 The Parties consent to: a) the grant of the Term Lease by the State; (b) the grant of any Renewal of the Term Lease by the State [relating to part of Kirknie Station].

"Term Lease" means the grant of a term lease for pastoral purposes under the *Land Act, 1994* (Qld) over the ILUA Area.

"Renewal" means a grant or renewal of the Term Lease for a further term of up to fifty (50) years.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area covered by the agreements. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 13 October 2011.**

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of these agreements, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD, 4870 by 13 October 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. Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES SA MINING ACT 1971 S63M

TAKE NOTICE that **RENAISSANCE URANIUM PTY LTD** (ACN 135 531 341) c/- 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000 is the registered holder of Exploration Licence 4394 and proposes to carry out exploration activities on the following land (**Land**):

Exploration Licence 4394: Approximately 30km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:

AREA A

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°00'S and longitude 140°29'E, thence east to longitude 140°40'E, south to latitude 32°03'S, west to longitude 140°29'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°06'S and longitude 140°25'E, thence east to longitude 140°28'E, south to latitude 32°07'S, east to longitude 140°30'E, south to latitude 32°08'S, east to longitude 140°33'E, south to latitude 32°09'S, west to longitude 140°32'E, south to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°25'E, south to latitude 32°11'S, west to longitude 140°23'E, north to latitude 32°10'S, west to longitude 140°21'E, north to latitude 32°09'S, east to longitude 140°25'E and north to the point of commencement.

AREA C

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°07'S and longitude 140°50'E, thence east to longitude 140°52'E, south to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 140°51'E, south to latitude 32°13'S, west to longitude 140°50'E, south to latitude 32°14'S, west to longitude 140°49'E, south to latitude 32°15'S, west to longitude 140°46'E, south to latitude 32°16'S, west to longitude 140°44'E, north to latitude 32°15'S, east to longitude 140°45'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, east to longitude 140°46'E, north to latitude 32°11'S, east to longitude 140°47'E, north to latitude 32°10'S, east to longitude 140°49'E, north to latitude 32°09'S, east to longitude 140°50'E and north to the point of commencement.

TOTAL AREA: approximately 282 km²

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australia Geodetic Datum as defined on p4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (ADG66).

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Exploration operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economic mineralisation, which may include: magnetic gravity, electrical and seismic surveying, geochemical sampling, shallow trenching, auger, rotary, air blast, core, reverse circulation and/or diamond core drilling.

TAKE NOTICE that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relation to the Land to which this notice relates **RENAISSANCE URANIUM PTY LTD** may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact **RENAISSANCE URANIUM PTY LTD** through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

TAKE NOTICE that if within four (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, **RENAISSANCE URANIUM PTY LTD** and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Renaissance Uranium Pty Ltd
c/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers
262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8223 5088

Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290

Contact Person: Abigail Steed

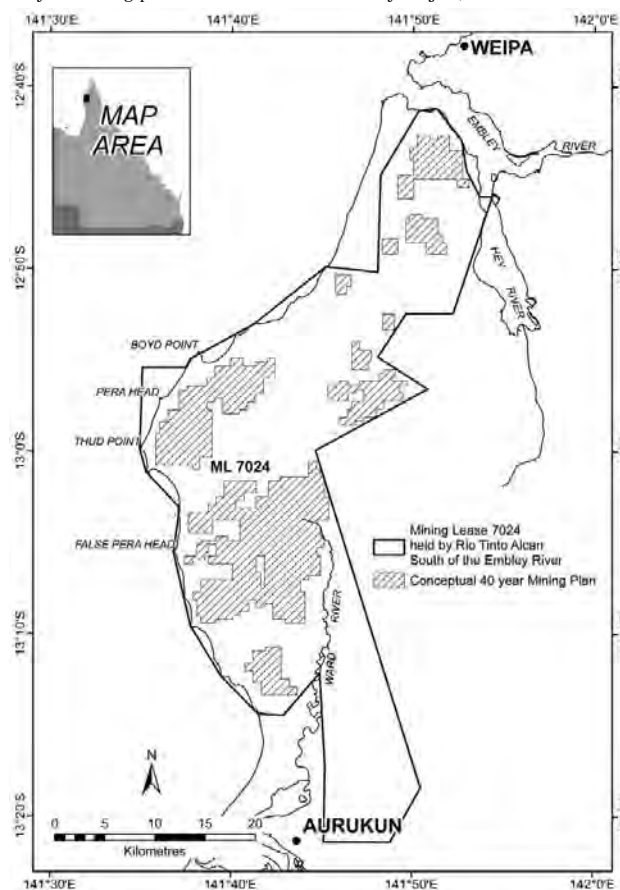
Department of Environment and Resource Management

Public Notice

Proposed timber salvage in advance of bauxite mining at Weipa

Proposed sales permit

The Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management ('the department') is proposing to issue, under the provisions of the *Forestry Act 1959*, a sales permit (Sales Permit 20110853) to Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 149 929 297), a company established by Wik Projects Limited (ACN 149 928 441) for the benefit of the Wik and Wik Waya peoples, to salvage harvest hardwood log timber in advance of bauxite mining operations from land within Rio Tinto Alcan Limited's conceptual 40-year mining plan for its South of the Embley Project, which is within Mining Lease 7024—refer to the map (left).



It should be noted that commencement of any salvage harvesting operations under proposed Sales Permit 20110853 will be conditional on:

- the Queensland Coordinator-General and the relevant Federal Ministers having approved Rio Tinto Alcan Limited's South of the Embley Project;
- Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd holding any Development Approvals, other permits and authorities required under *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and/or the *State Development and the Public Works Organisation Act 1971*;
- Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd holding any permits that may be required under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) or other legislation;
- Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd having entered into, finalised and registered, for the operations under proposed Sales Permit 20110853, an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, as defined under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), with the Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation Registered Native Title Body Corporate; and
- Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd having signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rio Tinto Alcan Limited documenting Rio Tinto Alcan Limited's required operational, consultation, reporting and other arrangements, for compliance by Wik Timber Holdings Pty Ltd, for the salvage harvesting operations under proposed Sales Permit 20110853.

Before finalising and issuing proposed Sales Permit 20110853, the department is addressing a number of procedural matters including consideration of any public submissions received as a result of this public notice.

Further information

For further information on proposed Sales Permit 20110853, contact the Manager Sales and Marketing, DERM Forest Products, on 07 3330 6219 or email <forestproducts@derm.qld.gov.au>.

Making a submission

To make a submission on proposed Sales Permit 20110853, please quote the sales permit number and email your submission to <forestproducts@derm.qld.gov.au> or mail to the Manager Sales and Marketing, DERM Forest Products, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001. Please include your name, organisation (if applicable) and contact details.

Submissions must be received by 5:00 pm Friday 29 July 2011.



Senior Social Worker

Web Search No: GL601732

Level/Salary: HSU Level P2 \$82,223 - \$87,567 p.a.

Do you wish to be a part of the new Metropolitan Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service (MSAMHS), Department of Health, Western Australia? You will be a part of a Perth metropolitan-based multidisciplinary health team. You will work collaboratively with all service providers within the Social Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Continuum.

We are looking for a Senior Social Worker to join our team. This role is an essential part of this new model, responsible for providing a clinical and professional social work service and case management at an advanced practice level to clients and families of the North and South Metropolitan Area Mental Health Services, including educational and therapy groups and community development. To be considered for this position you will be able to demonstrate your ability and experience in implementing a range of clinical social work interventions at an advanced level with mental health clients.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: 08 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Michael Mitchell on 08 9347 6674

Location: Mt Claremont

Closing Date: Monday 4 July 2011 at 4.00pm.



Justice & Attorney General

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CLIENT LIAISON OFFICER (TARGETED ATSI)

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Clerk Grade 3-4

Parramatta, Permanent Part Time

Salary range: \$23,299 - \$25,512

Total Remuneration Package valued up to: \$28,152

This position establishes relationships with new Managers, prepares and issues additional Directions and Authorities with a medium level of complexity to Managers and determines Security requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Good understanding of the needs, rights and expectations of people with a disability;
- Ability to build relationships with Managers and stakeholders;
- Good knowledge of and ability to interpret legislation and apply legal, commercial and financial principles to managed person's estates;
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills and ability to seek and interpret specialist advice in relation to decision making;
- Well developed organisational and time management skills.

Job notes:

An Aboriginal person (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) means a person who:

- is a member of the Aboriginal race of Australia, and
- identifies as an Aboriginal person, and
- is accepted by the Aboriginal community as an Aboriginal person

This is a permanent part time position working 2 days per week. An eligibility list may be created to fill future permanent, temporary, full time and part time positions as they arise. Applicants must address all selection criteria in the advertisement and lodge their application www.jobs.nsw.gov.au.

Inquiries:

Tim Morris (02) 8688 5866 tim.morris@tag.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 8 July 2011

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Education & Communities

Aboriginal Employment Advisor (3 positions)

Clerk Grade 5/6

3 x Temporary positions: Wollongong, Newcastle, Dubbo or Orange

Total remuneration package valued up to \$83,723 pa (salary \$68,761 to \$75,870 pa) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing Employment mentoring, cultural awareness and on-the-job support to organisations employing Aboriginal employees to achieve increased vocational training, employment and economic development outcomes for Aboriginal people in NSW.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated ability to provide mentoring, coaching and support services to Aboriginal people and employers. Demonstrated ability to engage industry, government, training organisations, Aboriginal community agencies and other stakeholder groups in the implementation of programs and services. Demonstrated knowledge of employment and vocational training issues for Aboriginal people. Good organisational and project coordination skills. Good communication, negotiation and presentation skills. Current drivers licence and a willingness to travel. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

Notes: There are three temporary positions available for a period up to 31 March 2013. Position number 162692 to be located at Dubbo or Orange; Position 162693 located at Wollongong; Position 162694 located in Newcastle.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Inquiries and Information packages: Tony Aumuller (02) 6392 8510

Email: tony.aumuller@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications Marked 'Confidential' to: Mr Tony Aumuller, State Manager, Level 1, State Office Block, Cnr Kite & Anson Streets, Orange NSW 2800 or email applications to tony.aumuller@det.nsw.edu.au

You may also apply for these positions online. To apply online please visit our website: www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs and refer to advertisement number for the location you are interested in applying for.

Closing Date: 15 July 2011

The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

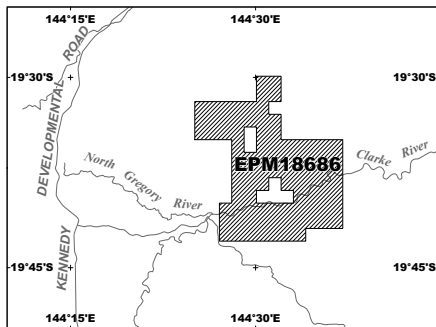
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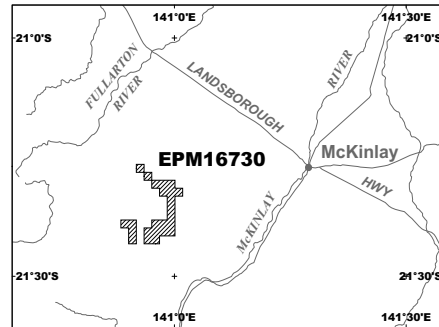
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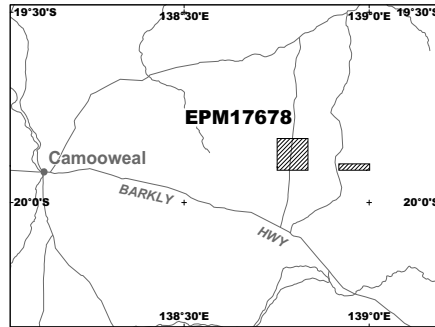
Exploration Permit 18686 sought by Moggie Mining Limited, ACN 104 324 576, over an area of 90 sub-blocks (290 km²), centred approximately 80km SW of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



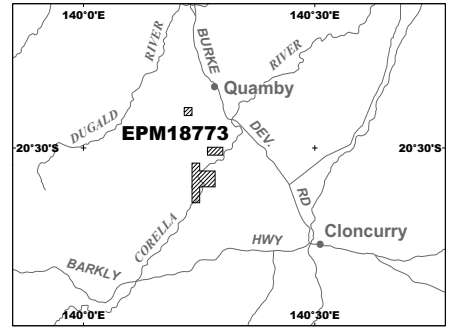
Exploration Permit 16730 sought by Exco Resources Limited, ACN 080 339 671, over an area of 24 sub-blocks (76 km²), centred approximately 33km WSW of McKinlay, in the locality of McKinlay Shire Council.



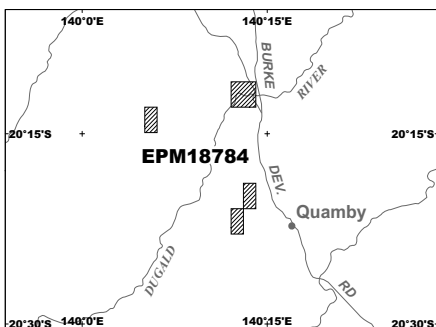
Exploration Permit 17678 sought by Syndicated Metals Limited, ACN 115 768 986, over an area of 30 sub-blocks (97 km²), centred approximately 75km East of Camooweal, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



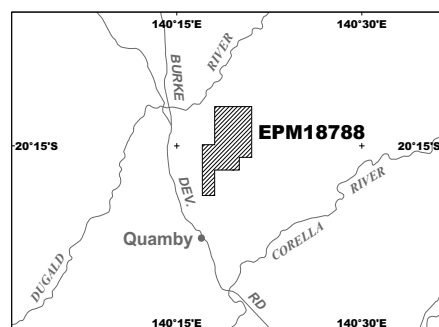
Exploration Permit 18773 sought by Elementos Limited, ACN 138 468 756, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (38 km²), centred approximately 33km NW of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



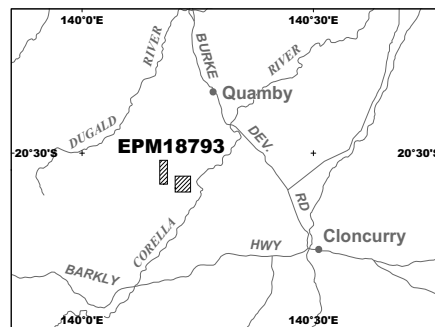
Exploration Permit 18784 sought by Roseby Copper Pty Ltd, ACN 067 584 409, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32 km²), centred approximately 16km WNW of Quamby, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



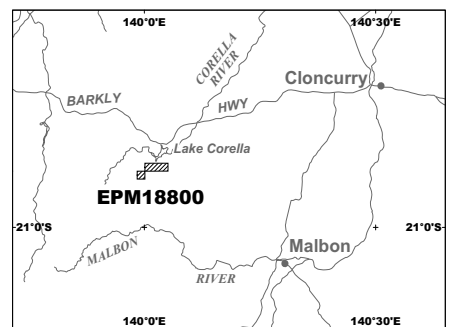
Exploration Permit 18788 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 18 sub-blocks (58 km²), centred approximately 13km North of Quamby, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



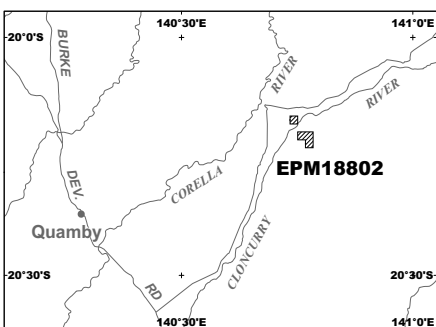
Exploration Permit 18793 sought by Elementos Limited, ACN 138 468 756, over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22 km²), centred approximately 37km WNW of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



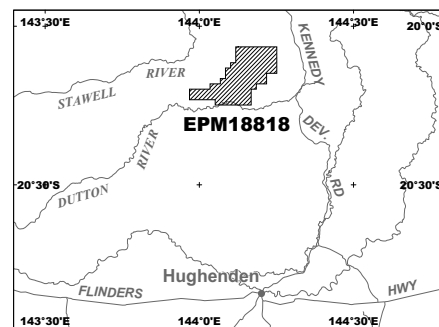
Exploration Permit 18800 sought by Celco Solutions Pty Ltd, ACN 136 795 616, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²) centred approximately 54km WSW of Cloncurry, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



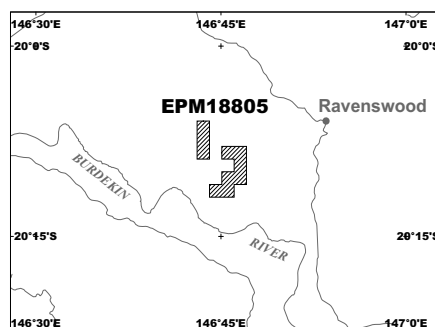
Exploration Permit 18802 sought by Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, ACN 108 925 284, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²) centred approximately 52km ENE of Quamby, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



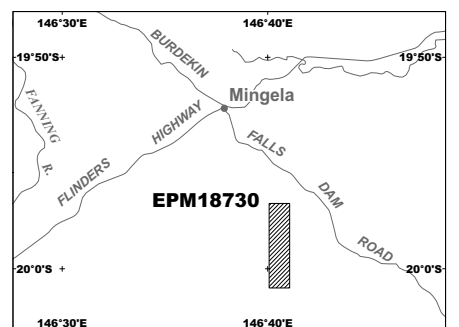
Exploration Permit 18818 sought by Scorpion Energy Pty Ltd, ACN 139 409 957, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (322 km²), centred approximately 77km North of Hughenden, in the locality of Flinders Shire Council.



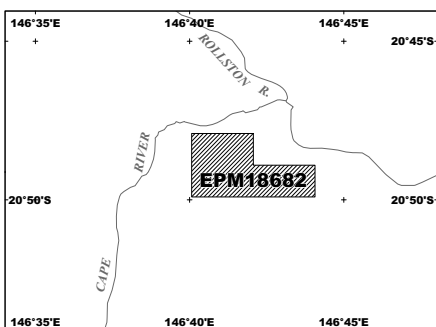
Exploration Permit 18805 sought by Ramelius Resources Limited, ACN 001 717 540, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32 km²) centred approximately 15km WSW of Ravenswood, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



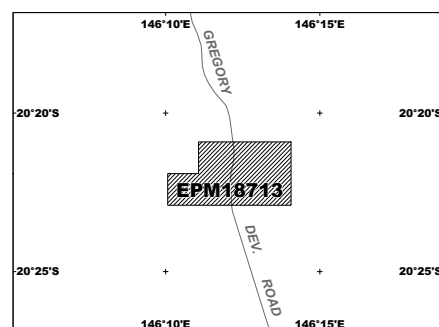
Exploration Permit 18730 sought by Lione Resources Limited, ACN 118 153 825 over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13 km²), centred approximately 10km SE of Mingela, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



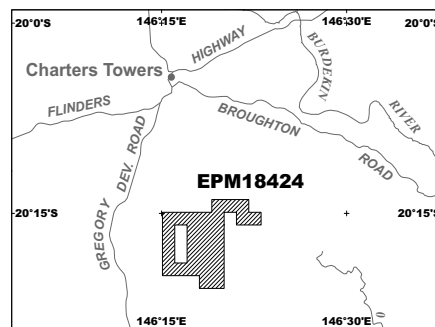
Exploration Permit 18682 sought by Ramelius Resources Limited, ACN 001 717 540 over an area of 6 sub-blocks (19km²), centred approximately 36km SE of Pajingo, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



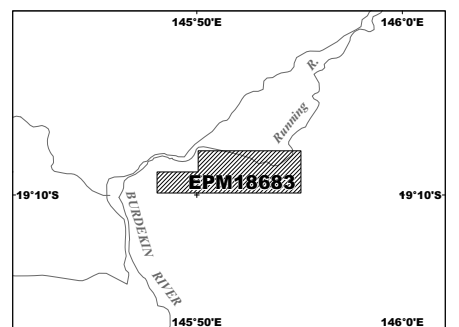
Exploration Permit 18713 sought by Natural Resources Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 7 sub-blocks (22 km²), centred approximately 31km SSW of Charters Towers in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 18424 sought by Activex Limited, ACN 113 452 896 over an area of 29 sub-blocks (93 km²), centred approximately 20km S of Charters Towers in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



Exploration Permit 18683 sought by Nextstar Pty Ltd, ACN 112 750 375, over an area of 12 sub-blocks (38 km²), centred approximately 60km SW of Ingham, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



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

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 on 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: 20 July 2011

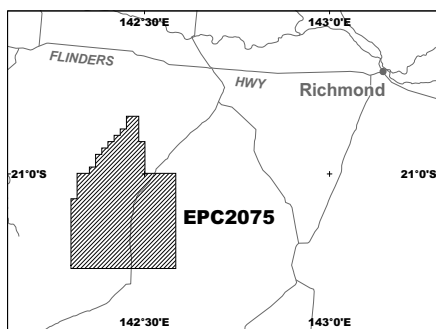
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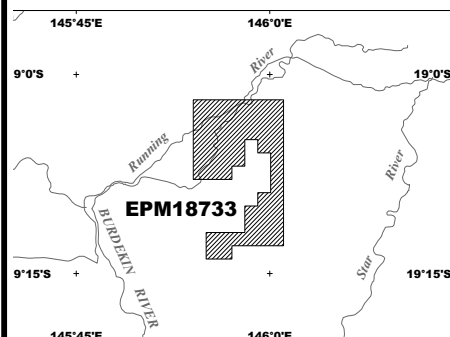
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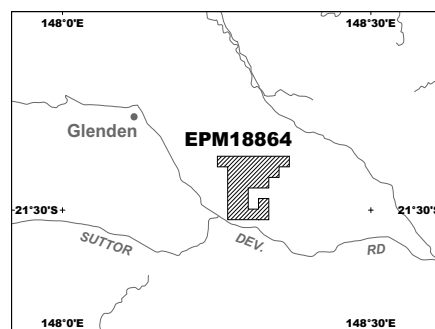
Exploration Permit 2075 sought by West Galilee Exploration Pty Ltd, ACN 142 322 094, over an area of 300 sub-blocks (959 km²) centred approximately 80km WSW of Richmond, in the locality of Richmond Shire Council.



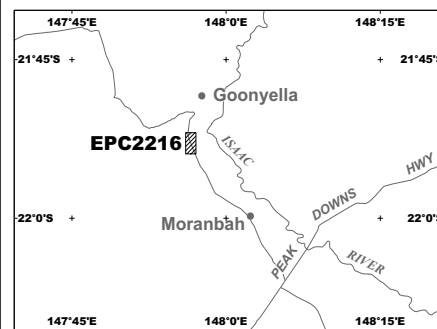
Exploration Permit 18733 sought by Mineral Man Pty Ltd, over an area of 53 sub-blocks (171 km²), centred approximately 85km NW of Townsville, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council.



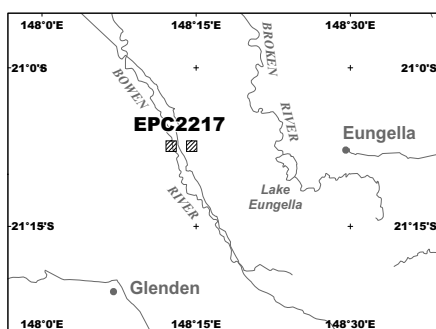
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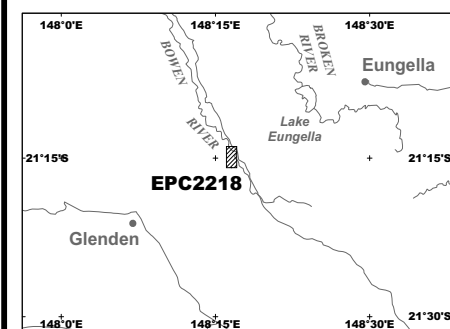
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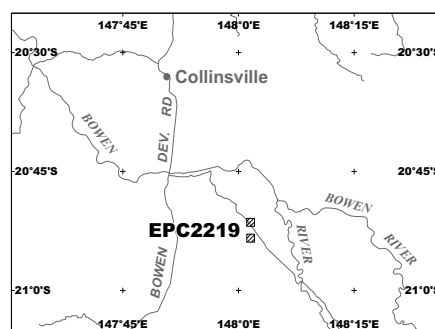
Exploration Permit 2217 sought by Dysart Coal Mine Management Pty Limited, ACN 132 954 351 over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 28km NE of Glenden the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



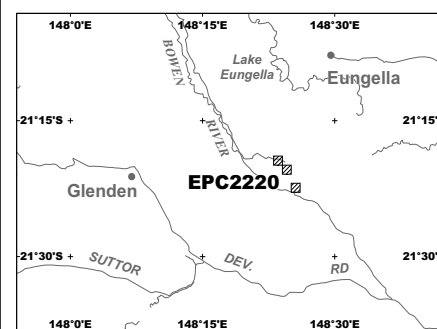
Exploration Permit 2218 sought by Dysart Coal Mine Management Pty Limited, ACN 132 954 351 over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 20km NE of Glenden in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



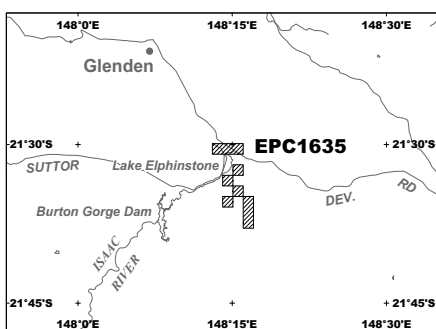
Exploration Permit 2219 sought by Dysart Coal Mine Management Pty Limited, ACN 132 954 351 over an area of 2 sub-blocks (6 km²), centred approximately 40km SE of Collinsville in the locality of Whitsunday Regional Council.



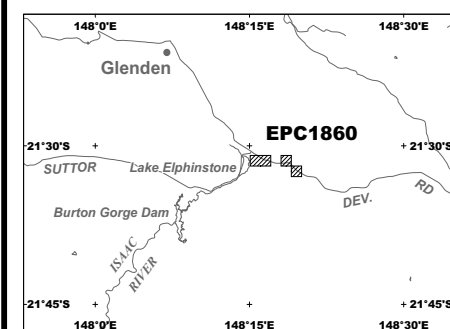
Exploration Permit 2220 sought by Dysart Coal Mine Management Pty Limited, ACN 132 954 351 over an area of 3 sub-blocks (10 km²), centred approximately 31km East of Glenden the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



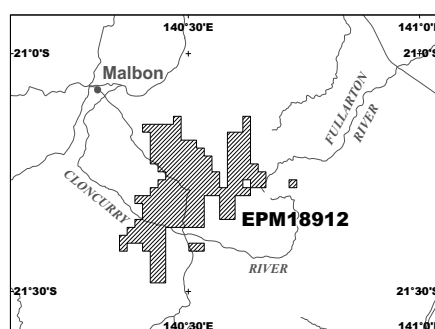
Exploration Permit 1635 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (32km²) centred approximately 27km SE of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



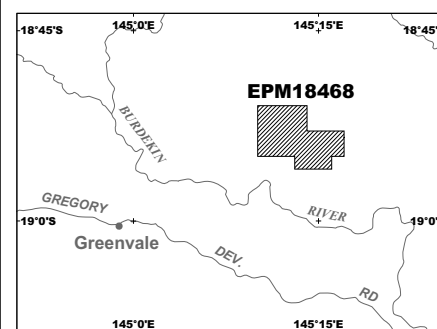
Exploration Permit 1860 sought by Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Limited, ACN 000 057 125, over an area of 4 sub-blocks (13km²) centred approximately 27km SE of Glenden, in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



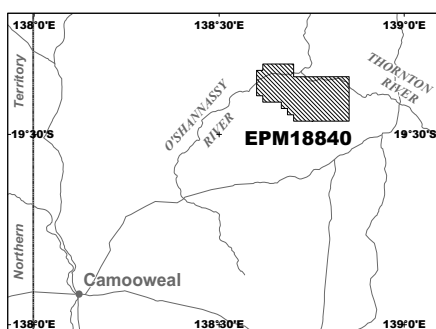
Exploration Permit 18912 sought by Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Limited, ACN 106 255 216, over an area of 159 sub-blocks (507km²), centred approximately 36km SE of Malbon, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



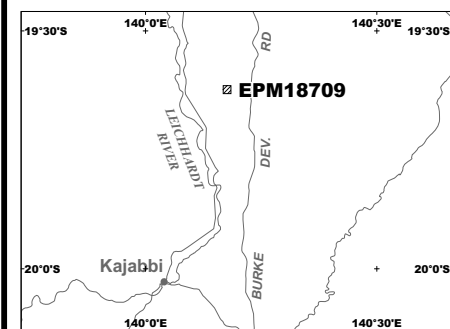
Exploration Permit 18468 sought by Michael Curtain, over an area of 25 sub-blocks (81km²), centred approximately 24km NE of Greenvale, in the locality of Charters Towers Regional Council



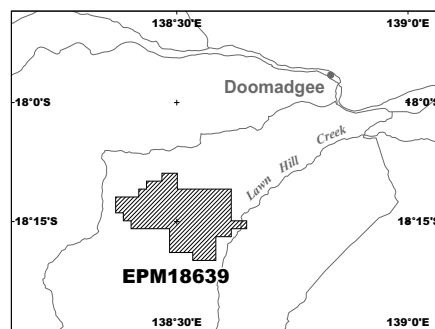
Exploration Permit 18840 sought by Superior Resources Limited, ACN 112 844 407, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (323km²), centred approximately 86km NE of Camooweal, in the locality of Mount Isa City.



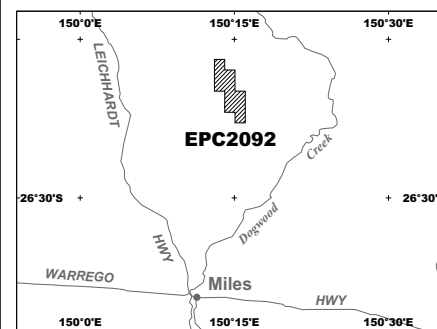
Exploration Permit 18709 sought by Red Metal Limited, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 1 sub-block (3km²), centred approximately 47km NE of Kajibbi, in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 18639 sought by Syndicated Metals Limited, ACN 115 768 986, over an area of 100 sub-blocks (326km²), centred approximately 46km SW of Doomadgee, in the locality of Burke Shire Council.



Exploration Permit 2092 sought by SE Qld Coal Pty Ltd, ACN 114 039 155, over an area of 10 sub-blocks (31km²) centred approximately 36km North of Miles, in the locality of Western Downs Regional Council.



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 and coal 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

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 on 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: 20 July 2011

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION PERMITS FOR MINERALS

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 each of the Exploration Permits for Minerals 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.

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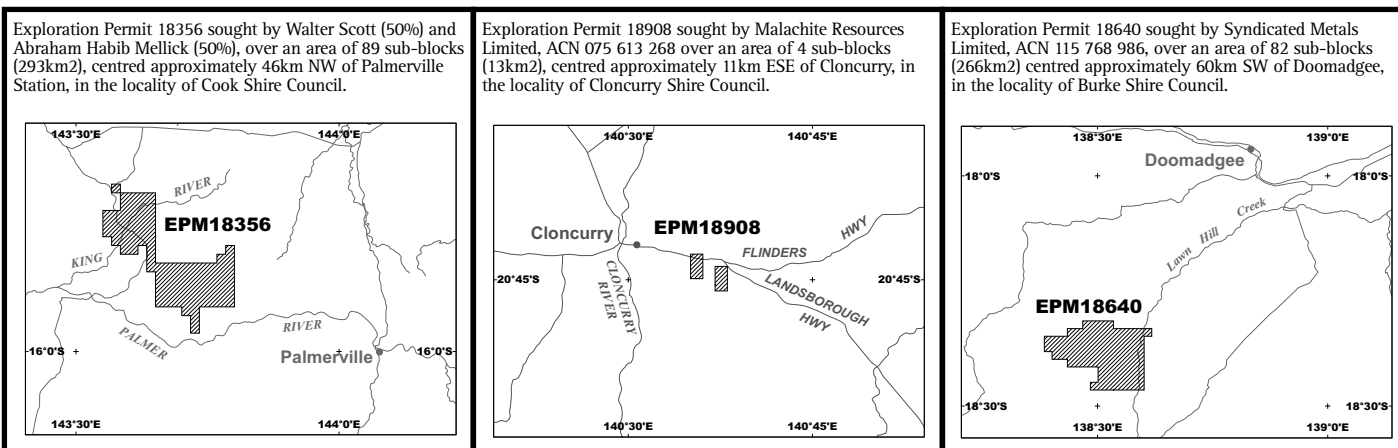
Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit for Minerals to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless within a period of four (4) months after Notification Day a native 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.

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Notification Day: 20 July 2011



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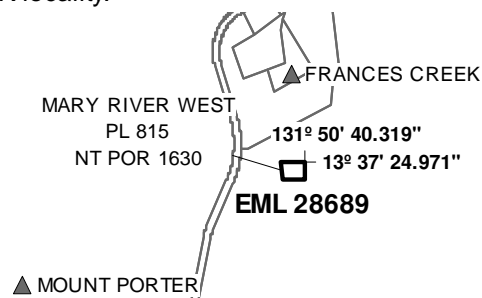
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)* of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application(s).

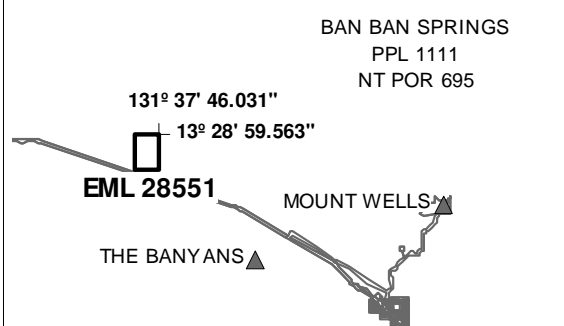
Applications to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 28689 sought by TERRITORY RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 100 552 118 over an area of 3 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



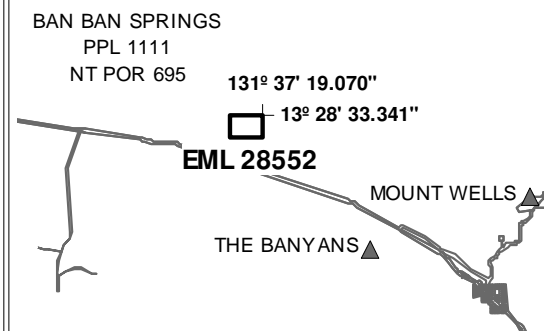
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Extractive Mineral Lease 28551 sought by THE MINING PTY LTD, ACN 110 423 580 over an area of 100 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



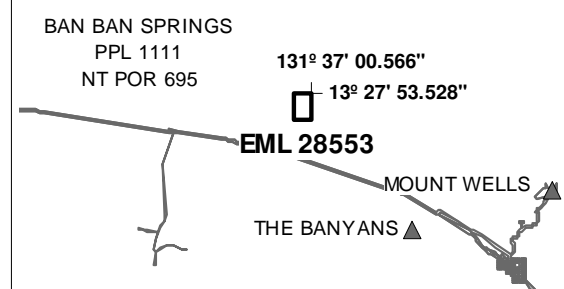
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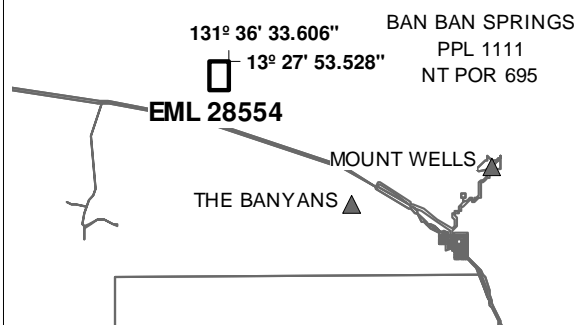
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Extractive Mineral Lease 28553 sought by THE MINING PTY LTD, ACN 110 423 580 over an area of 100 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



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Extractive Mineral Lease 28554 sought by THE MINING PTY LTD, ACN 110 423 580 over an area of 100 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s), clay or stone for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995213.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Notification Day: 29 June 2011



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/50	Ord River Diamonds Pty Ltd	1199.44ha	44km NW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°17' Long 116°07'	Roebourne
Groundwater search					
47/325	Ferro Metals Australia Pty Ltd	137067.39ha	61km E'ly of Roebourne	Lat 20°50' Long 117°43'	Roebourne
Groundwater search					
47/421	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	4367.08ha	26km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°11' Long 117°55'	Ashburton
Groundwater search					

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 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. 29 October 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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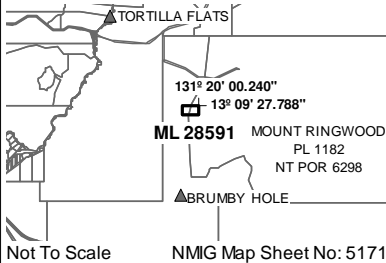
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

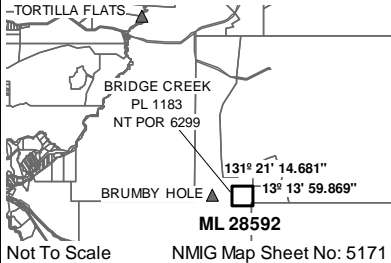
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources C/- Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following mineral lease applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Mineral Lease 28591 sought by WOODS INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 128 908 663 over an area of 182 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



Mineral Lease 28592 sought by WOODS INVESTMENTS (NT) PTY LTD, ACN 128 908 663 over an area of 453 Hectares depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of a mineral lease under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore and mine for minerals including (but not limited to) the processing and the removal of minerals from the lease area and the treatment of tailings or other mining material the property of the Crown on the lease area, including any extractive minerals for

or in connection with any of the purposes specified in the lease document for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewals. The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral leases commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide, SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8205 2000.

Notification Day: 29 June 2011



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
21/129	Silver Lake Resources Limited	313468	200.98ha	21km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°36' Long 117°53'	Cue
28/2056	Carrick Gold Ltd	371348	781.14ha	71km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/733	GME Resources Ltd					
	ATL Exploration Pty Ltd	369496	1187.81ha	101km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°16'	Menzies
36/215	Hot Holdings Pty Ltd	371659	0.91ha	62km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°30' Long 121°06'	Leonora
37/846	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	371658	358.81ha	50km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°34' Long 121°07'	Leonora
37/1047	Anglo Australian Resources NL	371834	16.36ha	15km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°45' Long 121°22'	Leonora
47/798	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd					
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd					
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates					
	North Mining Ltd					
	Pannawonica Iron Associates	371891	225.17ha	91km E'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°14' Long 118°31'	Ashburton/East Pilbara
47/1050	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd					
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd					
	North Mining Ltd					
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates					
	Pannawonica Iron Associates	371875	10.13ha	92km W'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°13' Long 118°50'	East Pilbara
53/1299	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	370616	161.76ha	69km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°39' Long 121°32'	Wiluna
59/817	Karara Mining Limited	370724	75.66ha	80km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat 29°03' Long 116°54'	Perenjori
59/1002	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	369487	73.56ha	51km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°24' Long 117°07'	Yalgoo
59/1709	Jaime Anthony McDowell	371873	85.06ha	61km NW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°49' Long 117°16'	Mount Magnet
70/2230	Mercator Metals Pty Ltd	365143	877.28ha	21km S'ly of Toodyay	Lat 31°44' Long 116°24'	Northam

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 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. 29 October 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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PROPOSAL TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

(Section 29)

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

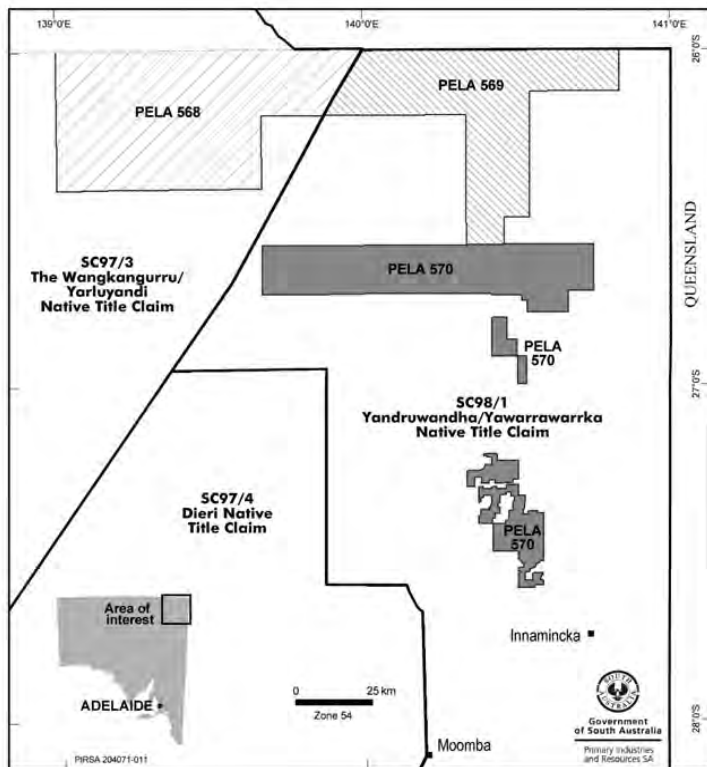
The State of South Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mineral Resources Development, C/- Petroleum and Geothermal Group, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 has received the following Exploration Licence applications (PELAs) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*:

- Number:** PELA 568 (ex CO2010-A)
Area: 3,657km² approximately
Applicant: SAPEX Limited
- Number:** PELA 569 (ex CO2010-B)
Area: 2,555km² approximately
Applicant: SAPEX Limited
- Number:** PELA 570 (ex CO2010-C)
Area: 2,399km² approximately
Applicant: Ambassador Exploration Pty Ltd

Locality:

The three application areas are wholly contained within an area broadly defined as: Commencing at a point being the intersection of the northern border of the State of South Australia and longitude 139°00'00"E AGD66, thence easterly along the border of the said State to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 27°36'30"E AGD66, west to longitude 139°00'00"E AGD66, and north to the point of commencement (Please refer to the plan below).

Coordinate descriptions for the application areas have been published by notice in the *South Australian Government Gazette* dated 16 December 2010, pages 5686-5688.



Nature of the acts:

Grant of an Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum for a term of five (5) years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for a further two (2) five (5) year terms. The *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* also provides a holder of an Exploration Licence with a right (subject to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*), to apply for a Production Licence where a discovery that warrants production is made. Production Licence rights include the right to undertake regulated activities under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* to enable the petroleum to be produced, processed, transported and marketed. The acts may also include the grant of appropriate Production, Retention or Associated Activities Licences emanating from the issued Exploration Licence pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000* or any substituting legislation as well as any Speculative Survey Licences outside of but abutting the licenced area necessary for the recovery of petroleum within the licenced area.

Notification day: 6 July 2011

Native title parties:

Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until three (3) months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the area covered by the Exploration Licence applications.

The three (3) month period closes on 6 October 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 regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, 91 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA 5000, telephone: (08) 8205 2000. Any negotiations conducted in respect to the Exploration Licences will include matters relating to the conduct of any future production and associated infrastructure and facilities and the issue of the necessary licences or authorisations to undertake these activities (including associated exploration activities) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000*.

The Exploration Licences will be granted if, by the end of the period of four (4) months after the notification day (i.e. 7 November 2011) there is no native title party in relation to the area of the Exploration Licences.

For further information about the acts (including spatial data or plans of the PELA areas), contact the Manager Licensing and Royalties, Petroleum and Geothermal Group, Minerals and Energy Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA, 6th Level, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000, or telephone (08) 8463 3203.

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Motlop not gone at Power, says AFL coach



ERRATIC forward Daniel Motlop still has a future at Port Adelaide despite again being dumped by the Australian Football League (AFL) club, coach Matthew Primus says.

Motlop's turbulent times under Primus continued when discarded for Port's home match last Sunday against North Melbourne.

The 29-year-old was last year offered for trade by Port, but was unwanted by

other clubs.

Motlop's year began in controversy when overlooked for Port's season opener for a disciplinary breach.

And in April, he was fined in the Adelaide Magistrates Court for offensive language, a charge resulting from a hotel clash with the girlfriend of team-mate Jacob Surjan.

Primus said on Friday that inconsistent form in the past month had cost Motlop his spot for last Sunday's match.

"His form hasn't been great since he has

been in the team. He has had a few pretty good games but his last month, he hasn't been having a good enough impact up forward," Primus said.

"He has gone back (to defence) and done some bits and pieces, but we are just looking for something a little bit different."

Primus was adamant Motlop hadn't played his last game for the Power, languishing in 16th spot with just two wins.

"We haven't ruled out anyone (for next year)," he said. —AAP

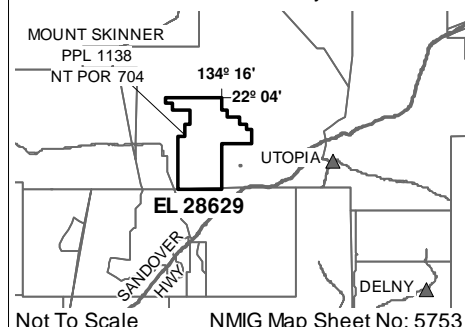
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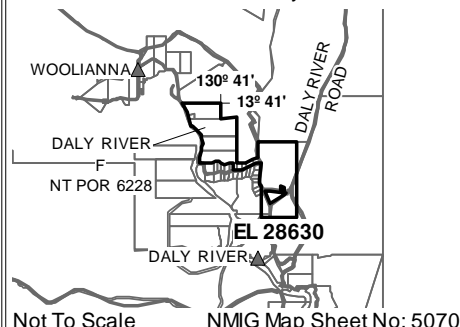
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Applications to which this notice applies:

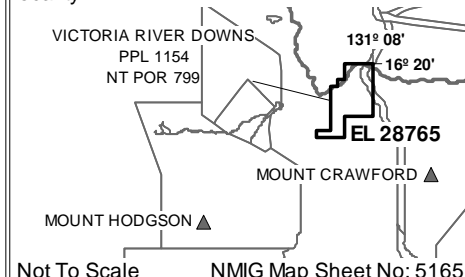
Exploration Licence 28629 sought by ANTHONY ZEBISCH, over an area of 113 Blocks (359 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the WOODGREEN locality.



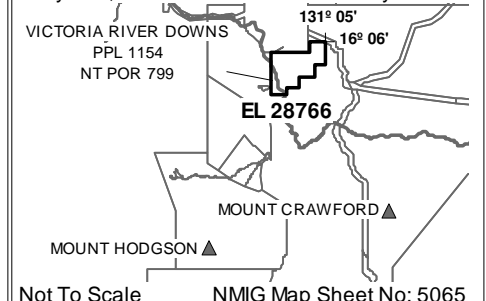
Exploration Licence 28630 sought by ANTHONY ZEBISCH, over an area of 11 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALY RIVER locality.



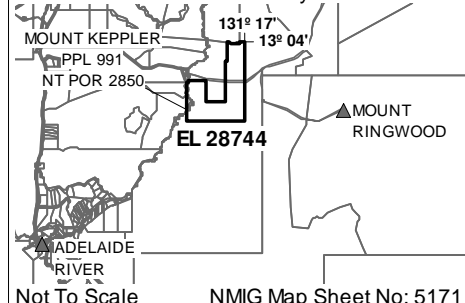
Exploration Licence 28765 sought by AUSTRALIA MINING AND GEMSTONE CO PTY LTD, ACN 114 395 247 over an area of 45 Blocks (148 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.



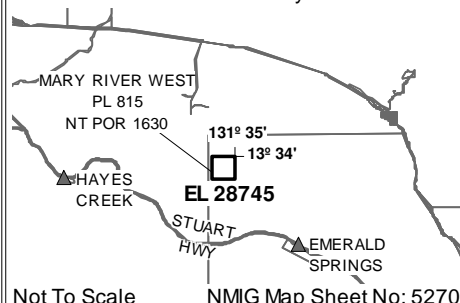
Exploration Licence 28766 sought by AUSTRALIA MINING AND GEMSTONE CO PTY LTD, ACN 114 395 247 over an area of 55 Blocks (181 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HUMBERT locality.



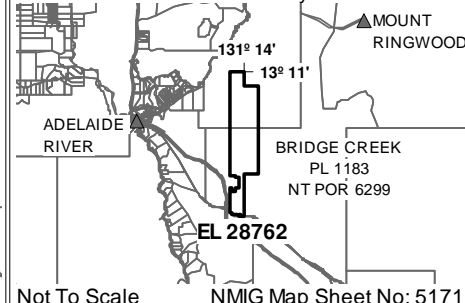
Exploration Licence 28744 sought by GOLDCORE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 143 376 943 over an area of 8 Blocks (23 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



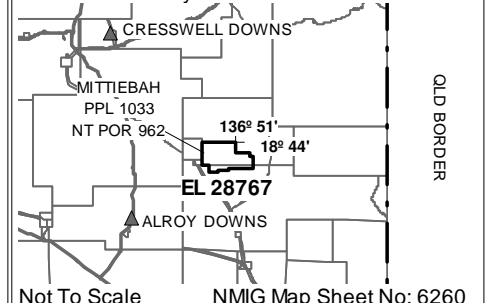
Exploration Licence 28745 sought by GOLDCORE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD, ACN 143 376 943 over an area of 1 Blocks (3 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



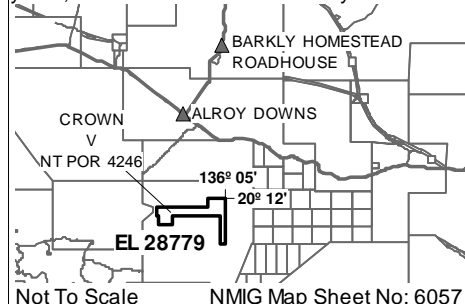
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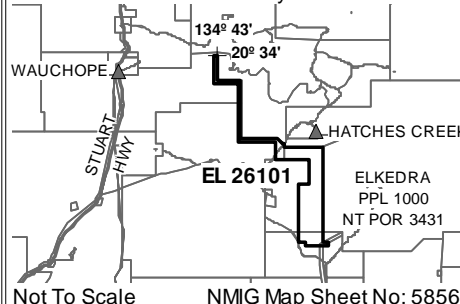
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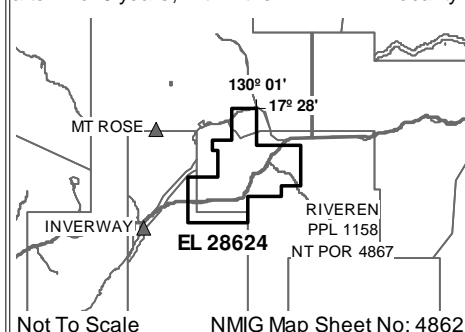
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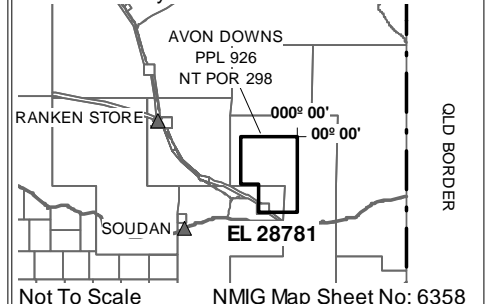
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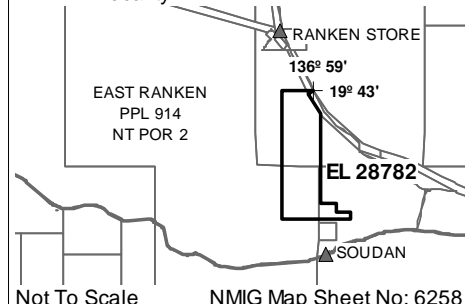
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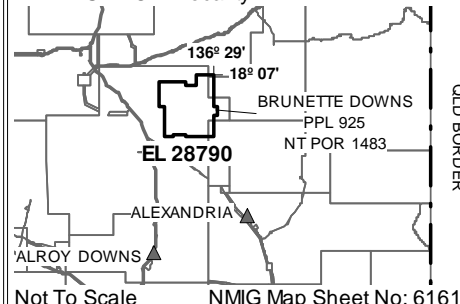
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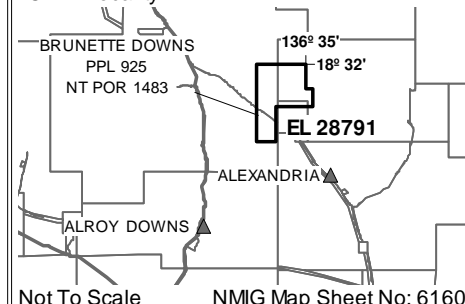
Exploration Licence 28782 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 86 Blocks (269 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANKEN locality.



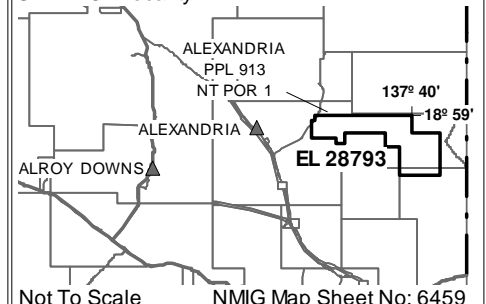
Exploration Licence 28790 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 500 Blocks (1630 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PARADISE BORE locality.



Exploration Licence 28791 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 250 Blocks (813 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BOREE locality.



Exploration Licence 28793 sought by TROPICAL RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 150 465 259 over an area of 500 Blocks (1622 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licences referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 8999 5322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 Adelaide SA 5001, or telephone (08) 8306 1230.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 29 June 2011



NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
53/168	Redport Exploration Pty Ltd	29.4ha	64km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°08' Long 121°02'	Wiluna

The purposes for L53/168 are: bore, bore field, minesite accommodation facility, minesite administration facility, pipeline, power line, pump station, road and taking water.

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 2011**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 29 October 2011**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES
MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that MINOTAUR OPERATIONS PTY LTD (ACN 108 925 284) of 247 Greenhill Road Dulwich, SA, 5065, registered holder of EXPLORATION LICENCES 3745, 4745, 4270 and 3596, proposes to carry out mining operations of an exploratory nature on the following land (**Land**) in the State of South Australia:

Description of the Land:

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3745

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 50 km southeast of Olary referred to as Mutooroo Area and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°20'S and longitude 140°48'E, thence east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 32°30'S, west to longitude 140°39'E, north to latitude 32°26'S, east to longitude 140°46'E, north to latitude 32°21'S, east to longitude 140°48'E, and north to the point of commencement

(AREA: approximately 481 square kilometres, being the present area of Exploration Licence 3745),

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4745

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 35 km southeast of Olary referred to as Bonython Hill Area and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°20'S and longitude 140°39'E, thence east to longitude 140°48'E, south to latitude 32°21'S, west to longitude 140°46'E, south to latitude 32°26'S, west to longitude 140°39'E, and north to the point of commencement

(AREA: approximately 120 square kilometres, being the present area of Exploration Licence 4745),

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4270

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 59 km northeast of Olary referred to as Cockburn Area and is the land bounded as follows::

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°59'S and longitude 140°52'E, thence east to longitude 140°55'E, south to latitude 32°02'S, east to longitude 140°59'E, north to latitude 32°00'S, east to longitude 141°00'E, south to latitude 32°03'S, west to longitude 140°56'E, south to latitude 32°04'S, west to longitude 140°55'E, south to latitude 32°06'S, west to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 32°04'S, west to longitude 140°51'E, north to latitude 32°01'S, east to longitude 140°53'E, north to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, and north to the point of commencement,

(AREA: approximately 84 square kilometres, being the present area of Exploration Licence 4270),

EXPLORATION LICENCE 3596

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 40 km northeast of Olary referred to as Mingary Area and is the land bounded as follows:

Area A

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°51'S and longitude 140°48'E, thence east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 32°00'S, west to longitude 140°59'E, south to latitude 32°02'S, west to longitude 140°55'E, north to latitude 31°59'S, west to longitude 140°52'E, north to latitude 31°54'S, west to longitude 140°48'E, north to latitude 31°52'S, east to longitude 140°49'E, and north to the point of commencement.

Area B

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°03'S and longitude 140°56'E, thence east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 32°20'S, west to longitude 140°56'E, north to latitude 32°16'S, east to longitude 140°57'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, west to longitude 140°54'E, south to latitude 32°16'S, west to longitude 140°50'E, south to latitude 32°20'S, west to longitude 140°41'E, north to latitude 32°18'S, east to longitude 140°42'E, north to latitude 32°17'S, east to longitude 140°44'E, north to latitude 32°16'S, east to longitude 140°46'E, north to latitude 32°15'S, east to longitude 140°49'E, north to latitude 32°14'S, east to longitude 140°50'E, north to latitude 32°13'S, east to longitude 140°51'E, north to latitude 32°12'S, east to longitude 140°52'E, north to latitude 32°07'S, east to longitude 140°54'E, north to latitude 32°06'S, east to longitude 140°55'E, north to latitude 32°04'S, east to longitude 140°56'E, and north to the point of commencement, (AREA: approximately 671 square kilometres, being the present area of

Exploration Licence 3596), all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66). Excluding all the land that is subject to a valid grant of freehold, or a perpetual leasehold, or any area in relation to which all native title rights and interests have otherwise been extinguished in accordance with the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and/or the Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994 (SA)*.

The area of the Land is the present area of **Exploration Licences 3745, 4745, 4270 and 3596**.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geology of the Land and presence of mineralisation. Without limiting that general description, those operations may include: reconnaissance; gridding; mapping; aerial and handheld photography; airborne and ground magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric, seismic, gravity and electrical surveying; soil and other geochemical sampling; water sampling; hydrological studies; hydrogeology surveys; shallow trenching; limited clearing for access and drilling; drilling (including diamond core drilling and other methods); downhole-probing, sampling and radiometric testing of drill core/cuttings; environmental monitoring work (including baseline work, flora/fauna surveys, geotechnical surveys) and establishment of temporary camp/storage sites and access tracks as may be necessary.

The proposed operations will be authorised by the following exploration authorities under the Mining Act 1971:

Exploration Licences 3745, 4745, 4270 and 3596, of which Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd is the registered holder and mining operator, (including any extensions, renewals or replacements of these Exploration Licences).

MINOTAUR OPERATIONS PTY LTD seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that if, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd (or its successors or assigns) may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development 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. On such an application, that Court must make a 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. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

TAKE NOTICE that, if Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd (or its successors or assigns) and the persons registered under the law of the State or the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971 for a native title mining agreement for exploration have not reached agreement within four (4) months after the initiation of negotiations by the giving of this notice as required by the Mining Act 1971, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a determination as to whether mining operations may be conducted on the Land and, if so, on what conditions. The Mining Act 1971 provides that negotiations are initiated by the giving of notice as provided in that Act. Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd is giving this notice in order to initiate negotiations.

Additional information (including a map of the Land) is available to any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land by contacting the proponent Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd as follows:

MINOTAUR OPERATIONS PTY LTD
c/- FINLAYSONS
81 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000
Telephone: (08) 8235 7452
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2944
Contact: Mr George McKenzie

Sport



LANCE FRANKLIN

‘I can’t bump
any more,’
says Franklin



HAWTHORN star Australian Football League (AFL) forward Lance Franklin

says he has no choice but to wipe the bump from his game.

The Hawks star missed games through suspension on three separate occasions last year and was forced to sit out last Friday night’s Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) win over Essendon for a high bump on Gold Coast’s Maverick Weller the previous round.

With several past sanctions for similar offences, the athletic tall forward acknowledged he had to change his approach.

“I’ve just got to take it out of my game, I’m missing games because of that,” Franklin said on Melbourne’s SEN radio.

“I love playing footy and I love getting out there, I’d love to be there tonight, but I’m obviously not because of the bump, so I’m going to take that out of my game.”

The 196cm forward said he needed to be smarter in his approach and realise that if he charged full speed towards a smaller opponent and collided with them, there was a chance of head contact and a suspension.

“It’s more the tackling (I need to do instead), you’ve just got to put your arms out, especially for me or anyone that’s taller,” Franklin said.

“You’ve just got to slow yourself down and go for a tackle, rather than go as fast as possible and at the last minute tense yourself.

“The tackle’s definitely got to come into my game and probably more me than anyone else.

“If any elbow or shoulder hits the head you’re looking at weeks, so as for that, I deserve the one week.”

Coach Alastair Clarkson said Franklin must eliminate the bump from his game.

“It’s just unfortunate that the height of his arms is so much taller than most players, he’s got to tackle,” Clarkson said on Thursday.

“He’s just going to have to change the way that he plays the game and take the bump out because it’s costing him games of footy.

“We’ve got try to curtail that part of his game and we’ve been addressing that.

“He’s been really good in that regard, he just dropped his guard once last week, which was the first time for 12 months nearly and it’s cost him and cost us.” – AAP



Thunder yet to go under



THE NT Thunder juggernaut is continuing, with the Territorians making it ten from ten following their 47-point win over the Brisbane Lions in the North East Australian Football League (Northern Conference) competition.

The Thunder won 19.15 (129) to 12.10 (82) at TIO Stadium, Darwin, on 11 June.

They had a bye the following weekend and were to play the Aspley Hornets at Traeger Park, Alice Springs last Saturday.

The Hornets are a team on the rise after their slow start to the season, having won five of their past seven games before 11 June game.

In their previous clash this year, the Thunder beat the Hornets by 47 points at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Against a fired-up Brisbane side, the Territorians were down

by a goal at the first break. It was only the second time this year that Thunder had trailed at quarter-time, and just as they did against Broadbeach in round three, they responded to over-run the AFL side.

The win was built on the back of another all-round team performance, with every player doing their part.

Shaun Tapp was the best for Thunder, keeping Lions full forward Aaron Cornelius to just three goals and taking a number of contested marks at crucial times.

He was assisted by the cool Shannon Rusca and Dane Bergman, who has become the workhorse of the Thunder backline.

Shane Thorne is starting to find form after missing the early part of the year.

Other contributors were Charlie Maher, Karl Lohde and Iggy Vallejo.

Aust to host Ireland this year

AUSTRALIA will host an international rules series against Ireland for the first time in three years.

The AFL confirmed Etihad Stadium will be the venue for the first of two Tests on 28 October.

The League plans to announce the venue for the 4 November second Test next month. Rodney Eade will take over from Mick Malthouse as Australian coach for the upcoming series.

Malthouse led Australia to a 2-0 away series win over Ireland last year. – AAP

Idris finds it's not all fun



CANTERBURY rugby league star Jamal Idris made his return from a club-imposed suspension knowing some of the fun had been taken out of his footy.

Idris paid the price for a late return from a trip to the Gold Coast during the Bulldogs' bye weekend, sitting through the horror show of a 26-10 loss to Cronulla.

He returned in the crucial clash with the Wests Tigers at Campbelltown Stadium on Friday night with the realisation that, in NRL years, he needs to be that bit older than his tender age of 20.

"It sort of makes you think maybe I try to have too much fun with football," he told reporters last week.

"Even though it is a game, it's meant to be fun, maybe I took that a bit too far.

"I've got to realise as well it is a business."

Business meant Idris signing a five-year deal with Gold Coast in April, just one case that has elders of the game like Wayne Bennett calling for a transfer window.

Despite it being a trip to Titans territory which caused the giant centre his recent problem, Idris is adamant the early decision to link with a rival NRL club hasn't made it harder to stay committed to the Dogs.

"It's not about where you're going the year after, it's about what you're doing this year and what you're doing next week or this week," he said.

"These are my mates. At the end of the day I'm going to go out and play as hard as I can for them."

Friday night's game wasn't the type of performance to send shivers down the spines of the NRL's upper echelon, but it was a valuable two points for Canterbury as they overcame Wests 16-6 at Campbelltown Stadium. – AAP



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
27/2047	William James Donkin	9.9ha	37km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°32'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2048	William James Donkin	9.97ha	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2049	Sharon Lee Mackie	9.86ha	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2091	Phillip Ross Kennedy	9.59ha	39km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Rino Borromei				
	Harold John Stokes				
	John Pedretti				

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 24 months from date of grant.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 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. 29 October 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 EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/2111	Eagle Nickel Limited	290.08km²	49km SW'ly of Derby	Lat 17°41' Long 123°24'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/2112	Eagle Nickel Limited	110.76km²	53km S'ly of Derby	Lat 17°46' Long 123°31'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/2114	Eagle Nickel Limited	453.28km²	47km SW'ly of Derby	Lat 17°35' Long 123°18'	Broome/Derby-West Kimberley
04/2115	Eagle Nickel Limited	584.11km²	45km W'ly of Derby	Lat 17°27' Long 123°14'	Broome/Derby-West Kimberley
08/2234	Lighthouse Ridge Pty Ltd	196.79km²	93km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°23' Long 116°47'	Ashburton
08/2238	Geological Resources Pty Ltd	81.97km²	158km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 23°01' Long 115°29'	Ashburton
08/2239	Ishine International Resources Ltd	106.31km²	96km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°03' Long 117°28'	Upper Gascoyne
08/2244	Cauldron Energy Ltd	188.78km²	136km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°21' Long 115°05'	Ashburton/Carnarvon
08/2246	Hard Rock Resources Pty Ltd	6.28km²	51km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°27' Long 117°15'	Ashburton
08/2258	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	15.79km²	123km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°44' Long 116°08'	Ashburton
08/2260	FMG Resources Pty Ltd	210.65km²	183km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°22' Long 115°32'	Ashburton/Carnarvon
08/2261	FMG Resources Pty Ltd	214.52km²	145km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 22°58' Long 115°10'	Ashburton
09/1876	Geological Resources Pty Ltd	273.35km²	58km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°57' Long 115°46'	Upper Gascoyne
16/415	Peter Romeo Gianni	26.58km²	50km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 118°50'	Coolgardie
20/762	Hampton Hill Mining NL	6.1km²	68km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°59' Long 117°24'	Cue
20/777	Mincor Resources NL	427.72km²	179km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°04' Long 116°48'	Murchison
20/779	Silver Lake Resources Limited	103.37km²	14km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°28' Long 118°01'	Cue
26/158	Tamile Pty Ltd	8.8km²	12km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°10' Long 121°47'	Boulder City
28/1982	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	192.98km²	97km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°31' Long 122°37'	Dundas
28/2149	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	35.56km²	143km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°10' Long 122°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
28/2150	HLM Australia Pty Ltd	70.24km²	94km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°24' Long 122°38'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/2151	HLM Australia Pty Ltd	113.97km²	90km SE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°33' Long 122°31'	Dundas
29/832	HLM Australia Pty Ltd	117.46km²	74km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 120°38'	Leonora/Menzies
36/778	Enterprise Metals Limited	39.43km²	36km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°48' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/779	Alphabrass Resources Pty Ltd	3.03km²	37km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°50' Long 121°03'	Leonora
38/2622	Encounter Resources Ltd	88.14km²	74km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°07' Long 121°54'	Laverton/Leonora
38/2625	Zodiac Resources Pty Ltd	72.7km²	18km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 122°47'	Laverton
39/1623	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	209.1km²	86km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°21' Long 122°40'	Menzies
39/1645	Peter Romeo Gianni	17.94km²	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°09'	Leonora
40/307	Glenn William Baker	17.95km²	42km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°15' Long 121°15'	Menzies
45/3830	State Resources Pty Ltd	3.19km²	51km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 119°15'	East Pilbara
45/3858	Robert Keith Leslie	64.03km²	44km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°55' Long 119°25'	East Pilbara
45/3861	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	25.44km²	131km SE'ly of Tom Price	Lat 21°46' Long 118°36'	Port Hedland Town
45/3862	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	12.73km²	118km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°38' Long 118°43'	Port Hedland Town
45/3863	Central Pilbara North Iron Ore Pty Ltd	57.36km²	125km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°29' Long 118°35'	Port Hedland Town
46/904	BC Iron Nullagine Pty Ltd	85.74km²	42km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°15' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
46/928	BC Iron Nullagine Pty Ltd	139.81km²	35km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°07' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara
46/932	Formula Resources Pty Ltd	6.38km²	47km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°39' Long 120°29'	East Pilbara
47/2333	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	15.82km²	99km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°22' Long 116°54'	Ashburton
47/2502	Farno McMahon Pty Ltd	223.74km²	83km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 21°00' Long 118°17'	Port Hedland Town/Roeboorne
51/1385	Enterprise Metals Limited	191.82km²	67km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°59' Long 118°32'	Meekatharra
51/1488	Anthony Philip Asphar	3.05km²	40km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°56' Long 118°36'	Meekatharra
52/2663	Kumarina Copper Pty Ltd	420.43km²	157km S'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 24°44' Long 119°20'	Meekatharra
53/1577	Talisman Mining Ltd	141.07km²	105km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°40' Long 119°48'	Wiluna
53/1626	Yandal Metals Pty Ltd	18.34km²	38km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°53' Long 121°01'	Wiluna
53/1627	Yandal Metals Pty Ltd	21.45km²	44km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°58' Long 120°58'	Wiluna
57/854	West Peak Iron Ltd	15.05km²	79km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°39' Long 119°00'	Sandstone
57/861	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	156.28km²	116km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°56' Long 119°47'	Menzies/Sandstone
57/879	Paul Gerrard Washington Thompson	90.19km²	116km E'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 118°52'	Sandstone
57/880	Geotech International Pty Ltd	154.36km²	66km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°12' Long 119°55'	Sandstone
59/1676	Swancoe Enterprises Pty Ltd	62.72km²	64km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat 29°22' Long 116°38'	Perenjori
59/1731	Gascoyne Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	32.87km²	38km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°18' Long 117°18'	Yalgoo
59/1753	Brutus Constructions Pty Ltd	125.61km²	3km NE'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°15' Long 117°43'	Yalgoo
59/1765	West Peak Iron Ltd	12.11km²	80km NE'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°53' Long 115°53'	Murchison
59/1766	West Peak Iron Ltd	9.08km²	66km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°58' Long 115°43'	Mullewa
59/1769	Maka Minerals Pty Ltd	609.56km²	145km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°12' Long 115°57'	Murchison
59/1770	Maka Minerals Pty Ltd	188.48km²	114km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°31' Long 115°41'	Murchison
59/1771	Mount Magnet South NL	84.24km²	62km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°37' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
70/3883	Sheffield Resources Ltd	196.6km²	20km SE'ly of Three Springs	Lat 29°39' Long 115°55'	Carnamah/Coorow/Three Springs
70/4010	Bauxite Resources Limited	17.48km²	35km SW'ly of Toodyay	Lat 31°49' Long 116°15'	Mundaring/Swan
70/4011	Bauxite Resources Limited	8.76km²	27km W'ly of Toodyay	Lat 31°34' Long 116°11'	Toodyay
74/497	James Ian Stewart	201.27km²	48km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°12' Long 119°49'	Lake Grace/Ravensthorpe
77/1772	JML Resources Pty Ltd	58.15km²	89km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°13' Long 119°45'	Kondinin/Yilgarn
80/4483	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	52.3km²	125km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°10' Long 128°04'	Halls Creek
80/4592	Pindan Exploration Company Pty Ltd				
	Braeburn Resources Pty Ltd	437.31km²	217km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°44' Long 126°24'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4594	Braeburn Resources Pty Ltd	606.86km²	202km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°27' Long 126°46'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4595	Braeburn Resources Pty Ltd	219.12km²	210km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°04' Long 127°03'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4598	Placer Gold Pty Ltd	492.79km²	149km SW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 16°20' Long 127°04'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 29 June 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 **29 September 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. 29 October 2011**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 13 July 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



Q12011/019 - Hancock Alpha Coal Project ILUA
(Port Area Native Title Group)

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 535 square kilometres and is located approximately 13 kilometres west of Bowen as shown on the locality diagram.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of the Whitsunday Regional Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Hancock Alpha Coal Pty Ltd
C/- Blake Dawson Lawyers
Level 38, Riverside Centre
123 Eagle Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

State of Queensland
C/- The Coordinator-General
Level 12, Executive Building
100 George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Darryl Paul, Iris Glenbar, Joe Henaway,
Eddie Smallwood, Christina George,
Margaret Smallwood, Stephanie
Cora, Cecilia Upkett, Raelene Oui,
Joseph Cora, Kelvin Lampton, Daphne
Singleton, Lenora Aldridge and Gavin
Smallwood on their own behalf and on
behalf of all people who claim to hold
native title in relation to land or waters
in the ILUA Area
C/- Michael Neal
PO Box 2337
CAIRNS QLD 4870

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

3.2 The Parties:(a) consent to the Grant or doing of all Project Approvals; and (b) consent to the undertaking of all Project Activities.

3.3 The Parties: (a) consent to any Surrender that occurs within the ILUA Area pursuant to clause 3.4; and (b) for the purpose of section 24EB(1)(d) of the NTA, agree that any Surrender that occurs pursuant to this clause 3 is intended to extinguish the Native Title the subject of the Surrender from the time of the Surrender.

3.4 Process for Surrender

(a) Any Surrender is conditional upon strict compliance with this clause 3.4.

(b) HACPL agrees that for each Project Approval that it seeks in relation to the ILUA Area, it will seek to obtain the Project Approval subject to the application of the Non-Extinguishment Principle, and, where necessary, will make submissions to the State or other relevant Government Agency supporting the application of that principle.

(c) If: (i) Hancock seeks a Project Approval that relates to the ILUA Area; and (ii) the Project Approval cannot be Granted unless a Surrender takes place then a Surrender will occur immediately before the Project Approval is Granted but only in relation to the Native Title that exists within that part of the ILUA Area the subject of the Project Approval which it is necessary to extinguish in order to allow the Project Approval to be Granted.

(d) HACPL [Hancock Alpha Coal Pty Ltd] must notify the Native Title Representatives of any requirement for a Surrender not less than 30 days before the proposed Surrender, setting out the reasons for the proposed Surrender and confirming that HACPL has complied with the requirements of this clause 3.4 and provide the State with a copy of that notification.

(e) HACPL agrees to use its best endeavours to apply the processes set out in this clause 3.4 before considering making any request for any Taking of Native Title.

3.6 The Parties consent, for the purposes of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA and Regulation 7(5) of the *Native Title (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Regulations 1999* (Cth), to the doing of any of the acts referred to in this clause 3 that are Future Acts.

3.7 Subdivision P, Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA [which deals with the right to negotiate] is not intended to apply and does not apply to the Future Acts to be done within the ILUA Area or the Surrender authorised by this Agreement.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified:

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body/ies for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. **The native title determination application must be made by 13 October 2011.**

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS, QLD, 4870 by 13 October 2011.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. 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 Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Sport

Tassie Govt refuses to underwrite Geale fight



THE Tasmanian Government says it will not pay to help stage Daniel Geale's International

Boxing Federation world middleweight title defence fight.

The Launceston fighter claimed the title with a win over German Sebastian Sylvester last month and had been trying to drum up support for a defence in his home State.

But Tasmanian Sports Minister Scott Bacon said on Friday the Government could not justify paying to host the fight.

"Events Tasmania has considered the funding request

from Daniel Geale's management team, and has recommended the Government does not support the proposal," Bacon said.

"In the current economic climate, I would agree with that recommendation." – AAP



DANIEL GEALE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST PEOPLE QUD 6026/2001 NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** are currently described as the descendants of the following people:

Descendants of Dina
Descendants of Jessie
Descendants of Johnson Matemate and George Swain
Descendants of Sandy and Fanny
Descendants of Dulhu / Doolan
Descendants of Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller)
Descendants of Alice Murray
Descendants of Jane
Descendants of Betsy
Descendants of Rosie
Descendants of Elsie Myers
Descendants of Maggie Little
Descendants of Rosie Blackman
Descendants of Emma Jones; and
Descendants of MaryAnne

All persons who fit the above description or otherwise claim to be **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** are invited to attend a meeting at the time and location below. Specifically the descendants of John Hill (Pig Pig) are invited to attend.

Date of Authorisation Meeting:
23 & 24 July 2011

Venue:
Bargara Community & Cultural Centre –
160 Hughes Rd, Bargara

Time of Authorisation Meeting:
10am to 4pm each day

Date of Information Session:
17 July 2011

Venue:
Bargara Community & Cultural Centre –
160 Hughes Rd, Bargara

Time of Information Session:
10am to 4pm

The purpose of the meeting:

First Day – 23 July 2011

- To amend the claim group description to include the descendants of John Hill (Pig Pig).
- To submit to the claim group the question as to whether the descendants of Tan Wat are members of the claim group.
- Receive information on progress of the claim and provide Queensland South Native Title Services with information relevant to the connection report.

Second Day – 24 July 2011

- To consider approving an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with Ergon Energy covering the claim area.
- To consider approving an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Local Governments of the claim area.
- To ensure that the Applicant for the claim is properly authorised by the claim group and if not, to appoint a new Applicant for the Port Curtis Coral Coast claim in accordance with S66B of the Native Title Act to reduce the number of applicants and establish a family representative committee to advise the applicants.
- To consider the appropriate name identifying the claim group.

NOTE: The agenda may be flexible in that the issues listed for the second day may come forward to the first day if time dictates.

The area covered by the **Port Curtis Coral Coast People** claim area is located in the Bundaberg and Gladstone area of Queensland and covers about 19282.695km² as shown on the map below:



All Port Curtis Coral Coast People are invited To contact Nelson Stacey, Community Relations Officer, of **Queensland South Native Title Services**, Communities Section, on **1800 663 693** to register their intention to attend the authorisation meeting.

QSNTS is not able to fund travel or accommodation to attend this meeting, however morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

 **QSNTS**
Queensland South Native Title Services

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Whistle-blowers' big day out



PICTURED are four of the six Indigenous referees who will control Group Two rugby league matches this weekend at Coffs Harbour. All three games between Coffs Comets and the Kempsey-based Macleay on Sunday will be under the control of the Indigenous referees and linesmen. Group Two covers rugby league clubs between

Woolgoolga and Port Macquarie. The Coffs Comets-Macleay game is the referees' contribution to NAIDOC Week celebrations on the Mid-North Coast. Pictured are Indigenous referees, from left, Craig Craigee, Lloyd Lynwood, Lenny Duroux and Jason Driver. Absent are Daniel Hoskins and Mal Webster.

Harry Williams a notable omission



KOORI Mail readers apparently generally agreed with our 500th Edition list of Top 50 Indigenous athletes. To celebrate our 500th edition on 4 May, we published a list of '50 of the finest', recognising our heroes on the sporting arena. While we listed athletes from one to 50, we said our list was by no means definitive, and invited readers to give us their thoughts. Two readers responded. Jason French, a NSW Sport and Recreation officer at Orange, NSW, said Harry Williams was a notable omission from our list.

"He was the first recognised Indigenous Australian to play for the senior Australian national football team, the Socceroos," Jason said. "He was recruited to the national side while still a teenager, and went on an overseas tour with the team in 1970. "In 1974, having only played six matches for Australia, Williams was part of Australia's first foray into the World Cup finals. "Including qualifiers, Williams played six World Cup matches for Australia during his career. In total he represented Australia 17 times between 1970 and 1978.



HARRY WILLIAMS



ANTHONY MUNDINE

"He was part of Australia's 1974 FIFA World Cup squad and is the only Indigenous player to do so. "Surely, his records speak for themselves and he is still doing so much for Indigenous football here in Australia, making him one of Australia Indigenous sporting legends." June Christian emailed us to tell that Anthony Mundine should have been in the top ten in the Koori Mail's list – not at 49. "Anthony not only did boxing, but also played rugby league,"

June said. "Anthony Mundine has done a lot for is people and copped a lot from other races. "He has also brought boxing to the mainstream in the Australian public like no other boxer, and will be remembered for doing what he believes in. "Anthony should be respected by our people. "Anthony knows where he comes from and he doesn't make out that he is better than anyone else. "He supports community sports and helps out with donations for team events – a lot more than other sports people. "This is all part of the reason why I believe he should be in the top ten."



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/477 70/943	Pilbara Stone Pty Ltd Boral Resources (WA) Ltd	336.99ha 69.85ha	133km SW'ly of Pannawonica 30km N'ly of Perth	Lat 22°42' Long 115°43' Lat 31°40' Long 115°49'	Ashburton Wanneroo City

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: 29 June 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 29 September 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. 29 October 2011), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5641-2	Kalgoorlie Mining Company (Bullant) Pty Ltd	348.71ha	15km W'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°18'	Coolgardie/ Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
16/2732	Lionel Brian Champion Brendon James Champion	195.03ha	57km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°29' Long 120°53'	Coolgardie
24/4585	Burgundy Triangle Pty Ltd	11.5ha	33km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4595	Leeanne Caroline Gallop	9.75ha	66km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°16' Long 120°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2214	Basil Robert O'Loughlin	9.66ha	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3862	Stan Harry Frederick Strindberg	186.2ha	14km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2096	Aruma Exploration Pty Ltd	182.93ha	50km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2097	Aruma Exploration Pty Ltd	103.05ha	49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/7993	David Wayne McDonald	88.66ha	40km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°41'	Leonora
46/1750-1	Peter Falconer Walsh	316.48ha	36km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°46' Long 120°26'	East Pilbara
47/1596	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	148.81ha	49km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°50' Long 117°20'	Ashburton
47/1597	Moly Metals Australia Pty Ltd	124.95ha	45km SW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°52' Long 117°24'	Ashburton
47/1599	Hammersley Iron Pty Ltd	164.43ha	86km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°56' Long 118°35'	Ashburton
47/1600	Hammersley Iron Pty Ltd	32.67ha	85km E'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°49' Long 118°36'	Ashburton
51/2718-23	Brutus Constructions Pty Ltd	1166.85ha	7km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°38' Long 118°32'	Meekatharra
51/2724	Brutus Constructions Pty Ltd	133.36ha	10km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°40' Long 118°30'	Meekatharra
52/1413	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	23.62ha	162km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°27' Long 119°31'	Meekatharra

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: 29 June 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 29 September 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. 29 October 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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Government of Western Australia Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified.

It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

PARCEL OF LAND: LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 69582, unallocated Crown land Volume 3016 Folio 332 Area: 19.1541 hectares PLAN/DIAGRAM: Deposited Plan 69582 LAND SITUATED IN: Shire of Exmouth NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN: All registered and unregistered rights and interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" other than interests of the Crown. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED: Recreation and Motor Sport Kart Racing. PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT: Creation of a new reserve under care, control and management of the Shire of Exmouth with power to lease. REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT: The Shire of Exmouth has identified Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 69582 as being suitable for the relocation of the Exmouth Go Kart Club. DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED: 1 January 2011 RDL FILE: 00248-2010-01RO RDL REF: 100955
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PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lily Sutomo, State Lands Midwest, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5189. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 13 October 2011.

MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND: A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands.

NATURE OF THE ACT: In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 13 July 2011. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 13 October 2011. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272.

Dated this 26th Day of May in the year 2011.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

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Warriors avenge

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



A WELL-drilled Argun Warriors, inspired by tough forwards Harry Mooka and David Grainer, beat Saguci 20-14 in an exciting grand final of the 2011 Island of Origin rugby league series.

The 26th annual event was held at Badu Island, in the Torres Strait, from 10-12 June, with five men's and three women's sides.

Argun Warriors, Saguci and Badu United were from the host island and the other teams were Goemu Bau Raiders, with players of Mabuyag descent, and Waur Brothers United, from Moa.

Special guest for the second year in a row was former Test and Queensland State of Origin prop Sam Backo.

There was a major surprise for carnival organiser Cr Wayne Guivarra on the final morning when Test and Origin champion Artie Beetson arrived on Badu.

"I heard there was a surprise and had no idea what it was and when I saw Artie

at the airport, I knew then," Guivarra said.

With Beetson as chief sponsor Sea Swift's Operations Manager Ken Marquis and Sales and Marketing manager Bruce Ranga.

Argun Warriors' Mooka won the trophy for player of the carnival, and Grainer the player of the final trophy.

Five Northern Pride players were at the carnival, including former Cowboys stars Ty Williams and Rod Jensen, and coach David Maiden.

Argun Warriors players were presented with a cheque for \$10,000 for the win and the Sea Swift trophy.

Saguci easy winners

Favourites Saguci easily beat Argun Warriors 26-12 on day two of the carnival and then defeated Badu United 36-24 in the semi-final.

In the earlier semi-final Argun Warriors beat a gallant Goemu Bau Raiders 26-12 to set up the showdown with Saguci.

Both sides had numerous players with Foley Shield experience and although Saguci beat Argun Warriors a day earlier,

opinion was divided around the ground about who would win the final.

Fullback Aaron Binawel scored for Saguci in the 12th minute after a great pass from centre Horace Baira.

At the 25th minute Jordan Solomon scored for Argun and then in a defining moment, five-eighth Stanley Daniel kicked a 40/20, giving Warriors a scrum feed in an attacking position.

Richardo Laza then scored to give Argun an 8-6 half-time lead.

With forwards David Grainer and Harry Mooka making plenty of ground, Argun went to a 14-6 lead.

That extended to a 20-10 lead before Saguci scored late.

Best for Argun Warriors were Grainer, Mooka, Daniel, winger Patock Tamwoy, centre Keiji Bowie and halfback Steven Singleton.

For Saguci, prop Ben Scheel, hooker Iona Nona, Horace Baira, Aaron Binawel, Dale Pablo and Peter Eseli were stars.

Sundown Sirens beat Bau Au Stingers 20-14 in the women's final after going into the decider as underdogs after

losing 26-8 to Stingers on day two.

The TI Sirens also had several injuries to key players, but started well and led 16-0 at half time.

Stingers beat Sirens in last year's Origin final and looked a chance of repeating the dose when they trailed only 14-16 with five minutes to go.

But when Lillius Namok scored a try in the final minute, Sirens had the final and the celebrations started.

Elsie Seriat scored two tries in the final for Sirens and proudly held the flag aloft.

Sirens coach Sasha Busch nominated Angie Nadredre, Elsie Seriat, Thogan Blanket and Jaimee Eales as the best forwards.

Busch said that livewire halfback Kristy Wilson and centre Lillius Namok also shone.

For Stingers, backs Sania Whap and Stephanie Mooka were the standouts.

Games were heard live on TSIMA Radio 4MK across the Torres Strait and NITV was there filming the games.

Matches will be televised on NITV starting during NAIDOC Week in July.



Bau Au Stingers women take to the field for the grand final.



The defining moment in the women's grand final after Lillius Namok scored a try in the last minute to give her team a 20-14 win. A Bau Au Stingers defender lies exhausted on the ground.



● ABOVE: Peter Amber, of Goemu Bau Raiders, after being accidentally kicked in the face.

● RIGHT: Argun Warriors captain Ben Ketchell, left, with Jordan Ketchell after the win. They travelled from Tully.



For the record...

Men's grand final: Argun Warriors 20 (David Grainer, Jordan Solomon, Eseli Baira, Richardo Laza tries; Stanley Daniel 2 goals) d Saguci 14 (Aaron Binawel, Keaney Binawel, Gabriel Eseli tries; Billo Mosby 2 goals).

Semi-finals: Saguci 36 (Weis Cook, Matthew Scheel, Peter Eseli, Dale Pablo, Aaron Binawel, Alex Tipoti tries; Billo Mosby 4 goals) d Badu United 24 (Jacob Warria, Arthur Gibuma, George Asse, Shaun Waiangai, Jacob Warria, Alfred Bowie tries).

Argun Warriors 26 (Harry Mooka, Steve Singleton, Patock Tamwoy, Joel Morseu, David Grainer tries; Stanley 2, Patock Tamwoy goals) d Goemu Bau Raiders 12 (Aaron Bani 2, Ted Whap tries).

Qualifying games – Round 1: Saguci 38 d Badu United 8, Argun Warriors 24 d Goemu Bau Raiders 20, Saguci 24 d Waur Brothers United 0, Goemu Bau Raiders 26 d Badu United 0, Argun Warriors 42 d Waur Brothers United 18.

Round 2: Saguci 16 d Goemu Bau Raiders 10, Argun Warriors 36 d Badu United 10, Goemu Bau Raiders 30 d Waur Brothers United 10, Saguci 26 d Argun Warriors 12, Badu United 22 d Waur Brothers United 10.

Women's grand final: Sundown

Sirens 20 (Elsie Seriat 2, Soroya Daniels, Lillius Namok tries; Angie Nadredre, Natasha Fujii goals) d Bau Au Stingers 14 (Jenna Sagigi, Sania Whap, Lafay Whap tries; Stephanie Mooka goal).

Qualifying games: Sundown Sirens 32 d Dhikun Gammaz Badu 8, Bau Au Stingers 28 d Sundown Sirens 8, Dhikun Gammaz 26 d Bau Au Stingers 24.

Awards – Best stall, Harry Newie; fastest woman, Jenna Sagigi; fastest man, Sario Kusu; best dressed teams, women: Dhukun Gammaz; men, Saguci; women's encouragement award, Sania Whap, Leah Warria, Jenna Sagigi, Alphi Warria; women's top goalkicker, Stephanie Mooka; most tries, Sania Whap; best back, Kristy Wilson; best forward, Kema Mairu; player of the final, Angie Nadredre; player of the carnival, Stephanie Mooka; men's encouragement awards, Vernon Baira, Steven Whap, Masi Nona, Iona Nona; top goalkicker, Stanley Daniel; top try scorers, Robbie Wilson and Dale Pablo; best back, Keiji Bowie; best forward, Anthony Joseph; player of the final, David Grainer; player of the carnival, Harry Mooka.

Referees: David Rose, Richard Grogan, Bernie Ryan, Rod McCrae, Craig Kirk, Jason O'Brien.

early-round loss



The winning women's team, Sundown Sirens, from Thursday Island, with Artie Beetson and Sam Backo.



Action in a junior game that finished in a draw.



Junior players with Artie Beetson and Sam Backo, Northern Pride players and referees.



Placegetters in the women's sprint – Elaine Tamwoy, Francesca Sagigi and winner Jenna Sagigi.



● ABOVE: Player of the carnival Harry Mooka.



● RIGHT: Fastest man in the Torres Strait, sprint winner Sario Kusu.



Big Argun Warriors forward David Grainer takes an opponent to ground.



David Grainer, of Argun Warriors, tackles a Saguci player in the final. Keiji Bowie is the other Argun player.



Argun Warriors' David Grainer congratulated by Patock Tamwoy after scoring a try in the final against Saguci.



Stanley Daniel after the grand final.

'Can't wait around here... there's work to be done'

WORK and football proved to be a good mix for star five-eighth Stanley Daniel at the 2011 Island of Origin rugby league series.

The 25-year-old Daniel hails from remote Dauan Island and was working on Badu as a plant operator on a civil engineering project.

Daniel played for eventual winners Argun Warriors at the carnival and shone when they beat Goemu Bau Raiders in the semi-final.

That game finished about 10.20am on 12 June and Argun Warriors' grand final appearance was scheduled for 3pm.

While most footballers would have tried to have 40 winks – or at least rested – Daniel returned to work.

"I went to work after the semi and came back before the grand final. There is a lot of work to do," he said.

Daniel was a key player in the decider and in what may have been a turning point, kicked a 40/20 at the 32nd minute. This gave Argun a scrum feed not far from Saguci's line.

Soon after, Argun Warriors scored a try to take an 8-6 half-time lead.

In the second half and with the game in the balance, Daniel fired out some precision passes to big forward Harry Mooka and David Grainer.

Daniel also booted two second-half conversions as Argun won 20-14.

The quietly spoken Daniel also won the award for the leading goalkicker of the carnival.

The win was sweet revenge for Daniel, who a year earlier played for Boigu Island side Malu Kiai when they lost the Origin final to Mua Razorbacks 50-26.

Daniel has also represented Torres-Cape with distinction in the Foley Shield competition, but missed this year's campaign when the side had a name change to Remote Area Rugby League.

Out to make a splash



Djaran Smith with his medal haul from the 2010 School Sport Australia championships in Brisbane. He was captain of the NSW team.



NAMBUCCA HEADS
Indigenous swimmer Djaran Smith will represent NSW

at the School Sport Australia swimming championships in Melbourne from 31 July-5 August.

The 18-year-old 'quiet achiever' has been swimming for a long time and has compiled an impressive list of achievements at country championships, State and national age level and at national championships.

This will be Smith's sixth appearance for the NSW School team. Last year he was the NSW team captain.

At last year's championships in Brisbane, Smith won four gold, one silver and three bronze medals, along with six relay medals, for a total of 14 medals.

On Smith's path to being selected in the NSW team, he was school age champion, zone

age champion, and North Coast region age champion, and won the most outstanding competitor trophy for the second year running.

Last year Smith was presented with the North Coast Blues Award, and the NSW CHS Blues Award.

Smith's swimming career has taken him to championships in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, New Zealand and Brisbane.

Training

He did most of his training at the Nambucca Aquatic and Fitness Centre at Nambucca Heads, but after its closure he now has to drive to Coffs Harbour six mornings a week, with a 4am start.

This early start is essential so Smith can fit in a two-hour training session, then return home, get ready for school and breakfast all before the bus arrives at 8.15 to take him to school at Macksville.

Over the period of a week, his family is travelling nearly 800kms just for him to have access to a heated pool.

Normally, he would do two sessions a day, but because of the distance and expense, he is limited to one session.

To substitute for the second session, he works out every afternoon after school in the gym. All of this on his own – and without a coach.

Smith is also the Mid-North Coast Indigenous Health Ambassador. He has helped launch the 'No Smoking' program and the Immunisation program on the North Coast.

He says he is honoured to be involved in these programs – giving him a chance to give something back to the community.

Smith puts his heart and soul into swimming, and dreams of being an Olympian.

If that doesn't happen, it won't be for the lack of trying.

Smith's family members constantly have their hands in their pockets as he follows his dream.

The costs are high: Travel, training, championship meets, accommodation – the list goes on. His family says there seems to be very little to no funding available for Indigenous swimmers.

"If Djaran was in a NSW Indigenous team, he could be funded quite easily, but being in a mainstream NSW team doesn't seem to attract any assistance," a family member said.

"No-one seems to want to know much about it. If anyone out there could assist with sponsorship, or knows of some avenues for funding, it would be greatly appreciated by the family."

Djaran Smith's mother Leanne Donovan can be contacted on (02) 6568 8654 or email terrydonovan@tsn.cc

Carnival one of the biggest

Story and pictures by ALF WILSON



A RECORD
58 under-11 rugby league teams, many of which

included talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and some girls from around North Queensland, competed at the Laurie Spina Shield in Townsville on 17-18 June.

Organised by the North Queensland Cowboys, the carnival is named in honour of Ingham-born former Cowboys captain Laurie Spina, who also played for North Sydney, Easts (now Roosters) and Cronulla during his first grade NRL career.

Far and wide

Spina retired in 1995 at the age of 31, and the carnival held at Brothers League Club brought together teams from the far north, to Mount Isa and Rockhampton.

The competition was contested in eight pools and games were of 25 minutes' duration.

It is one of the biggest junior rugby league competitions in Australia and thousands of spectators saw the action on eight fields at the Jack Manski Oval at Brothers Leagues Club.

The grand final was played on the night of 18 June as a curtain-raiser

to the Cowboys versus Warriors NRL game.

Townsville team Centrals Gold defeated fellow local side Western Lions 8-4 in the final after scores had been deadlocked 4-all with ten minutes remaining.

Central Cape Suns, from Weipa, probably had the longest distance of any team to get to Townsville.

Suns coach Karl Adams said the officials and players left Weipa by plane for Cairns a day before the carnival and then travelled the 350kms by bus to Townsville.

They returned the day after the carnival, travelling by bus to Cairns and then by air to Weipa.

The Suns side included two girls – Tatyana King-Smith and Tynequa Kemp – and both performed well.

Tatyana is the daughter of former champion Suns and Torres Cape Foley Shield star forward Garreth Smith and Northern Marlins female representative side player Florrie King-Smith.

Karl Adams said the side was competing in the competition for the first time and it was great experience.

Sarah Addo is the organiser of the Cairns All Blacks carnival held in October and said there were so many talented Indigenous players at the competition.



● ABOVE: Some of the Palm Island team members.

● RIGHT: The Central Cape Suns, from Weipa, Coach: Karl Adams with, front row, from left, Max Newman, Jacob Johnson, Sammy Bowenda, Isaac Cassady, Tallis Mowles, Caleb Hansen; back row, Jack Backo, Tynequa Kemp, Charlton Kepple, Jarrod Smith, Tatyana King-Smith, George Graham, William Levi-Gobbey, Dakotah Chapman, Phillip Wallis. Absent are Iliesa Nadredre and Ratu Davui.



Laurie Spina at the carnival named in his honour.



● ABOVE: The Central Cape Suns' William Levi-Gobbey takes on the defence.
● LEFT: Central Cape Suns coach Karl Adams with girl players Tatyana King-Smith and Tynequa Kemp.

Kirby an All-Star

By PETER ARGENT



KIRBY BENTLEY was named in the All-Australian team after the 12th annual Australian Football League women's national championships in Adelaide.

The Indigenous West Australian won the Debbie Lee Medal for being judged the best and fairest player in the championship's division one.

"Kirby is a complete footballer," Bentley coach and Australia's first and only female level three coach, Nicole Graves, said.

"A smooth mover, the skills she brought from netball, including time and space, along with awareness, is exquisite.

"Her lateral movement with the ball are better than any footballer I've seen.

"Kirby's knowledge of the game is an area she could look at, but besides that, she has tremendous attributes."

Victorians unbeatable

The only negative for Bentley and her WA team-mates was that they were unable to stop the Victorian juggernaut, as they lost to the 'Big V' in the final.

Despite Bentley's best-player effort for the Sandgropers (Team WA), after quarter time they were no match for the Victorians, going down by 82 points in the division one final.

Bentley, a former WA Fever netballer at the highest level, started playing football with East Fremantle

in 2009. "My dad Kelvin Hardy taught me how to kick when I was little and about some of the nuances of the game," she said.

"I was a bit of a tomboy when I was young and I'd compete with the boys at primary school, trying to take big marks in the kick and catch sessions in the breaks.

"I admire (Hawthorn's) Cyril Rioli for his freakish acts and ability to deliver the ball.

"That is an area I try to pride myself on when I play."

Bentley is a second cousin of Fremantle AFL player Roger Hayden and is also a member of the WA Sting netball team, which will play in the Australia Netball League, starting in August

Debbie Lee, the footballer after which the national championships' best and fairest medal was named, is a pioneer in women's football.

The ten-times All-Australia (and captain five times) works for the Melbourne Demons as community development manager.

"Watching Kirby, I can only be in awe of her skills – she was a standout in her team," Lee said

"Western Australia should be excited about the emerging players and talent they are bringing to these events each year.

"I am very proud to have her wearing a medal with my name on it."

In Division two of the championships, New South Wales defeated the ACT by four goals.



● LEFT, ABOVE and BELOW: Kirby Bentley shows some of her skills.



Kerri Anne winless, but a star performer



Kerri Anne White in action for the Northern Territory Thunder at the Australian women's championships in Adelaide. Pictures: Peter Argent

THE Northern Territory's Thunder was winless throughout the AFN national women's championships, but their best was Aboriginal player Kerri Anne White.

"She is a girl from Darwin," NT spokesperson Sam Dunn said.

"Kerri dominated for us in all three games through the midfield and was a strong player."

Indigenous centreline player with Team WA Tiah Haynes is among players selected for the AFL Women's High Performance Academy.

"Tiah turned 18 the week before the championships," Nicole Graves said.

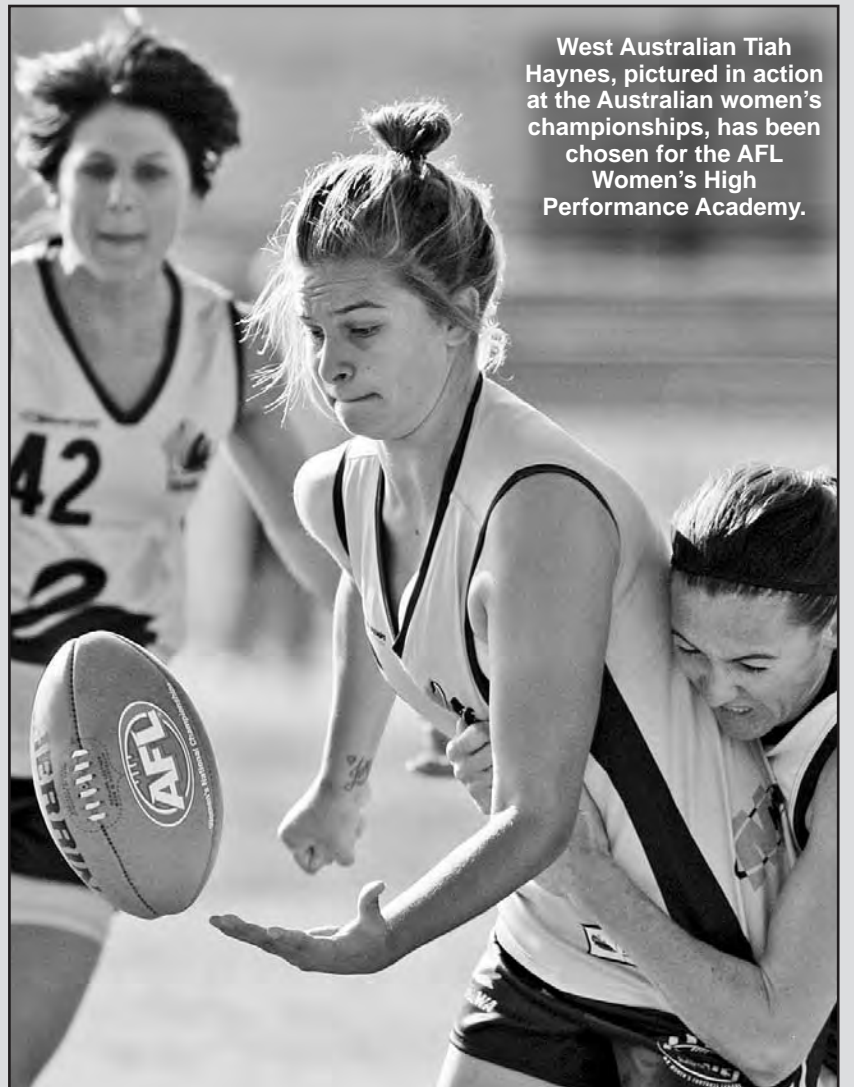
"She will play for the State at under-18 level in September and is a future leader.

"Noted for being quick and skilful, Tiah has strong finishing skills."

The All-Australians and the next best eight players, together with the best ten All Stars from the 18s Youth Girls Nationals (on the Gold Coast in September), will be invited to participate in the 2012 AFL Women's High Performance Academy during June 2012 in Melbourne.

This will be an intensive week of skill and knowledge development.

It has been proposed to culminate the week with a curtain-raiser game on the MCG prior to prior to the Melbourne-Collingwood Queen's Birthday long weekend fixture.



West Australian Tiah Haynes, pictured in action at the Australian women's championships, has been chosen for the AFL Women's High Performance Academy.

Some good, some bad

Reaction mixed to new Murri super rugby league carnival

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT



REACTION to news that a Murri All Blacks carnival will be held on the Gold Coast in September has been mixed from people involved in North Queensland carnivals.

Walson Carlos, who co-ordinates the CQID Indigenous Reconciliation Carnival held at Rockhampton each January, said it was a great concept.

"I wish the organisers all the best. It's great to see Queensland providing the same sort of carnival as the NSW Aboriginal Knockout and I'm sure it will be a great success," Carlos said.

But Sarah Addo, a long-time organiser of the Cairns All Black carnival, had mixed feelings.

She questioned the lack of consultation with organisers of other All Black carnivals.

"The Indigenous carnival being conducted by Tony Currie is going ahead without the consultation of organisers of other All Black carnivals in Queensland," she said.

"I find it even more insulting that the organisers who tag this as being the first Statewide Indigenous carnival is a kick in the face considering the Cairns All Black carnival has been attracting teams from across the State for many years.

"In fact, we have had international and interstate teams participate."

Cherbourg Hornets won last year's Cairns carnival, beating Kulpiyam (Torres Strait). Cherbourg is in the State's south and Kulpiyam came from the extreme north.

Timing questioned

Ms Addo also questioned the timing of the Gold Coast event and said there had been no consultation with other All Black carnival organisers.

"Townsville and Cairns always co-ordinate their carnivals and it is insulting that the Indigenous knockout organisers have put their carnival in front of Townsville and Cairns," she said.

Ms Addo said the Cairns and Townsville All Black carnivals were co-ordinated by very strong Aboriginal

Four carnivals in three weeks

By ALF WILSON

INDIGENOUS rugby league players in Queensland's north will have a glut of All Blacks carnivals, with four being held over a three-week period.

First on the packed calendar will be the Vern and Frank Daisy Cup at the Townsville Sports Reserve on 1-2 October.

There are two carnivals planned for the following weekend – the Torres Cup at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island, and the Bindal All Blacks carnival at Townsville's Jack Manski Oval.

Teams contesting the Torres Cup (former Zenadth Kes carnival) will be from the Torres Strait.

Bindal's carnival had 16 men's team and a women's competition last year and will attract players

from as far south as Mackay, to Hope Vale in the north, and west to Mount Isa.

Then, the following weekend, Cairns will host what has become the biggest North Queensland carnival. Last year, 30 men's teams competed.

Throw in the newly-announced Queensland Aboriginal Island Health Council Murri Carnival on the Gold Coast 22-25 September, and there will be five carnivals in four weeks.

The last major North Queensland carnival will be the Dan Ropeyarn Cup, usually held in early November at Bamaga, on the Northern Peninsula.

Footballers will hardly have time to get over their Christmas cheer when the first carnival of 2012 will be held in January in Rockhampton.

women who had stamped a huge footprint on Queensland rugby league for generations to come.

"I am not saying what they (Gold Coast carnival organisers) are doing is wrong, but they should consult as they are only newcomers and have a lot to learn," she said.

The Townsville Bindal All Black carnival is scheduled for the second week in October and will clash with the Torres Cup on Thursday Island.

Cairns will hold its carnival a week later.

Several Torres Strait Islander teams have expressed an interest in contesting the Gold Coast carnival.

Early starter

One already confirmed entrant in the women's division is the Sundown Sirens who won the women's final at the Island of Origin Series on Badu Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

"While we were out at Badu, NITV invited us to attend. So we are bringing the Sirens down and are in the middle of process application for funding and all to get us down there. Everyone's is so excited, we can't wait," said Sirens' Thursday Island-based star player Elsie Seriat.

Jenny Pryor has organised the Bindal All Black carnival in Townsville for many years and last October 7000 spectators watched 16 men's teams and four women's sides battle it out.

"We have had the sanctioning of the QRL Northern Division for the past three years and have had to restrict the

number of professional players to enable community people to showcase their talents," Ms Pryor told *Koori Mail*.

She said that for many years, North Queensland had been putting on successful carnivals without government handouts.

"We have been trying to get a Statewide competition going without any money from government and we would have expected the organisers of the Queensland knockout to show us some respect and contact us as we have been involved in carnivals for 30 years," Ms Pryor said.

She said that it would have been good if dates for all carnivals had been co-ordinated.

"It has always been our aim to have a body formed to run a Statewide carnival like this without cutting each other's throats," she said.

Approached in Townsville

Kowanyama Wallabies coach Dave Kennedy said he was approached during the recent Foley Shield competition in Townsville about nominating for the Gold Coast Murri carnival.

Kennedy was co-coach of the Remote Area Rugby League side. He is also the coach of Kowanyama Wallabies – the reigning premiers in the Cape Cluster competition where matches are played at Weipa.

"I don't think Kowanyama will enter a team in the Murri carnival. It would be costly and we will concentrate on the Cairns carnival this year," he said.

Obe Geia Snr is the organiser of the Daisy Cup All Blacks carnival to be held at the Townsville Sports Reserve on 1-2 October. He wished the Murri carnival organisers the best, but was not sure it would attract many teams from North Queensland.

"They do what they want, but the cost of bringing teams from up here is a lot and I can't see many going," he said.



Zac Millar was a standout for Yorke Peninsula in the Landmark Cup at Snowtown.

Shining light in fading team

By PETER ARGENT



AUDACIOUS Indigenous Australian football talent Zac Millar proved his star quality with a stunning display in the 2011 Landmark Cup.

This event, held at Snowtown Oval on 11 June in the mid-north of South Australia, is one of the premier rural

representative football tournaments in South Australia in the lead-up of the State Country Championships

Playing for the Yorke Peninsula Football League (YPFL), he was a catalyst to the grand final berth with an inspired and skilful performance.

"Zac Millar was impressive the whole day," senior YP coach Damien Page said.

"He was easily our best player in the round-robin match, where we smashed hosts the Northern Eastern Football League.

"He's has been playing Central Yorke Cougars this year, being their best player, but they haven't won a game.

"In the final, Zac won plenty of clearances in the first half, but he was unable to have the same damaging effect in the second stanza."

Yorke were up by 13 points at half time after kicking four of the first five goals of the Landmark Cup decider, but they were over-run in the second half to finish as bridesmaids.

"In the end I was disappointed for the group, but there were plenty of positives to come out of the day," Page said.

"The late goal just before half-time didn't help our cause."

Page was impressed with how his group, especially the leaders, including Millar, took ownership of their efforts and played good quality football.

"Coaches become passengers during a game," Page said.

"For the majority of the time, it was a pleasure to be on the ride."

Millar culminated his day's work by winning the YPFL's Landmark Cup Carnival best player award and also has been named in the Central Zone squad for the South Australian Country Football Championships in Port Pirie on 9-10 July.

Last year Millar played for the Eastern Park Football Club in the SA Amateur League, where he was a key component in their division two flag.

Previously, he played State under-age football with South Australia and is a league footballer with the North Adelaide Roosters, along with playing at SAAFL State level as well.



Daisy Cup All Blacks carnival organiser Obe Geia Snr. He wishes organisers of the big Gold Coast Murri rugby league carnival the best, but is not sure it will attract many teams from North Queensland.

Self-belief: It conquers all

THERE are a lot of people who are saying that the Titans are a 'club in crisis' – or that we have lost all confidence.

I can state categorically that we are certainly not in crisis and that we are all working hard to try to turn our season around.

However, like momentum in a game, I have to admit that we are struggling to regain the level of confidence that took us within one game of the grand final last year.

They say that form is temporary and that class is permanent – and I know we have not lost faith in our ability to play – but we need to string together a couple of wins to regain the momentum that took us forward last year.

And like most things in life, it starts with the individual.

I know that I am not happy with my form and that I am trying every trick I know in an effort to help spark the team.

Like everybody, I look for inspiration and I have to look no further than Jamie Soward's efforts over the recent past to understand the importance of self-belief.

Vindicated

NSW's win in the second State of Origin was not only a source of vindication for the team, but it also provided one of the great stories of individual achievement through perseverance.

Jamie Soward has come a long way from the kid who had all the potential, but just couldn't crack it for a regular spot in first grade at the Sydney Roosters.

His selection in the Blues side for the year's State of Origin series was controversial, but it was also a lesson to us all that no two players are the same and the best tend to add value in their own unique way.

Watching Soward evolve over the past 18 months has been fascinating because it was obvious he'd become an integral part of Wayne Bennett's plans at the Dragons.

This was after his previous coach sacked him before a finals match – supposedly at the urging of senior players in the team.

It was soon after this that I got to better understand the true character of Jamie Soward when he was man of the match in the Dreamtime Team

RUGBY LEAGUE



With PRESTON CAMPBELL

against the New Zealand Maori.

I can also remember Wayne Bennett who was involved with the Kiwis that year greeting him in the tunnel and having a few quiet words.

No-one has ever doubted Jamie Soward's talent, but many questioned his toughness, most particularly his unwillingness to run the ball. To many, he also appeared to be a weak link in the defensive line, which could make him a liability in the tight games.

Everybody agreed that the potential was there, but mostly they focused too much on his weaknesses.

Honed his craft

With the support of an experienced and patient coach who has the knack of finding the best in his players, Soward honed his craft.

Also, having dual international and confidence-building machine Wendell Sailor at his side, Soward's self-belief started to grow.

Slowly but surely this so-called speed bump started to miss fewer tackles, sometimes even pulling

off the occasional big hit.

As Soward's defence improved, his self-belief soared and with it so did the quality and consistency of his performances.

All of a sudden, Jamie became a match-winner, with the difference between his best and worst displays minimal.

Soward can make a huge impact on a game in a very subtle way.

When watching him play, if you're intent on seeing the brilliant run or miracle pass, you might just miss his first-class kicking game or the number of tries he saves by cleaning up attacking kicks from the opposition.

Soward is also a player who can turn an opposition turnover into four points in the blink of an eye, or sense an off-load from a forward when nothing of the sort appears possible.

The most compelling part of his evolution has been that it's unfolded with most of the rugby league world doubting his capabilities.

Public expectation

Public expectation is a tough thing for anyone to deal with, but regular public criticism can be soul-destroying.

In the face of a swathe of doubters, Soward finally looks comfortable in his own skin.

The Soward story is another great example of what can be achieved when someone believes in you and in turn helps you to believe in yourself.

He also showed great maturity. After game one, he put up his hand for a share of the blame and said there were other moments when the Blues had panicked.

"It was a combination; it was me not being dominant enough and Michael (Ennis) seeing a different thing and going the wrong way," Soward said of the lead-up to Billy Slater's try.

"But I love the way Michael Ennis plays, I think he is aggressive and smart out of dummy-half and we will fix that up.

"At crucial points when it was 12-10, we had a couple of sets where we didn't play it like we wanted to play it,

but we'll fix that up in game two.

"We need to be patient. We were patient at the wrong end of the field, if that makes sense.

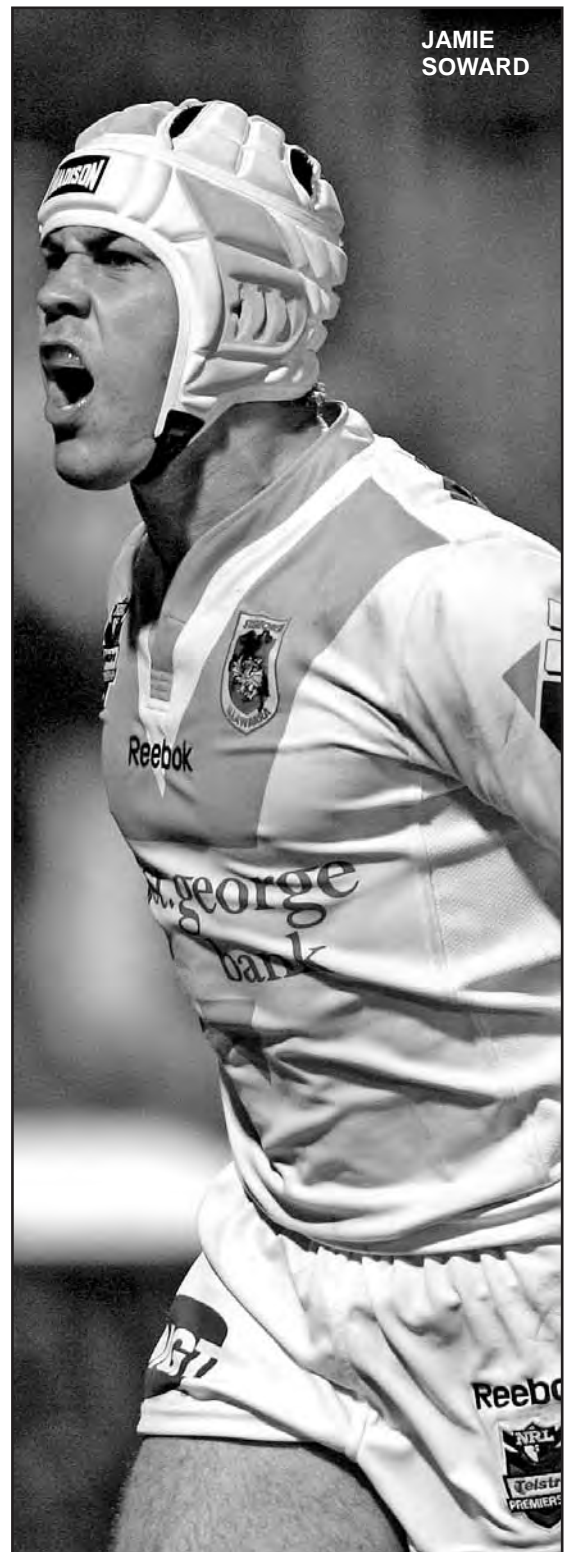
"We kept turning up for each other in defence for set after set after set, but when we got down there, I didn't put myself in the right position to get the ball to kick on the last (tackle) and I put my hand up for that."

This is the sign of a player confident in his own ability.

He took that confidence into the second game and came out a winner.

He has always been a winner in my eyes and just reinforces to us all the importance of self-belief.

It is a key to success in all facets of life.



JAMIE SOWARD

Relieved Thurston primed for Origin 3

● From back page

July decider. "I was just hoping they (the judiciary) would draw a line in the sand in regards to the game itself," he said.

"It was completely accidental and it was very important for the game that it came to the decision it did and exercised some common sense."

Thurston was adamant he didn't see Cecchin until the moment of impact, with his eyes firmly fixed on Warriors five-eighth James Maloney after he capitalised on a break made by Feleti Mateo.

Judiciary counsel James McLeod claimed Thurston 'didn't take the steps that were reasonably available to him to avoid contact with the match official'.

Thurston agreed with McLeod's assertion that it was the duty of the player to avoid contact with the referee, but insisted he didn't make the effort to step around Cecchin because the official never entered his line of sight.

"I could see the break happening, I had my eyes on Feleti," Thurston said.

"... At no point have I seen the referee until I collided with him."

Asked what he was attempting to do

when the crashed into the back of Cecchin, Thurston said:

"I was trying to stop the try from happening.

"I didn't even try and brace (for impact) because I didn't see him until the point of contact."

Meanwhile, North Queensland officials are privately fuming that Thurston's NRL judiciary hearing went ahead despite audio of referee Matt Cecchin admitting their collision was accidental.

The Cowboys, who were tipped off to Cecchin's comments to video referee Chris Ward by a supporter using Sports

Ears, are unimpressed they were not made public before the expensive trip to Sydney for the hearing.

Thurston admits he began expecting the worst as he awaited the verdict.

"I was starting to think it was not going to go my way," he said on his return to Townsville on Thursday.

"When I heard to words 'not guilty' I was very relieved and happy."

He described the scene as he walked into the NRL's headquarters at Fox Studios for the hearing as a 'bit of a circus' with all the cameras, lights and journalists. – AAP

Mills guest at carnival



PATRICK Mills will be the headline act at the Hoops 4 Health NAIDOC basketball tournament in Darwin next month.

The Portland Trailblazer and Australian Boomer will probably line up the H4H NAIDOC celebrity game before the tournament grand final on 6 July at the Darwin Basketball Stadium.

The tournament will start on 4 July.

Tournament and Hoops 4 Health director Timmy Duggan said Mills had thrown his support behind the tournament and would also visit Top End communities.

Hoops 4 Health Aboriginal Corporation chairman Frank Stokes said his organisation was honoured to have someone of the calibre of

Patty Mills as their guest.

"Patty will work with our youth during the tournament. He mirrors our values and is a perfect role model," Stokes said.

Mills is the only Indigenous Australian playing in the US-based National Basketball Association (NBA).

There are four teams in the men's draw: AES Shooting Stars, Heat, JJ Balaz Mixed Breed and Old Skool.

The five teams in the women's competition are Rebels, Desert Diamonds, Hot Shots, Daley River and Gigas.

Play will start at 9.30am on 4 July and 6 July, and at 9am on 5 July.

The women's final will be at noon on 6 July, followed at 1.30pm by the men's final, and presentations at 3pm.



Patrick Mills in action for the Australian Boomers against the New Zealand Tall Blacks in Melbourne on 20 August, 2007.

Long apprenticeship pays off

By PETER ARGENT



LUKE Barmby understands patience is a virtue. The 23-year-old South Australian junior baseballer

and now Central District league footballer has started to build a reputation as a key part of the Central District Bulldogs back six this year, after a longer than usual apprenticeship.

He debuted in round one of the 2009 SANFL competition against the Eagles just after his 21st birthday, but this year he has found his place in the senior team.

The 181cm, 76kg fleet-footed defender, who wears the famous number 44 jumper donned by club great John Platten and Brent Guerra, has Aboriginal heritage.

"My great grandmother Shirley is Aboriginal and she grew up around Broken Hill," Barmby said.

"And yes, I am proud to have Aboriginal heritage."

Influence

Barmby started his football with the Salisbury Magpies, in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, and regarded club stalwart David Hill as one of his early influences.

He went through all the development squads at the Bulldogs and was a member of the 2004 under-17 premiership win on Adelaide Oval turf.

His team-mates in this victory included AFL listed footballers Matthew Westhoff and Travis Varcoe, along with senior flag-winner footballers at the Ponderosa – Scott Dutschke, Brayden O'Hara and Alan Obst.

"There was some talent in that side," Barmby said.

"Actually, before we came to Centrals, I often had the job of tagging Travis in local junior

football. It took another five years before making my SANFL debut.

"Naturally, it was tempting to go to country football and take some big money offers.

"There were a few of us who didn't and naturally it was harder to break into Central's league side because of the club's success."

The Bulldogs have won nine flags since 2000 and played in an unprecedented 11 successive grand finals in the SANFL.

Among Barmby's real strengths along with his blistering speed is ability to read the play.

"Luke has developed over the past couple of seasons since making his SANFL debut," seven-times premiership winning senior coach Roy Laird said.

"He has done the work and his pre-season preparation was good this summer.

Consistency

"This has reflected in his consistency this year.

"He's taken opportunities with the retirement on Adam Switala and Richard Cochrane to cement a place in the senior team.

"A long career beckons with continued hard work."

Along with a promising football career, during his teenage years Barmby was also an accomplished baseballer.

"I was in the State baseball side for six years until my late teens before footy took over," Barmby said.

"They played me as a short stop, but it's fair to say I was pretty average in this role.

"My strength was as a hitter, as I used to bat at three.

"Interestingly, there was a few skills that overlap, especially on the vision side."

There's baseball history in the family, as Luke's father Wayne was a starting pitcher for South Australia in the Claxton Shield.



Luke Barmby in action for Central District.

The right reasons

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THERE are many reasons to admire other people, but one of the highest on my list is honesty.

Andrew Krakouer bears a family name with a strong AFL history and he has found a place in the premiership-winning Collingwood side where he does not look out of place.

But behind his on-field success, there is a story of redemption and a man with the courage to confront his past and send a strong message to us all.

I am certain Andrew would like part of his personal past to fade and would prefer us to just concentrate on his football, but this story is more a recognition of the person he is today and how we all have the opportunity to turn our lives around when challenged.

Best player

Andrew Krakouer played in WAFL side Swan District's 2010 premiership, and won the Sandover Medal as the competition's best player, and also the Simpson Medal for being best on ground in the one-point grand final triumph over Claremont.

He was obviously a class above the general standard of this competition and that is not being critical of this great nursery of the game.

He previously played 102 games for Richmond, after being drafted with the 41st pick in the 2000 draft, and was delisted at the end of the 2007 season by the Tigers.

Krakouer is the son of Jim Krakouer, who played 147 games and booted 236 goals for North Melbourne and St Kilda from 1982-91, and the nephew of another former North Melbourne player, Phil Krakouer.

Earlier this year, he kicked a beauty against the Western Bulldogs that has him in the running for goal of the year.

Krakouer, surrounded by Bulldogs players, was able to spin out of a tackle, second-guess the defenders, and then managed to get to boot to ball, caressing the shot through the big sticks.

After a turbulent and emotional handful of years, he was back in the spotlight for all the right reasons.

Krakouer's problems have been well documented. Having been delisted following seven seasons with Richmond, his life took a serious detour.

When he was 23, he assaulted a man in Fremantle and a court sentenced him to a minimum 16 months in prison.

A father of two, his delisting, and an inglorious end to his football career, seemed his least likely issue.

After serving 14 months, Krakouer was released in August, 2009.

"It was the very, very last thing on the list, footy," Krakouer says of his priorities at the time.

"There was not too much thought about it. Family and friends were at the front of my mind. I just wanted to be with my family."

Better person

The 28-year-old said he believed he had emerged a better person from the dark period in his life.

"It is certainly an experience I don't wish upon anyone," he said.

"Your freedom is taken away from you and it's like you're living in another world. It was quite tough, but you look back on it and learn from it, and coming out of there made me a stronger person. "I am more mature and I've learned not to take things for granted. I think I've come out the other side a better person."

Krakouer said he wasn't resentful about the time he spent in jail and he didn't blame anyone but himself.

"I did the crime, did my time and that's that. I made a mistake and I paid for it, and that's just how it is," he said.

"I've done my time and I've put that behind me."

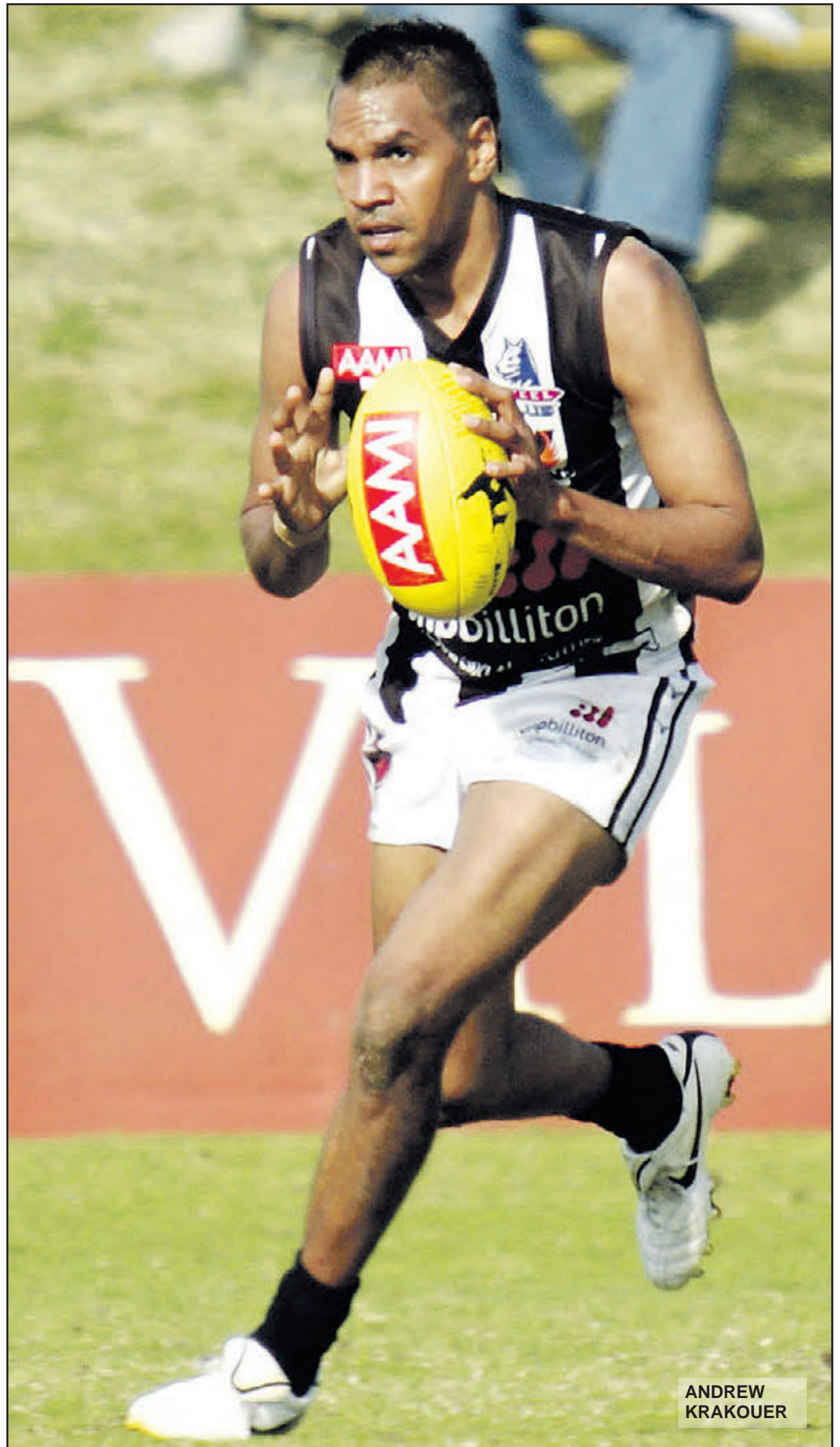
He spoke about the difficulty of not being able to see his partner and two daughters every day, and said he felt he needed to repay them for their time lost before his August 2009 release.

"Not being able to see my girls every day was the toughest thing. They are my life, they are my all and not being able to see them every day was quite tough," he said.

"Knowing I could see them every week and that was what got me through.

"Being away from them, I just want to make sure I give them the opportunity to repay them. I know they don't want me to, but I want to repay the faith they had in me.

"They stuck by me through



ANDREW KRAKOUER

the hardest times and I just want to be there for them and do what I can for them."

He agreed the past year had been a whirlwind and admitted he still had to remind himself of how lucky he was to have been given a second chance.

"A fair bit's happened and it certainly was something I didn't expect but it's been a nice 12 months," he said.

"I don't think it will sink in until

I finish my footy career. I've heard a few people say it's a remarkable game and I've just dusted it off and said I've been lucky to play my role.

"Certainly, I didn't think in my wildest dreams I would be running out in an AFL jumper, playing an AFL game in front of thousands of people 32, 16 months ago, so for it to happen I just have pinch myself and just be very grateful for

the opportunity I've got."

His honesty, courage and perseverance are an inspiration to us all.

His feats on the football field speak for themselves.

His words hardly convey the power of what he has achieved in turning his life around.

He is now being recognised for all the right reasons.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Off to national indoor cricket titles



KOORI cricketers from Dubbo, NSW, are well represented at the junior National indoor championships, with seven players selected in the NSW Cyclones teams to compete during the July school holidays in Melbourne.

Dubbo Koori Cricket co-ordinator Ian Redpath said the boys were positive role models and great ambassadors.

"We are looking to grow their numbers by getting more Indigenous boys involved in the cricket – indoors and outdoors," Redpath, a NT and NSW Imparja Cup representative, said.

"These boys, who have tasted success while representing Dubbo, the Macquarie Valley Cricket Council and/or NSW Western Zone in the outdoor game, will proudly represent their State at the indoor national championships."

Teams competing in Melbourne will be the NSW Blues, NSW Cyclones, North Qld, Queensland, Victoria, ACT, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Redpath has been running the 'Koori

Kricket' program in Dubbo since March 2011, with support from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, and Indoor Sports NSW.

"The boys have been training hard for the national titles and showed good form in the recent NSW City v Country matches in Charlestown," Redpath said.

"Ben Patterson and Warren Dodd represented the NSW Cyclones in 16s; Mike Jeffrey in the 14s, while Marty Jeffrey (captain), Zaiden Britt, Adlai Shipp and Brandon Dodd play in the NSW Cyclones 12s team.

"Since the City-Country encounter, the Cyclones have doubled their training efforts by competing against Dubbo's Newtown Cricket Club in weekly training matches.

"Newtown provide an over 40 masters team to play the 12s and 14s, and a senior grade team to play the 16s team.

"The Cyclones also held a Run-a-thon day of cricket where they played non-stop from midday to midnight and raised more than \$2900 towards their costs.

"They also held one-off training games against other Dubbo junior invitational teams."



Koori Cricket co-ordinator Ian Redpath, left rear, and members of NSW Cyclones indoor cricket teams to compete at the national titles.

Matildas run hot in warm-up matches



THE Australian women's soccer team – the Matildas – have warmed up for the FIFA

Women's World Cup with some scintillating performances in Europe. Indigenous players, striker Kyah Simon and goalie Lydia Williams, are in the team.

The Matildas blew out their jet-lag cobwebs with a 6-1 win over a local Gottingen selection in an exhibition game on 17 June, and then beat Mexico in Gottingen, Germany last Tuesday morning.

Beat England

In their final hit-out before the World Cup, the Matildas beat England 2-0 at Porsche Stadium, Wolfsburg, on Friday.

Their opening World Cup fixture is tomorrow (30 June) against Brazil in

Moenchengladbach, Germany.

Coach Tom Sermanni gave most of his players a run in their 6-1 win over the Gottingen selection in a game with unlimited substitutions.

A few players sat out the game due to minor issues like sore limbs and slight strains, but it was a welcome hit-out for the Matildas.

Sermanni used the matches against Mexico and England to finalise his starting XI for the Brazil game, with at least two to three spots up for grabs.

"We've had a lot of preparation and we haven't played a lot, but I think because of the camps and being together for a long time, I think we should be able to do well," he said.

Kyah Simon chipped in with the winning goal as the Westfield Matildas came from behind to beat Mexico 3-2 in Gottingen last Tuesday.

The Matildas began their first

practice match in Germany with plenty of energy and endeavour before the Mexicans raced to a 2-0 lead.

But by half-time, the Australians had equalised.

Simon sealed the game for Australia with her second half goal, capping off a solid performance.

"To come back against any team two-nil down is a huge positive," coach Sermanni said.

Exposed

"It was a game of mixed qualities for us; I thought at times we dominated possession and had some really good passages of play and at times we left ourselves exposed when we gave away simple balls.

"It was fortuitous that we had a game like this first up and see the things we need to work on rather than go into the first game at the start of the tournament with a

false sense of security.

"Overall, it was a really good run out for us over 90 minutes."

The Westfield Matildas finished their preparations for the World Cup 2011 with a powerful performance against world number ten England in Wolfsburg on Friday.

The Australians led 2-0 at half-time, and dominated for large portions of the match.

Australia started the stronger of the two and showed their attacking capabilities with Heather Garriock, Lisa De Vanna, Kyah Simon and McCallum linking well to put pressure on the England defence.

Lydia Williams was a substitute for the Australians against England, but was not used.

"Winning against a team like England, who by the way are highly fancied for this World Cup, is a boost," said Matildas coach Sermanni.

"I think the way we played in this match was just as critical as the result.

"Not only did we play some very attractive and fluid football but we also got a very positive result which is extremely important when heading into a big tournament.

Confidence

"There's a real sense of confidence around the team at the moment – a real

After the match against England in Wolfsburg, the Matildas were to head for Dusseldorf for the beginning of the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup.

They begin their campaign with an opening match against world number 3 Brazil on 29 June (30 June, 2.15am AEST SBS One), before playing Equatorial Guinea on 3 July (10pm AEST SBS Two) and Norway on 6 July (7 July, 2am AEST SBS One).

Laurie sacked by Panthers boss



FIVE weeks into his reign at Penrith, the National Rugby League (NRL) club's new football supremo Phil Gould has

stamped his authority, following up a move to have Matt Elliott step down with the sacking of Daine Laurie and the firing of Michael Jennings.

As Steve Georgallis was handed an audition for the head coaching job made vacant by Elliott and Gould spoke of instilling a new culture at the club, Laurie and Jennings were disciplined for alcohol-related

off-field incidents.

Laurie, who was sacked by the Wests Tigers over off-field issues in 2009, was cut loose for drinking on a flight with Panthers feeder club Windsor to Auckland on 17 June.

Officials said the serial bad boy was on a final warning from Gould.

Ignored advice

Star centre Jennings was fined \$10,000 for consuming alcohol during his recovery from an ankle injury and for not adhering to medical advice.

The injured NSW State of Origin star was told to keep his leg in a brace

and to use crutches, advice officials said Jennings had ignored.

The stunning developments overshadowed the earlier announcement that Elliott, due to leave the club at the end of the season when his contract expired, had agreed to Gould's request to step down immediately.

Assistant Georgallis was named as his replacement for the remainder of the year, the 43-year-old former Eastern Suburbs, Western Suburbs and Wests Tigers half among more than a dozen candidates Gould has already spoken to about 2012. – AAP

Team of the Ages



AN Indigenous Team of the Ages has been named as a part of the South Australian National Football League's (SANFL) inaugural Indigenous round this weekend. Each player has

his own story – many thrilling fans with repeated acts of brilliance, along with great skills and the ability to excite crowds.

The minimum criterion was the players needed to have played one League game in the SANFL.

Naturally, as the AFL has become the home of the very elite players over the past two decades, players who have taken the SANFL pathway were recognised.

McLeod named captain

A number of stars select themselves, with Adelaide dual Norm Smith Medallist and 1994 Port Adelaide Magpies premiership player Andrew McLeod as the selectors' unanimous choice as the team's captain.

Gavin Wanganeen – another premiership player with the Magpies in 1990 and a 300-game dual-AFL club premiership player and Brownlow Medallist – was honoured as his deputy.

Selected in the back pocket, Central District's first 200-game footballer, Sonny Morey was named Indigenous Team of the Ages coach.

Once his playing days were over at the Ponderosa, Morey moved up to the mid north of the state and coached Eudunda to the 1978 premiership.

SANFL Indigenous Team of the Ages

Forward: Roger Rigney (SFC), Daniel Motlop (AFC), Bertie Johnson (WAF).
Half forward: Michael Graham (SFC), Eddie Fry (SAFC, SFC), Richie Bray (PAFC).

Centre: Michael Long (Eagles), Andrew McLeod (PAFC), Gilbert McAdam (CDFC).

Half back: Gavin Wanganeen (PAFC), Wilfred 'Wilbur' Wilson (CDFC), Byron Pickett (PAFC).

Back: Graham Johncock (PAFC), Corey Ah Chee (PAFC), Sonny Morey (CDFC).

First ruck: David Kantilla (SAFC), Shaun Burgoyne (PAFC), Mark Naley (SAFC).

Interchange: Aaron Davey (PAFC), Peter Burgoyne (PAFC), Derek Kickett (CDFC), Syd Jackson (GFC).

Reserves: Fabian Francis (PAFC), Mathew Stokes (Eagles), Greg McAdam (NAFC).

Captain, Andrew McLeod; **vice-captain,** Gavin Wanganeen; **coach,** Sonny Morey.

He would return to Central District and coach the Central District under-17s to the 1985 flag.

From the AFL's Indigenous Team of the Century announced in 2005, players who are also members of this combination include West Torrens' Michael Long, Sturt quicksilver wingman-half forward-midfielder Michael 'Flash' Graham, David 'Soapy' Kantilla, Syd Jackson, Peter Burgoyne, along the team's captain and vice-captain.

Sturt's nuggetty 'in-and-under' rover Roger Rigney has played in the most premierships, being a part of the five between 1966 and 1970, during the Double Blues' dynasty.

Wilbur Wilson – Central District

champion of the 1970s and early 1980s – was noted as a skilful half forward at SANFL level, but at many Aboriginal carnivals during that era he was used across half back, reading the game tremendously as what is commonly known as the role of a sweeper in modern football.

NT selection as well

Notably, Sturt's 1981 best-and-fairest, and later Panthers footballer Eddie Fry was also selected at centre half forward in a Northern Territory Team of the Century.

Bertie Johnson, the man generally recognised as the first Indigenous premiership player to enjoy premiership

Our man on the panel

KOORI Mail AFL writer Peter Argent was a member of the SANFL Indigenous Team of the Ages selection panel.

Other selectors were Chief Football Writer at *The Advertiser* (and a selector in the AFL's Indigenous Team of the Century) Michelangelo Rucci, SANFL Aboriginal Employment and Participation Manager James Moore, AFL Engagement and Talent Co-ordinator Andrew McLeod, and APY Lands/Aboriginal Development Co-ordinator Tim Stewart.

glory in 1961, was rewarded for his pioneering exploits with selection in the forward pocket.

Another player from that era, Richie Bray, edged out a few champions on the half forward flank, being involved in three flags with the Magpies in the early 1960s.

Natural choice

The late David 'Soapy' Kantilla was a natural choice in first ruck, while Aboriginal Magarey Medallists Gilbert McAdam and Mark Naley are in the starting 18.

The panel chose four interchange players and three emergencies.

Eight of the players who made the final 25 have a history with the Port Adelaide Magpies, with current powerhouse Central District having four inductees.



INDIGENOUS ROUND

THE NEXT STEP IS OURS

DESIGNED by Australian Football League (AFL) and Port Adelaide Magpies great Andrew McLeod, the SANFL logo for the Indigenous round has a potent meaning.

It celebrates the people and the past and looks to the future.

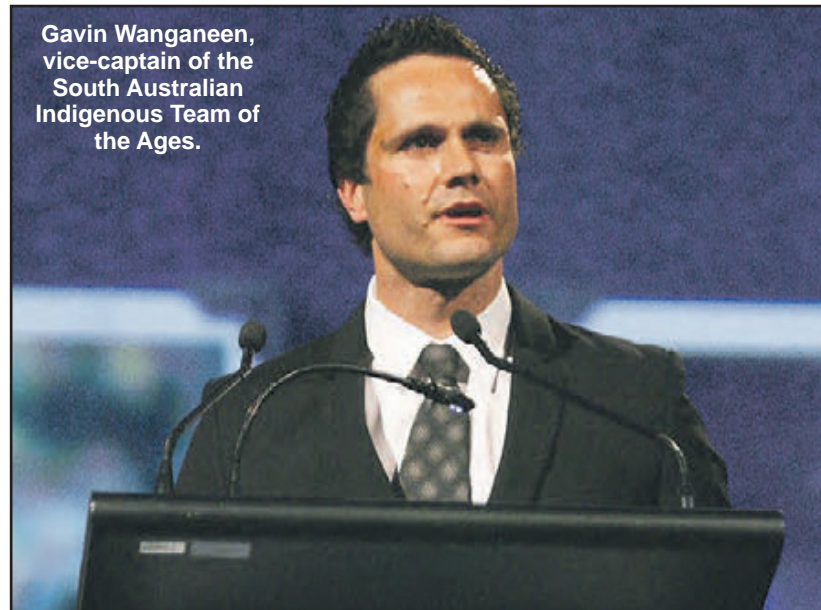
"Importantly, the logo incorporates the Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander colours," McLeod said.

"Down on the right-hand side

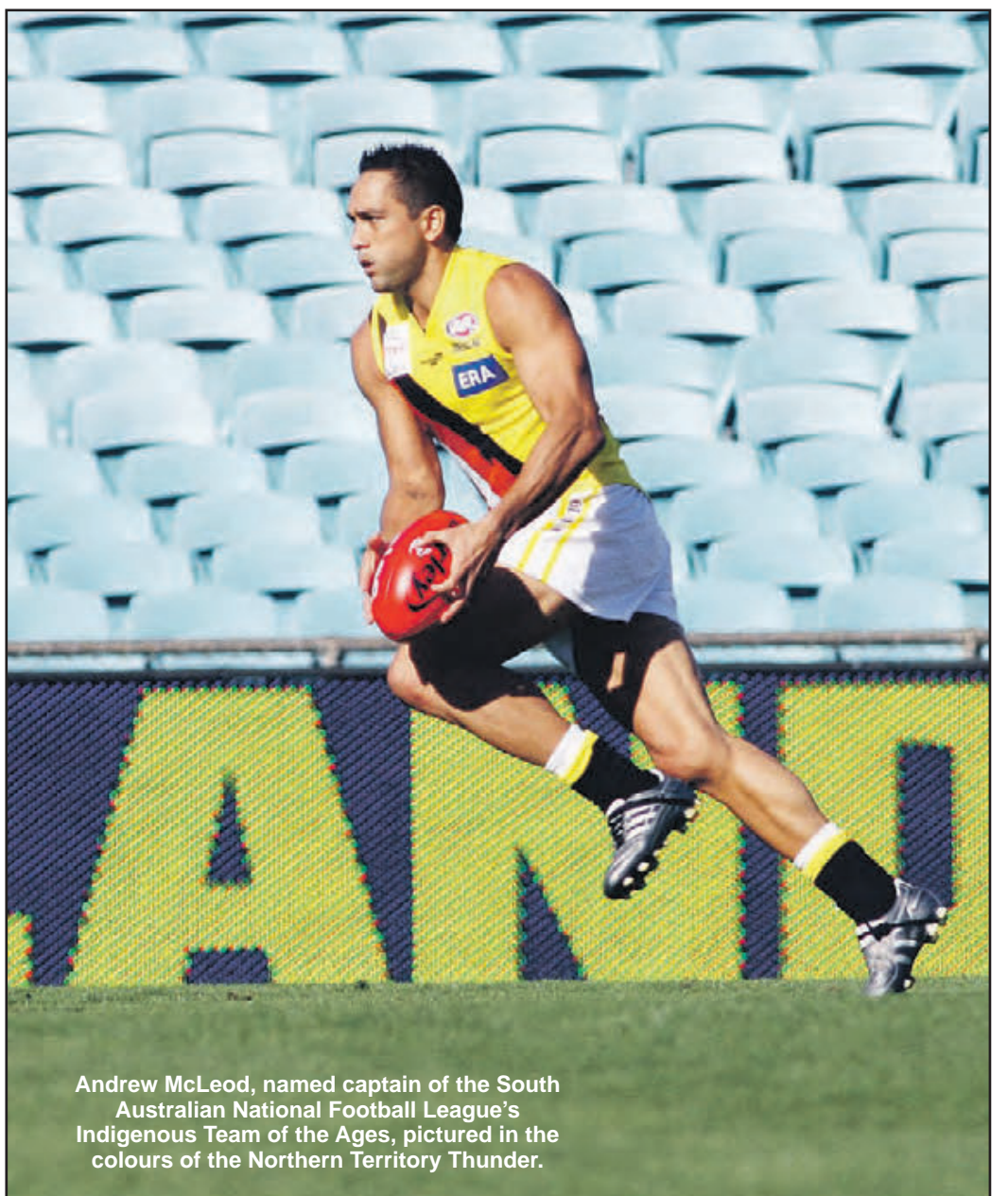
is the Kurna man and his shield.

"The meaning of 'the next step is ours' quote is about taking control of our future.

"We have great players on the field displaying their talent, work ethic and desire, and it is now about taking the next step in areas like coaching, administration and in the community – ensuring these great deeds on the field carry into all areas of endeavour."



Gavin Wanganeen, vice-captain of the South Australian Indigenous Team of the Ages.



Andrew McLeod, named captain of the South Australian National Football League's Indigenous Team of the Ages, pictured in the colours of the Northern Territory Thunder.



The West Australian Indigenous All Stars, who played the West Australian State 20s team.

All Stars in the west

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



THIS year's State League clash between Western Australia and Queensland proved the breeding ground of an exciting new initiative in West Australian football that saw an Indigenous All Stars team play that night in

what turned out to be a showcase of Aboriginal players on and off the field.

The State game itself was won by WA in a thriller over Queensland, but afterwards on Saturday night, 18 June, at Mandurah's Bendigo Bank Stadium, it was like a who's who of the old and new of Indigenous footballers in Western Australia.

There was certainly no shortage of talent and excitement in the Indigenous All Stars team and that stemmed right from the coaching staff.

The coach was former Brisbane Lions

AFL premiership player and Fremantle Docker Des Headland. He currently plays in the WAFL with Subiaco, but is battling injury and decided he was keen to coach the team.

He was helped out in the coaches' box by Subiaco champion Allistair Pickett, who also was nursing a niggling injury, so instead watched on and helped Headland.

Best and fairest

The dual Sandover Medal winner as the WAFL's best and fairest player, and four-times premiership player with Subiaco, also had a bird's-eye view of the performance of his son 'Buddy', with whom he played several senior matches last season.

On the field for the Indigenous All Stars was also an exciting display of Indigenous talent. Most noteworthy was current Fremantle player Roger Hayden. The 125-game AFL veteran had been out for the first half of the 2011 season with a

foot injury and after one game back in the South Fremantle reserves had a hit out in the game for the Indigenous All Stars.

He wasn't the only current-listed AFL player out there, either. His Fremantle team-mates Michael Walters and Joel Houghton also played, as did West Coast rookie-listed player and former Richmond Tiger Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls.

As well as those players, the team was captained by South Fremantle star Toby McGrath, who has played 210 WAFL games, won two premierships and captained one, won a Simpson Medal and a Sandover Medal and has been captain of WA.

Decorated career

One of the proudest moments of his decorated career that has seen him do everything that is possible without playing in the AFL was leading out the Indigenous All Stars team on Saturday night.

As well as those star players, there were representatives of each WAFL club that took part in the game. Callum Walley, Henry Woods, Elroe Gilroy and Angelo Thomas represented Claremont; Robbie Saylor, Keenan Wilson, Troy Wilson, Arthur Bennell, Rob Macaulay and Chris Franklin did the same for East Perth; Anton Saylor and Brad Hill for West Perth; and Alan Davis for Peel.

There was also Mark Kickett, Corey McGuire, Jordan Moody, Kerwin Stuart, Simon Donovan and James Hansen as Perth players to take part, with South Fremantle represented by Brendon Archie, Jayden Woods and Boyden Griffiths.

As well as Buddy Pickett, Subiaco had Curtis Hansen and Rhonen Maher playing for them, with Cyril Garlett, Aiden Smith, Chris Williams, Anthony Roberts, Rudy



WA Indigenous All Stars coach Des Headland.

Riddoch and Will Shea representing Swan Districts.

Dale Wallam, Godfrey Curley and Michael Colbung played from East Fremantle.

In the end, the Indigenous All Stars team couldn't quite continue its strong start and ended up losing to the West Australian State 20s team, but it was an event hailed as a great success from all involved and now is planned to become an annual event.

In the State game itself, there were some Indigenous representatives for WA and Queensland in a game that the West Australians just hung on to win by a goal.

Swan Districts' Graham Jetta, the older brother of Sydney Swan Lewis, was a strong contributor off half-back in his debut appearance for WA, while for Queensland, former Brisbane Lion Albert Proud worked hard in the midfield in an encouraging performance.



Assistant coach Allistair Pickett addresses his WA Indigenous All Star troops during one of the breaks in the game against the WA State 20s team.

Morseau to be a Qld Hall of Famer



BASKETBALLER Danny Morseau will become the eighth inductee into the Queensland Indigenous Hall of Fame when the Hall of Fame web site is launched on Sunday in Brisbane. The web site is scheduled to be launched at 2pm at the State Library of Queensland.

Morseau, Australia's first Indigenous Olympic basketballer, is Patrick Mills' uncle. Like Morseau, Mills also has represented Australia in basketball at the Olympics.

Morseau, a 2009 Deadly Awards winner, already is in Australian basketball's Hall of Fame.

Previous inductees in the Queensland Indigenous Hall of Fame are jockey Darby McCarthy, cricketer Eddie Gilbert, rugby union Wallaby Lloyd McDermott, rugby league star Artie Beetson, boxer Ron Richards, and 1930s women cricketers and cousins Edna Crouch and Mabel Campbell.



Danny Morseau today (above) and a 1970s picture of him with the Australian basketball team (left). That's him with the 'Afro' hair.

Williams joins Heart



NEW Melbourne Heart signing David Williams is on a mission to convert his undoubted potential into promise, seeking a return to the Socceroos and an overseas move within 12 months.

Williams, 23, joins the A-League club on a three-year deal after his previous club North Queensland Fury collapsed at the end of last season.

Long rated one of Australia's most promising talents, Williams enters what he describes as the most important year of his career after signing for the Heart.

A winger or striker with breakneck speed and skill, Williams has played just twice at senior level for his country despite a decorated career in Australia's under-age teams. He also hasn't yet made the significant stamp on the A-League most thought he would.

Injury at crucial times – especially last season as he hit form for the Fury and entered into Socceroos' Asian Cup contention – has been Williams' major obstacle.

"(My career) did slow down a little bit," Williams said of his trials and tribulations with the Fury last season.

"This year is going to be the most important of my career... I want to go overseas, that's the pinnacle of where a player wants to be.

"Being in the A-League for one more year can give me that option of going overseas, but if it doesn't, then I'm here for another two years, which I'm totally fine with."

Short Sydney stint

Williams has had one overseas stint with Danish club Brondby, and was most recently on a short-term deal with Sydney FC in the Asian Champions League.

The Queenslander is one of few Indigenous Australians to have played soccer for his country.

He becomes the Heart's second key signing this week, along with Brazilian midfielder Fred.

Williams is confident of team success with the Heart, who missed the finals in their debut season.

"Every player is above average and it's a team that can go a long way without one player earning millions of dollars and trying to fall back on that player to

Sydney FC's David Williams pushes through a tackle by Shanghai Shenhua's Dai Lin during their AFC Champions League match at the Sydney Football Stadium, Sydney, last 6 April. – AAP image



get them results," he said.

Heart chairman Peter Sidwell said he was thrilled with the club's recruiting, particularly signing Williams.

"He's a gun. He's one of those boys who is going to be really something in this competition over the next few years," Sidwell said.

The Heart now have 21 players on their books for the season which starts in October.

One more signing

Football operations manager John Didulica said the Heart were likely to sign one more player, then keep one place open in the 23-man squad for a player from the club's youth team.

Williams will become the first Indigenous

player to sign with a Melbourne soccer team.

The attacking midfielder told the *Melbourne Herald Sun* he recognised the positive role AFL stars such as Lance Franklin and Cyril Rioli had in promoting Aussie rules in the Aboriginal community.

"They're excellent at what they do. They're heroes from where they come from," Williams said.

"I guess for me to represent that race, the people and where I'm from, in a sport that not a lot of Indigenous people play, is great.

"Hopefully we can show that not only just a few can do it, but there's more who can get out there and play professional soccer if they want to do it.

"It's just about finding the right people to

do it and finding the right people to work with them, I guess."

Raised in Brisbane, Williams is a passionate rugby league fan, but insisted soccer was always his first love, and said he wanted to see more Indigenous talent play the game professionally.

"I think we need to scout more Indigenous players because there's a lot who have talent, they've just got to want to do it," he told the *Herald Sun*.

"It's about identifying them and giving a bit more care to those players to try to bring them up.

"Hopefully in the next year or two, we'll have enough Indigenous players for an Indigenous versus A-League all-stars game. We just need a couple more players to fill the roster." – With AAP



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final. The result was a
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between the two teams
just a day earlier, when
Saguci won 26-12. Five
teams entered the
carnival, with Badu
supplying three sides,
with the other teams
coming from nearby
Mabuiag and Moa.

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coverage of the carnival

● Photo: ALF WILSON

Gold Coast Games bid looks good



THE Evaluation Commission of the Commonwealth Games has given the Gold Coast a positive report ahead of an announcement of the host city for the 2018 event in November.

Commission officials carried out a four-day evaluation of the Gold Coast's bid last week, and chair Louise Martin said the prospect of hosting the Games in Queensland's second biggest city was an exciting one.

The commission's next stop is Sri Lanka where they'll assess the only other bid, from the city of Hambantota.

Martin said that seven years out, not all questions had been answered, and some did not need to be at this point.

"We can tell you the proposal of staging the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast is an exciting one and appears, based on an initial analysis, to be sound," she said. "It appears the basic infrastructure requirements can be met.

"Having been here and experienced four glorious days, we understand well why the Gold Coast is one of Australia's tourist capitals." – AAP

Bring it on!

Thurston cleared for Origin decider



A RUGBY league civil war has been averted with Queensland rugby league maestro Johnathan Thurston cleared to play in the

State of Origin decider after being found not guilty of making contact with a referee.

Cries of a NSW-led conspiracy were finally put to bed, with Thurston's assertion that his collision with referee Matt Cecchin was accidental accepted by the NRL judiciary panel.

But Thurston was forced to endure a nerve-racking 45-minute deliberation before learning his Origin fate.

"I was (getting worried), but I feel pretty good now," Thurston said of the long deliberation and ahead of last weekend's club game against the Panthers.

"I don't want to look too far ahead (to

Origin) – I've got a job to do with the Cowboys against the Panthers, that's my focus, and then I'll turn my focus to Origin then."

As for claims of a southern conspiracy, Thurston said:

"Obviously people were talking about them, but I was always confident of coming down here and putting forward a good case and getting off – I'm really relieved."

Potentially explosive

A guilty finding to the contrary conduct charge would no doubt have had Queenslanders screaming blue murder – particularly given two former NSW Origin representatives in Ian Roberts and Michael Buettnier were part of the three-member panel.

Former Queensland Origin centre Mark Coyne turned down the opportunity to sit on the panel due to

his close relationship with Thurston, while another former Maroon in Bob Lindner was unavailable.

Queensland coach Mal Meninga, who had labelled the charge 'ludicrous', urged the game's administrators to review the rule.

"I just hope the game re-assesses that particular rule because with two referees on the field at the same time, contact is going to happen at some stage," he said.

"It doesn't happen all that often and I don't know any referee who's been hurt really badly.

"It's a gladiator sport and with two referees on the field, the chances are they will come in contact with a player at some stage.

Meninga said he was never really worried that Thurston would miss the 6

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