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Culture and a whole lot more

Gumatj Dancers kick up the dust during Bunggul (dancing) at this year's Garma Festival, which finished on Sunday. Thousands packed the meeting ground at Gulkula in Arnhem Land for the 13th annual event, which is organised by the Yothu Yindi Foundation. A range of activities was again held during the festival, which had a key forum theme of 'Academic Excellence and Cultural Integrity'. ● Full report Pages 12-13.

What 'strong future', asks Tiwi Council



ANGRY Tiwi Islands Shire councillors say the Federal Government is being two-faced about a 'strong future' for Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. The attack, spearheaded by Mayor Lynette De Santis, follows the withdrawal of

Federal funding which the council says has forced it to close the new oval and swimming pool at Wurrumiyanga (Nguu). The local night patrol is also under threat.

Speaking to the *Koori Mail*, Mayor De Santis said that instead of closing the gap, Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin were 'merely closing the gate on sustainable development and service provision' to communities.

She said that while publicly touting the continuation of the NT intervention under the guise of 'Stronger Futures' – the title of the discussion paper on the current Intervention review – Federal authorities were disregarding their own rules.

She accused Centrelink of failing to enforce rules meaning local welfare recipients received payments despite not attempting to find work.

"Meanwhile, the Government cuts funding to us meaning we have no choice but to close the pool and the sports ground," she said. "Our community safety programs are also under threat."

"The Federal Government holds a lease over this community but now refuses to pay for the upkeep of assets like the pool and the ground – something which costs the council \$360,000 a year."

"Well, no more. We have closed them."

Mayor De Santis warned other communities to consider carefully before signing agreements with the Commonwealth.

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My FAMILY

GARY LUI – Cairns and Torres Strait



MYSELF, my wife Dr Felecia Watkin-Lui and my two boys Malu and Karem all live in Cairns. I work at the National Native Title Tribunal in Cairns and my wife lectures at James Cook University at the School of Indigenous Australian Studies.

This photo was taken outside the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane where my wife's brother Douglas Watkin was one of the artists on show (at the *Land, Sea & Sky* exhibition – part of the cross-precinct focus on the art and culture of the Torres Strait). We travelled to Brisbane with my wife's parents Eddie Watkin Snr and Pat Watkin, and her sister Lenora Thaker for the opening weekend.

We're all proud Torres Strait Islanders, but Pat and Ed were particularly proud as their son's work *The Queen and I* is based on their experiences in Cairns in 1954 when the Queen visited. They were special guests at the film's premiere. It's one of those stories that is regularly told at family gatherings and it was great to see the story told in this way for everyone to appreciate.

Ed Watkin Snr has got a mind like a steel trap when it comes to remembering the details of events that happened more than 40 or so years ago.

Both he and Pat are like the family historians. If we're ever uncertain about family connections (or 'giz' meaning 'roots')

we go to them to get the story straight.

All the people in this photo are 'family' and all travelled from out of town ... either from Cairns, Sydney or Hervey Bay.

There's my sister-in-law Lenora Thaker and her son Brian, Tracy Lui and her sons Ethan and Jordan, Liz Knudsen and her daughter Jhane, and Mary Day.

Liz and Mary are sisters and they're my cousins. Tracy is also my cousin. Their kids are my nieces and nephews.

We're all connected to Erub, although Pat's mob come from Badu and Mabuiag.

It's not often that we're all together like that, but I think a lot of people there had the same experience and ran into friends and family that they hadn't seen for a long time – I certainly did.

The previous Friday also marked the 140th anniversary of the Coming of the Light, and we went to a service at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane, which was attended by around 200 people and included various VIPs and was presided over by the Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr Phillip Aspinall. If we'd been in Cairns we would have attended the Coming of the Light celebrations there.

Thanks to Facebook I've also seen some family pictures of the celebrations on Erub and it looks like they had a fantastic time there as well.

● Pictured: Back from left, Jhane Morrison, Brian Thaker, Liz Knudsen, Malu Lui, Gary Lui, Lenora Thaker, Ethan Tukunui and Jordan Tukunui and, front from left, Mary Day, Eddie Watkin Snr, Pat Watkin and Tracy Lui.

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OUR CHILDREN



These young members of the talented Janke family weren't shy in posing in their Koori Mail: Twenty500 t-shirts. From left, cousins Terri Reid-Demmerly, Tamina Pitt, Emily Reid-Demmerly and Will Janke.

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Packs put culture in classrooms

By JILLIAN MUNDY



SHOW bags of educational treats designed to teach young students about Tasmanian Aboriginal culture were distributed to primary schools around the state, in time for National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day last week.

The bags, developed by the Department of Education's Aboriginal Education Services, contain puzzles, DVDs, children's books, book marks, activities, a series of images, teaching notes and suggested learning opportunities.

Aboriginal cultural programs co-ordinator Theresa Sainty said the learning resources in the bag were to support teachers in putting a Tasmanian Aboriginal perspective across a number of learning areas, not just history and the arts.

"It's about our community now, not about what they used to eat, or how they used to live," she said.

"It's about putting us in the here and now. We continue to do a number of things our people have always done.

"It's about our community and our kids seeing their faces and seeing their stuff portrayed in a positive way."

The resources feature images and stories about bush foods, shell stringing, mutton birds and basket weaving – cultural traditions that are alive and well.



Tasmanian Education Minister Nick McKim with Springfield Garden Primary students Teiarnah McCoy, Theo Hart and Nikita Duncan. They have some of the puzzles distributed in time for National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day.

Theresa Sainty and Tasmania Education Minister Nick McKim promoted the bags at Springfield Gardens Primary, near Hobart, with a bunch of enthusiastic Grade 2 students.

"The Department of Education already has a number of initiatives in place to ensure Aboriginal culture is part of the Tasmanian curriculum," Mr McKim said.

"These include cross-cultural training for teachers, Aboriginal community speakers in schools,

development of cultural resources such as readers and DVDs and new reference publications.

"This pack will further build capacity in schools to teach students about Tasmanian Aboriginal culture."

Mr McKim said schools were encouraged to run activities during National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day using the resources and suggestions in the bag.

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Mambo in backdown over Mabo



IN what has been described as a 'David versus Goliath'-like win, clothing label giant Mambo has

withdrawn legal action to prevent Palm Island artist Malcolm Mabo from trademarking his family's famous name.

Mr Mabo, the youngest son of native title champion Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo, wants to start his own clothing company to promote authentic Indigenous art and create jobs.

But his move to capitalise on the Mabo name ran foul of Mambo, who had claimed it would be 'deceptively similar' to their own label.

The company's legal action sparked outrage, leading to a backdown from Mambo.

The company has also



MALCOLM MABO

pledged to re-release a 1992 T-shirt bearing the words '100% Mabo', with all proceeds going to Malcolm Mabo's planned business.

Mambo said it had agreed to drop all opposition after speaking with Mr Mabo by teleconference on 2 August.

Mr Mabo was not on Palm Island when the *Koori Mail* tried to contact him on 4 August, but Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey was happy to comment.

He said the late Eddie Mabo would have been proud of his son.

And the mayor also offered to speak with Mambo executives who had initially tried to prevent Mr Mabo from starting his own clothing label – at a cultural awareness workshop.

"There is no comparison between Mabo and Mambo," Mr Lacey said.

But he welcomed the fact that Mambo had now moved to support Mr Mabo. – with Alf Wilson



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Big day for Kuuku Ya'u people



The joy is obvious as Kuuku Ya'u people celebrate the return of their land and a joint management agreement for the Iron Range National Park (to be renamed Kutini-Payamu National Park) on Cape York in far north Queensland. Traditional owner Wayne Butcher, on the right in this picture, welcomed the agreement and urged local young people to now 'step up to the mark' in protecting country. See Page 18 for a full report. Photo: Christine Howes

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Tooth decay fears raised



DENTAL decay rates in remote Indigenous communities are some of the worst in the country,

according to Australian Institute of Health and Welfare spokesperson Professor Kaye Roberts-Thompson.

Professor Roberts-Thompson was commenting following the release of a report last week that showed young children from the lowest socio-economic areas had 70 per cent more dental decay than children from affluent areas.

And while the report did not specifically identify Indigenous children, Professor Roberts-Thompson said rates of dental decay in remote Indigenous communities were often worse than 70 per cent.

She said a lack of fluoride in water supplies and poor diet contributed to the shocking figures, adding many communities often had limited access to dental services.

"Remote Indigenous kids are also more likely to be hospitalised for treatment," she said.

The professor said the report, 'Dental decay among Australian children', showed poorer oral



It's not all bad news on the dental front. Here, dentists are treating an Aboriginal patient as part of a student-run program. Find out more on Page 17.

health in disadvantaged areas across all states and territories.

"Of children aged 5-6 in Western Australia, dental decay was 22 per cent higher for children in the lowest socio-economic areas than for those in the highest socio-economic areas, while in the Northern Territory the difference was a much greater 139 per cent," she said.

New South Wales and Victoria were not included in the

report as data was unavailable.

Among children aged 5-6, nearly half had a history of dental decay in the deciduous teeth (also known as baby teeth) and the average number of decayed, missing and filled teeth was two.

Of children aged 12, nearly half had a history of dental decay in the permanent teeth and the average number of decayed, missing and filled teeth was 1.1.

"More than 40 per cent of Australian children aged 5-6 had untreated decay and a quarter of Australian children aged 12 years had untreated decay," Professor Roberts-Thompson said.

The proportion of children aged 5-6 with untreated decay varied among states and territories from 29.3 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory to 49.7 per cent in the NT.

There was no difference in prevalence of decay between boys and girls.

A second report released last week, 'Changes in child tooth brushing over time', showed that while tooth brushing was almost universally practised in Australia, there had been a decline in tooth brushing frequency among children.

● See pages 17 and 49 for more reports

Hearing blow to inmates

By LIZ MURRAY



A STUDY has revealed that more than 900 of the 1025 Indigenous men in both Northern Territory prisons have hearing loss and chronic ear disease.

The NT Government-commissioned report found 95 per cent of Indigenous male inmates in Alice Springs had the hearing problems, with 92 per cent in Darwin.

As a consequence, NT Correctional Services is now trialling special hand-held amplification devices in Darwin.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, who chaired last year's Federal Inquiry into Hearing Health, said routine screening and support services were needed for prisons, as well as a cross-agency response to identify the causes of such high levels of poor hearing.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland is also examining the report.

And a senior lawyer said the hearing report highlighted the importance of addressing issues resulting in high Indigenous imprisonment numbers.

NT Correctional Services acting executive director Phil Brown said hearing impairment was 'a significant disability in a custodial environment'.

"Poor hearing affects a person's ability to carry out instructions or to understand their rights and responsibilities," he said.

NT Correctional Services says its trial of hand-held amplification devices in Darwin is focusing on areas of sentence management, the 'living skills and education' unit, and for prison misconduct hearings.

Psychologist Damien Howard, who co-authored the report, said he and audiologist Troy Vanderpoll were excited about the potential to improve rehabilitation and inmate management.

Response

Both said the response from Darwin prison staff had been enthusiastic, particularly in learning how to communicate more easily with inmates.

"The evidence is mounting about widespread but often invisible Indigenous hearing loss as being an important component of Indigenous disadvantage," Dr Howard said.

The report states: "For most NT Indigenous inmates, the pathway to

Big majority of prisoners have ear problems

prison is muffled and hushed, although often filled with alcohol and conflict, more apparent to observers, than is the role of hearing loss."

Senator Siewert said evidence presented by justice agencies and health experts at the hearing inquiry she chaired was compelling about what happens when people cannot hear police, and in their first interactions with the legal system.

She said the Commonwealth, and state and territory governments, needed to take the issue extremely seriously and focus more on the inquiry recommendations.

Over-representation

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency lawyer Jonathon Hunyor said the hearing report highlighted the importance of addressing systemic issues leading to the over-representation of Aboriginal people in prisons.

"The report identifies that the social difficulties of hearing loss need to be addressed as a crime prevention strategy, but to date this approach has not been considered by the criminal justice authorities," he said.

A spokesperson for the Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the links between hearing impairment and contact with the criminal justice system were very concerning.

He said the Attorney-General was working through the Standing Council of Law and Justice to address the cross-jurisdictional aspects of that report.

The Parliamentary committee recommended improved training for justice workers to detect hearing impairment, but he said there were a number of reasons deafness could be missed in the justice process.

Telstra Art Award curator Christiane Keller installs pieces of the pre-selected work 'Dinni's Chess Set', by Dinni Kunoth Kemarre.



Everything in place for major art award



THE Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) has been a hive of activity in the past few weeks as staff have been preparing for tomorrow night's official opening of the 28th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award and announcement of the winners.

Telstra Art Award curator Dr Christiane Keller said visitors to the award exhibition would be treated to a striking range of works on display.

"It has been a deliciously challenging process to curate an exhibition with 62 works of great diversity in size and medium ranging from a very small paper sculpture to 3m wide acrylic paintings," she

said. "Since artworks started arriving, MAGNT staff have been busy preparing the artworks by stretching, framing and mounting works for display in the Ken Waters Gallery at the Museum.

"The Telstra Art Award is the premier national event in the Indigenous art calendar and provides the general public access to an amazing exhibition of contemporary Indigenous art."

Telstra spokesperson Gordon Ballantyne said he was looking forward to seeing the works which would be unveiled on opening night tomorrow (11 August).

"The Telstra Art Award is a wonderful platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to showcase their talent and share their

artwork with the nation," he said. "I have no doubt the quality and variety of works will be of the highest calibre."

The Telstra Art Award now comprises the \$40,000 Telstra Award and \$4000 each to the categories the Telstra General Painting Award, Telstra Bark Painting Award, Telstra Work on Paper Award, Wandjuk Marika Memorial 3D Award and the Telstra New Media Award. The awards exhibition runs at MAGNT from 11 August until 30 October.

This year for the first time there will also be a film program run in conjunction with the awards.

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Rex Bellotti supporters take action

Group in protest march to police station

By LIZ MURRAY



A GROUP calling for police reforms after a Perth teen was hit by a police vehicle has staged another in a series of spot protests, marching on the Albany Police Station to express community outrage.

Rex Bellotti Jnr, who was a promising young footballer, was hit by a police vehicle in Albany on 6 March, 2009 and badly injured.

He did not receive necessary treatment for many hours after the event.

The subsequent police investigation, assessed as inadequate in both an internal investigation and by the WA Corruption and Crime Commission, failed to gather adequate forensic evidence at the scene and delayed gathering witness statements for several weeks.

Since Rex Bellotti's plight became public at a rally three months ago, a support group has formed to help the family obtain justice.

The Bellotti Support Group staged the rally at Albany's Mokare Park on 23 July aimed at jogging the memories of locals who may have seen something, and to inform others of the horrific incident in their home town.

Investigations

Protest speakers included Shilo Harrison from the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (WA), former Kimberley Land Council president Darryl Kickett, activist Alex Whisson and Human Rights Alliance campaigner Gerry Georgatos. With the Bellottis they called for independent investigations of police-related incidents.

Rex Bellotti Snr said he discovered a police report stated one officer involved called his lawyers the night of the incident,



Rex Bellotti Jnr's parents address protesters at the recent rally at Parliament House, Perth.



Activist Alex Whisson at the May rally for Rex Bellotti Jnr.

and 'we all went down there for a 'please explain' from the Albany Police themselves'.

"We ran into a lot of our old wadjella (white) friends down there, and they actually hadn't heard a

thing about the incident," he said.

A local newspaper report published four days after the incident became the catalyst for the location of the rally.

Mr Georgatos said that in the report, police commented 'it appeared the teenager had deliberately walked in front of the ongoing car'.

He said the officers' suggestion that an Aboriginal teenage boy would walk in front of a police vehicle to cause self-harm was grossly offensive.

"So we thought it would be a good idea to hold the rally in Albany," Mr Georgatos said.

"At the police station, we were going to go inside and lay a complaint and the duty sergeant said, 'you can protest outside, that's fine, but you cannot come inside'."

"Alex (Whisson) put quite a few accusations to him, that this was to his mind effectively a hit-and-run by police and that at one point they left the scene, and so he wanted to file a complaint against them, and the officer just kept saying, 'no comment'."

Rudd pledge to appoint Indigenous ambassador



FOREIGN Minister Kevin Rudd has promised to appoint Australia's first

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ambassador during the course of the current Parliament.

The former Prime Minister, famous for giving the 2008 national apology to the Stolen Generations, made the pledge during a lecture in Adelaide.

"The time has well and truly come for the Australian foreign service to appoint our first Indigenous Australian as an ambassador abroad," Mr Rudd told the audience of his 2011 Magna Carta address, hosted by the British High Commission at the Adelaide Town Hall on 26 July.

"I'm proud of the fact that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, well prior to my becoming its minister, has had a strong program of encouraging Indigenous employment within our foreign service.

"That is why I have resolved that during the course of the current Parliament, I'll appoint our first Indigenous Australian as an ambassador abroad."

The address, titled 'Tjurkurpa: For the Indigenous People of the World', had a focus on Indigenous rights.

Mr Rudd took the opportunity to extol his achievements in office, including his historic apology.

"I was privileged to be the Australian prime minister who delivered the apology to the Indigenous people of this land," he said. "The truth is, we were 200 years overdue."

A professorial Mr Rudd began his treatise on the 13th century English charter of Magna Carta, saying it had paved the way for modern Western democracy.

"It speaks to all the world of the notion of justice according to law, administered without fear or favour, affection or ill will," he said.

"Of course the concept of citizens' rights and their liberties against the

intrusions of the state is not unique to the Anglo-Saxon world."

Perhaps he was speaking from experience when he noted that while democracies can degenerate into 'mindless partisanship, relentless factionalisation and an inability to look beyond tomorrow', the 'death of the West' was greatly exaggerated. Mr Rudd said fears the rise of China would mean an axiomatic decline in the West were exaggerated.

Western values of democracy, free markets, individualism and cultural diversity remain attractive and should be celebrated, he said.

Mr Rudd said that since the High Court's decision in the Mabo case, which exposed the false notion of terra nullius (empty land), Australians had moved



KEVIN RUDD

beyond 'an assimilationist mindset and were now committed to fresh partnerships between Indigenous Australians and those of us who have come to these shores more recently'.

"...The legal processes associated with the

establishment of the Australian land rights regime were about the political and economic empowerment of Indigenous Australians," he said. "And of course this process of legal recognition continues with our current national dialogue on an appropriate form of constitutional recognition for the first Australians."

"Constitutional recognition of itself represents a further and final repudiation of the absurdity of the proposition of terra nullius. Aboriginal people had lived in this vast land across the millennia."

"Constitutional recognition is also a basic matter of human respect. We should all take pride in the fact that we are privileged to share this land which we call Australia with the peoples of the Dreamtime – representing the oldest continuing cultures in human history." – with AAP

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Trainees are cleaning up



ABORIGINAL participants in a new training program are learning that taking care of litter is not 'someone else's job'.

The MacDonnell Shire Council program in central Australia is designed to give Indigenous shire workers the skills to manage community refuse programs.

By doing so, the council is hoping to improve the health of communities and increase their capacity to manage their waste effectively.

MacDonnell Shire Council area manager Graham Murnik said participants from Mt Liebig, Papunya, and Haasts Bluff embraced the first round of training.

The course covered waste and litter control, environmental health strategies, and the management of land fill facilities in line with council guidelines.

"It ensures employees are aware of their responsibilities for providing better waste management practices in their communities," Mr Murnik said.

"It gives employees the confidence to manage all aspects of the refuse cycle, including community and environmental health issues like preventing the seepage of contaminants into ground water supplies.

"The upshot is that there will be cleaner communities, with better waste-management practices and potentially healthier residents."

The course is inspiring enthusiasm, with many new ideas now coming forward from attendees on how to better manage their own waste facilities.

Employees who complete the training will have a certificate-based qualification in Land Management and Environmental Health.

Mr Murnik believes there are a number of other benefits arising from the course.

Incentives

"It gives employees incentives to work in new ways in their community with new co-operation and communication," he said. "It also makes staff aware of the importance of taking personal responsibility for waste management including litter control, and not just treating it as someone else's job."

The next component of the training will be held at Mt Liebig, with trainees attending from across the Pintubi Luritja Ward.

All relevant staff working within the area of waste management in the MacDonnell Shire will have completed the program within 18 months.



● ABOVE: McDonnell Shire Council trainees getting hands-on experience of how it's done.

● RIGHT: Some of the waste that's been picked up under the program.



New survey support for recognition



A SURVEY of supporters of GenerationOne has found overwhelming support for formal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution.

About 98 per cent of 2100 respondents to an online survey conducted by Auspoll supported such recognition. More than 80 per cent of them wanted GenerationOne to campaign on the issue, and 61 per cent said they'd join the campaign.

It's the second survey in as many months to strongly back constitutional reform. Last month, the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples' first comprehensive member survey revealed sovereignty, health and education as its members' top priorities. Nine out of ten respondents felt constitutional recognition of Indigenous people was 'very important'.

GenerationOne is the brainchild of billionaire miner Andrew Forrest, currently embroiled in a bitter native title dispute in Western

Australia's Pilbara region.

The organisation has attracted almost 120,000 supporters for its campaign to end the disparity between Indigenous and other Australians.

Ninety per cent of those surveyed for GenerationOne were non-Indigenous Australians who had limited contact with Indigenous people.

Issues

The survey found that 68 per cent of respondents now knew more about the issues facing Indigenous Australians, particularly the harmful impact of disadvantage and the importance of education and employment.

"We earned a big tick for taking a positive approach, for working towards better opportunities for Indigenous Australians and for being pro-active and action-oriented," said CEO Tim Gartrell in an email message to supporters.

"Most supporters (59 per cent) say there is nothing to dislike about GenerationOne. There were some criticisms – five per cent wanted more opportunities to help make a difference and three

per cent would like more events in their areas.

"There is a strong desire for success stories that can be shared and for information about ways of improving Indigenous education, training and employment."

Mr Gartrell said respondents wanted to know how to become more involved but, 'in an intriguing contrast, the number of people willing to become highly involved with GenerationOne has levelled off since last year'.

He said the survey showed a high level of understanding about the barriers to work for Indigenous people, such as the lack of job-specific training (named by 65 per cent of supporters), lack of support or mentoring (63 per cent) and the fact that many Indigenous people lived in areas where there were no jobs (65 per cent).

Eighty per cent of respondents believed that non-Indigenous Australians should contribute towards improving Indigenous participation in employment, in stark contrast to 28 per cent of people in the wider community.

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Rann at odds with owners



EMBATTLED South Australian Labor Premier Mike Rann isn't just feeling the heat from within his own party. He's also at odds with Aboriginal

traditional owners in the north of the state, including the man to whom he presented the 2011 Premier's NAIDOC Week Award just last month.

Adnyamathanha Elder Vince Coulthard says Mr Rann can't be trusted, following the Government's decision to ban mining at Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges, to which the Adnyamathanha hold native title. Mr Rann has also flagged nomination of the environmentally sensitive area for World Heritage listing.

At a special general meeting held at Hawker at the weekend, the Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (ATLA) chaired by Mr Coulthard voted 'convincingly' in favour of mining in the area, but only on their terms.

They say that despite a promise by Mr Rann that the native title holders would be the first to know about any decision by the Government about mining at Arkaroola, they weren't consulted. Instead, they say, they only found out about the 'political stunt' from neighbouring non-Indigenous pastoralists and the media.

It is unclear whether Labor Party moves to install former State Minister

for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Jay Weatherill as Premier will have any impact on the Government's decision, which is currently expected to be enshrined in legislation by the end of the year.

But Mr Coulthard said the Government and others were legally required to consult with ATLA because it was the representative body for the traditional owners.

"Sadly this hasn't happened," Mr Coulthard said on Saturday.

"ATLA also passed a motion stating they would not allow any new mining anywhere in our country, without proper consultation. Native

title needs to be taken seriously and our rights need to be recognised.

"Last week I stated the Premier was not to be trusted and already I find there is going to be some mining in Arkaroola, so he hasn't told the public the whole truth and I stand by my statement that this was a political stunt.

"We are sick and tired of governments treating us as if they know what it best for us."

Presenting Mr Coulthard with his award during NAIDOC Week, the Premier said he had a great deal of respect for the Elder.

"Two weeks later, (the Premier) ignores us, why should we trust him?" Mr Coulthard said.

"He is simply into tokenistic gestures for political gain."

— By KIRSTIE PARKER



Flashback to NAIDOC Week last month: SA Premier Mike Rann presents Vince Coulthard with his 2011 Premier's NAIDOC Award (ACFIA photo).

Lovett determined to resurrect career



FORMER AFL footballer Andrew Lovett says he wants to resurrect his career after being acquitted of raping a woman during a night out with St Kilda players.

Mr Lovett held his face in his hands and sobbed when the jury handed down its not guilty verdict.

It was alleged that Mr Lovett raped a drunken and sleeping woman at the Port Melbourne apartment of St Kilda teammate Jason Gram on 24 December 2009.

The former Essendon player's manager Alex McDonald said Mr Lovett felt very relieved at the verdict and was determined to resurrect his AFL career.

Mr McDonald said the legal proceedings had been hanging over Mr Lovett's head for 18 months and destroyed his AFL career in the short term. "He's very determined to put himself back out there again now that his name's been cleared as it always should have been," he said.

Mr Lovett was dumped from St Kilda without playing a game after he was charged with rape. — AAP

Actor's funeral will be in Carnarvon



THE funeral for Aboriginal actor Mr Ngoombujarra Starr will be held on 20 August in Carnarvon, Western Australia.

Mr Ngoombujarra Starr, who featured in leading Australian movies including *Crocodile Dundee* in Los Angeles, *Rabbit-Proof Fence* and *Australia*, was found in a Fremantle park on 17 July, and was later pronounced dead at Fremantle Hospital. He was 44.

A memorial service is also planned for 26 September in Fremantle.

Moratorium on SA mission demolition



A 12-MONTH moratorium has been placed on the planned demolition of former mission buildings at Davenport in South Australia to give local Aboriginal people the opportunity to seek funds for their restoration.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Grace Portolesi says she has won agreement from the property owners, the Aboriginal Lands Trust, to defer the proposed demolition of the Umeewarra Mission buildings after local people sought her assistance.

The trust had previously decided to demolish the unoccupied, deteriorating buildings, saying they had become a danger to the community. This included a requirement by the Development Assessment Commission that the old buildings either be removed or renovated to a safe standard.

Members of the Umeewarra community had appealed to the minister in Port Augusta to help them win time to try to have the buildings restored.

Victorian fills Race Commissioner role



AUSTRALIA now has a Race Discrimination Commissioner. Dr Helen Szoke, currently the Commissioner for the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, has been appointed to the role.

The establishment of full-time Disability and Race Discrimination Commissioners in the Australian Human Rights Commission separates these roles for the first time since 1997.

Graeme Innes has filled the Race Discrimination Commissioner position in addition to his role as Disability Discrimination Commissioner since 2009.

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Freedom Day to celebrate historic Wave Hill Walkoff

Gurindji Walkoff from Wave Hill 45th Anniversary Commemoration

Dates: 26th - 28th August, 2011



Background

Kalkarindji and Daguragu are on the traditional homelands of the Gurindji people, and these communities are linked to the Malignin, Mudpurra, Bilinara, Ngarinman and Warlpin peoples through the historic Walkoff from Wave Hill Station, which was initially established on Gurindji traditional lands in 1883. At the time of the Walkoff, Wave Hill Station had been owned by British Lord Vestey's family since 1914. The Gurindji Walkoff was initiated by Gurindji/Malignin leader, Vincent Lingiari, on 23 August 1966 and lasted till 1974, an event which lit the fire that became the national land rights movement.

On 26 August, 1975, then Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam officially handed back his peoples' traditional lands to Vincent Lingiari in the community of Daguragu. While Vincent and many of his contemporaries have since passed away, elders who participated in this monumental community-driven movement continue to stand strong in their country. They and their descendants invite you to come and share this anniversary with us, listen to our elders' stories and experiences over the almost four decades since that historic time in the late 1960s, and support us in our aims for our current and future younger generations.

www.gurindjifreedomday.com



THE 45th anniversary of an event credited as having 'lit the fire that became the national land rights movement' will be celebrated in the Northern Territory later this month.

The 2011 Gurindji Freedom Day Festival at Kalkarindji and Daguragu from 26-28 August will commemorate the historic Wave Hill Walkoff of 1966, when Aboriginal stockmen led by Gurindji/Malignin man Vincent Lingiari went on strike over poor working conditions at the Wave Hill pastoral property.

Over the three days of the festival, the communities will host local, national and regional musicians including the Black Arm Band, Aboriginal writers, poets, activists, educators and inspirational figures speaking on social justice, human rights, the NT Intervention, capacity building and community development.

Re-enactment

There'll also be a re-enactment of the Walkoff, the launch of an inaugural commemorative lecture, guided tours to Jinparrak (Old Wave Hill Station), visual arts, music workshops, film screenings, barbecues and much more.

"We invite you to come and share this anniversary with us, listen to our Elders' stories and experience this historic time in the late 1960s and support us in our aims for current and future generations," festival organisers said. "While Vincent and many of his contemporaries have since passed away, Elders who participated in the monumental community-driven movement continue to stand strong in their country."

At the time of the Walkoff, Wave Hill Station had been owned by British Lord Vestey's family since 1914.

The protest lasted from 1966 until 1974. On 26 August 1975, then Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam officially handed back to Vincent Lingiari his people's traditional lands at Daguragu.

The 2011 Gurindji Freedom Day Festival received \$656,692 in funding from the Aboriginals Benefit Account. Kalkaringi and Daguragu are about ten hours' drive from Darwin.

Gurindji people demand end to NT Intervention



GURINDJI people have demanded an immediate end to the Northern Territory Intervention, which they say violates their human rights, integrity and liberty.

Representatives of the communities of Kalkarindji and Daguragu told government consultations over the future of the controversial policy late last month that the loss of control over community land, new CDEP arrangements forcing people to work for the BasicsCard and the Victoria Daly Shire take-over of community council assets were 'making life harder every day'.

Community spokesperson John Leemans said 'since the Intervention, everything has been taken away from us'.

"The majority of the voice of the Australian people know this is wrong. The Government can no longer ignore the reality of failure and abuse," Mr Leemans said.

"We want control of our land back. We want to be able to practice our culture and speak our language. We want jobs created so we can work in our community.

"There is a big movement of people into Darwin and Katherine, because there are no jobs in the community any more. This is exactly what we don't want — people must be able to live and work on their homelands.

"We have a brain to think for ourselves on how to run our own communities. It's called self-determination."

'We want control of our land back. We want to be able to practice our culture and speak our language'
— Spokesperson John Leemans

Gurindji worker Peter Inverway said he told the consultation team he'd been trying to get a job for more than two years, 'but they just keep forcing me to work for the BasicsCard'.

"It's like in the old days, before our walk-off, when the station workers were just paid in rations," he said.

"So many young people are walking around with no jobs. The shire bosses

over Aboriginal people and has sacked many of our workers who have good qualifications and have worked for years.

"Non-Indigenous contractors coming in from Katherine get all the work and make big money, while Aboriginal people are thrown aside like rubbish."

Mr Inverway said local houses built in the 1960s were heavily overcrowded and falling apart but the community hadn't seen anything of the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

"We're sick of the racism," he said.

Mr Leemans and Mr Inverway said they were upset that Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin didn't attend the Kalkarindji and Daguragu consultations. "We know Minister Jenny Macklin stayed away from Gurindji country because we are strong and organised against her Intervention. We are going to keep this battle going," Mr Leemans said.

He challenged Ms Macklin and Prime Minister Julia Gillard to attend 2011 Gurindji Freedom Day later this month (see above) to hear community concerns and 'see all the damage that's been done'.

Govt backdown on Boomanulla



A CANBERRA Indigenous sporting and outreach program has been thrown a lifeline after the Federal Government reversed a decision to de-fund it – temporarily, at least.

The Aboriginal Corporation for Sporting and Recreational Activities (ACSRA) has run Boomanulla Oval in the southern suburb of Narrabundah for nearly 28 years, catering to sporting teams, schools, Elders groups and government departments and many others.

During NAIDOC Week early last month, it was named ACT NAIDOC Organisation of the Year and its chief executive officer, Noel 'Bomber' Ingram, was named Elder of the Year.

But the same week, the

organisation received a letter from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) saying its bid for \$200,000 in operational funding from the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program had been knocked back.

That amount was needed to

Williams, told the *Koori Mail* the department had conceded it had made a mistake and had agreed to fund Boomanulla for seven months until early next year and enter into negotiations about the longer term.

"They've said they'll negotiate with us about other avenues of

several times a week, and the grounds host netball, touch football and Oztag teams, regular school programs, cultural awareness and other workshops for government departments, Elders days and community bingo. There were 1500 kids there on

worried about more of our people falling into drugs and alcohol.

"The kids who are in trouble in Canberra and Queanbeyan aren't involved in sport, that's very evident. It needs to be recognised that sport and recreation is a big part of Indigenous health. "Just

because we don't live in the Northern Territory doesn't mean we don't experience the same issues. Racism is still rife, it's as bad as ever, and unemployment is bad."

Mr Williams said it was hoped the ACT Government, which had leased the oval and

facilities to ACSRA since 1983, would also consider chipping in some additional funds.

ACT Sports Minister Andrew Barr told ABC Radio he'd encourage Boomanulla to apply for the next round of ACT Government sports grants in October.

'It'd be tragic if we lost all of that ... Boomanulla is an icon within our community; there's no other facility like it in Australia'

pay three salaries including those of the CEO and a grounds person, and for minimal upkeep of the grounds and associated facilities.

Boomanulla was closed but has now re-opened, after talks between ACSRA representatives and government officials.

One of ACSRA's directors, Col

funding, in terms of the jobs creation program, which is the old CDEP monies, so hopefully we'll get a few new positions and some money for ongoing administration and maintenance of the grounds," Mr Williams said on Friday.

Boomanulla Raiders rugby league team trains at the oval

NAIDOC Day.

"It'd be tragic if we lost all of that," Mr Williams said.

"Boomanulla is an icon within our community; there's no other facility like it in Australia.

"Employment is in a bad way around here and, without sport and other activities, we'd be

Kimberley arrests



Gas hub opponents put up banners



OPPONENTS of a proposed \$30 billion gas hub north of Broome in the Kimberley are continuing their protests on a road

leading to the site.

And some residents are making their sentiments known in and around the iconic town too, with banners and placards appearing on fences and in yards (pictured).

They're hoping their messages won't be lost on Environment Minister Tony Burke, who visited the region last week and who they're hoping will refuse the gas hub environmental clearances.

Last Tuesday, three women were arrested and charged with obstructing police near James Price Point, where mass protests began early last month.

Blockade

Police busted a protest road blockade on 5 July to allow Woodside Petroleum contractors to the site to clear vegetation so studies can be undertaken for the proposed gas hub 60kms north of Broome. Police then made 25 arrests for obstruction, amid claims they acted in a heavy-handed manner.

Under an agreement to approve the gas hub negotiated with the Kimberley Land Council, \$1.5 billion in benefits will go to the region's Aboriginal communities over 30 years.

But some traditional owners oppose the hub being built at James Price Point and have



Some of the banners in and around Broome protesting the gas hub proposed for James Price Point.

been joined in protests by environmentalists and Broome residents.

Woodside and its joint venture partners have still to make a final investment decision on the project.

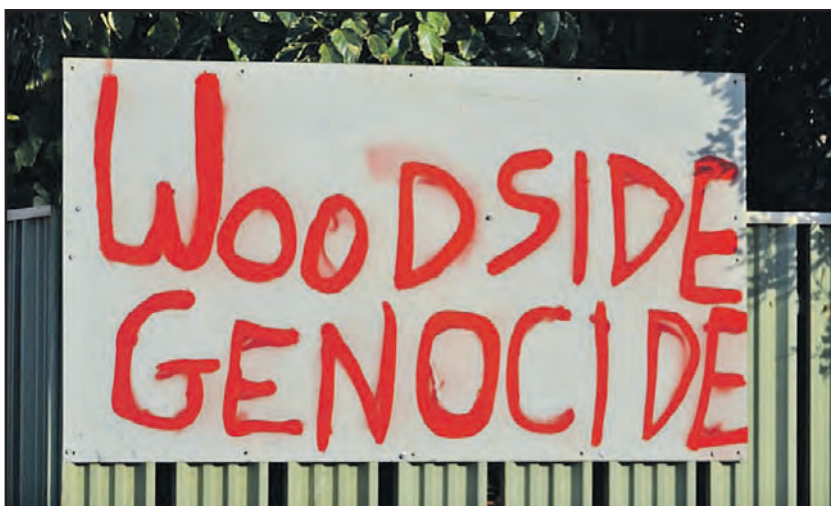
The company was reportedly taken to task last month by local Aboriginal leaders Pat Dodson and Peter Yu who objected to Woodside contractors driving their trucks without permission across land held by the Yawuru people in a bid to bypass protesters.

Earlier, an estimated 5000 to 7000 people had attended a protest at Cable Beach near Broome, against what they say

will be the industrialisation of the Kimberley and the threat of turning Broome into a mining town.

Environs Kimberley director Martin Pritchard said the Kimberley was recognised as one of the last large, intact wilderness areas on the planet and gas refineries on the coast would inevitably lead to the large scale industrialisation of this region.

"Minister Burke has to decide on what his legacy will be for this spectacular part of the world - industrialisation or the protection of the outstanding international wilderness values of the Kimberley," he said. — with AAP



● Above: Some of the protest signs placed around Broome.

High Court reserves Lex Wotton judgement



Lex Wotton during a court hearing.



THE High Court has reserved its decision on an appeal by Lex Wotton, the man convicted for his part in the 2004 Palm Island riot, over a ban on talking to the media imposed as a condition of his parole.

Lawyer Stewart Levitt said the two-day case had important implications for freedom of speech. "The core issue to be determined by the High Court is whether a state can have the right to curb a citizen's right to attend public meetings, to speak publicly to the media on political issues, whether or not he is a prisoner

or released on parole," he said.

The riot on Palm Island took place in November 2004 and followed the death of an Aboriginal man in a police cell.

The courthouse and police station were razed during the riot. Subsequently, 28 people were charged, with Mr Wotton convicted in 2008 and sentenced to six years. He was released on parole in July 2010 after serving 20 months.

Conditions of his parole stipulate that he can't attend public meetings on Palm Island without prior approval, can't speak with the media and is prohibited from gambling or attending any premises

where gambling is conducted.

Mr Wotton's legal team, headed by former Federal Court judge Ron Merkel QC, challenged the state of Queensland, arguing that the provisions of the *Qld Protective Services Act* breached his implied right to free speech and were unconstitutional.

Prisoner

Queensland argued that Mr Wotton technically remained a prisoner and prisoners lost many rights.

"In particular, persons in prison no longer have the freedom to associate with anyone

they wish and they are subject to a host of restrictions that do not apply to ordinary members of the community," Queensland Solicitor-General Walter Sofronoff said in a submission to the High Court.

Mr Wotton's lawyers say parolees face some restrictions, but say what was imposed on Mr Wotton was exceptional.

That's a view backed by civil liberties lawyer Rob Stary. "In my 30 years as a lawyer, I never remember a gag order being a condition of parole. This is completely unprecedented," he said. — with AAP

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Campaign taken to streets

THE campaign challenging Lex Wotton's parole conditions is being waged on the streets, as well as in the courts.

On 20 July, the Indigenous Social Justice Association (ISJA) Melbourne staged a 'speakout' outside the Bank of Queensland in Melbourne to mark the first anniversary of Mr Wotton's release from prison and to build upon a petition to overturn the 'political censorship' of him.

More than 1000 people signed a paper version of the petition, handed to Qld Premier Anna Bligh. An online version of the petition can be found at: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/lift-the-gag-on-lex-wotton-now/>

ISJA Melbourne representatives say they're confident the High Court challenge will succeed.

Member and community broadcaster Marisa Sposaro said supporters of Mr Wotton formed a line during the speakout and wore gags in order to show the importance of lifting the four-year 'political gag' on him.

"Lex's outrageous parole conditions provide lessons for all groups that are oppressed: Muslims, communities engaging in legitimate struggles, black people and people of colour," Ms Sposaro said afterwards.

"Lex is no terrorist, yet he is being treated as such... Look at his parole conditions: not being allowed to speak to the media which is a fundamental right; isolating him from his community by prohibiting contact in public meetings."



'You can gag Lex Wotton but not a movement' was the message conveyed by those at the speakout on 20 July and, inset, Murri man Greg Fryer at the speakout. Photos: Keith Kauffuss, ISJA Melbourne

At the speakout, civil liberties lawyer Rob Stary said he couldn't remember a gag order being imposed as a condition of parole on any other Australian.

"This is completely unprecedented," he said, adding that such a ban could not have happened in Victoria, the

European Union, the United States, Canada or New Zealand because all of them had rights charters.

"...We need to protest (against Mr Wotton's parole conditions) not just in Queensland but the breadth of the Commonwealth. This is an affront and an outrage

to those of us that subscribe to those democratic principles. If it's Lex Wotton one day, who is it next?"

"I expect the High Court will say this is an attack on these fundamental principles and freedoms and I expect that they will overturn these

conditions of parole because Lex Wotton should not remain the only person in Australia subject to such draconian conditions."

Other speakers at the speakout included Ezekiel Ox, from Musicians Against Police Violence, and Cheryl Kauffuss, from ISJA Melbourne.

Juvenile sentence proposal attacked

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ONE of Australia's most respected legal professionals has launched a scathing attack on plans by the Victorian Government to introduce mandatory minimum sentences for violent juvenile offenders.

Retired Chief Prosecutor of NSW Nicholas Cowdery QC says it's a 'no brainer' and 'not rocket science' that such measures are bad.

He has questioned why politicians continually return 'like dogs' to lick the issue and suggested that parliaments wanting to appear tough on crime should mind their own business and let the courts look after theirs.

Mr Cowdery was speaking at a Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) criminal law conference in Melbourne.

The LIV opposes mandatory sentencing, as does the Law Council of Australia and its constituent bodies in NSW, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

Despite this, Victoria's Attorney-General, Robert Clark, has sought the State Sentencing Advisory Council's advice on plans to introduce a statutory minimum sentence for 16- to 17-year-olds for the offences of 'intentionally or recklessly causing serious injury when committed with gross violence'.

Mr Cowdery said mandatory sentences and mandatory minimum sentences had existed in some states and territories – previously in the Northern Territory in relation to property crime and currently in WA in relation to property crime and some assaults on public officials – but had a sorry history.

"Mandatory sentences for all but the most minor regulatory offences... are objectionable because they remove or unreasonably fetter the court's discretion and – inevitably – lead to injustice," he said.

"Trouble starts when one branch of government tries to do the work that properly belongs to another branch.

"The separation of powers has stood us in good stead for centuries but it must constantly be defended against incursions by politicians, even if well-meaning."

Mandatory sentencing could infringe on Victoria's *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities*

Act 2006, Mr Cowdery warned, as well as contravene United Nations human rights instruments such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Mr Cowdery argued that mandatory sentencing was ineffective because, amongst other things, it resulted in fewer guilty pleas because no discounts could be given for co-operation, and expanded prison populations thereby increasing costs and having a detrimental effect on inmates.

Property crime in the NT actually increased during the mandatory sentencing period and decreased when those provisions were repealed, he said.

Amongst examples he highlighted under the previous NT regime, was that of a 15-year-old Aboriginal boy who had stolen goods worth less than \$100 from a school and who hanged himself in detention.

Mr Cowdery said it was well-established that, in relation to juveniles, rehabilitation had to take priority over punishment and general deterrence. He highlighted a Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) report that said the most effective anti-crime programs were ones that addressed poverty, homelessness, discrimination, child abuse and neglect, family breakdown, exclusion from education and other problems.

Early intervention and social support programs were relatively inexpensive and protected against later offending, the HREOC report said.

Mr Cowdery said the Australian experiences had been that mandatory sentencing regimes in WA and the NT disproportionately targeted Indigenous offenders, youth and other marginalised groups.

Mr Cowdery said juveniles were also significant victims of crime, which could be a pathway into the commission of crime 'that mandatory imprisonment is not going to improve'.

"Warehousing offenders will not bring about improvements in the general level of conduct of juveniles in the community – quite the contrary," he said. "Effective approaches are well-known and mandatory sentencing is not one. Politicians must get the message. This is not rocket science."



NICHOLAS COWDERY QC



At the new Ngukurr General Store are, in front, cashier Judith Daniels, Grace Daniels, NT Government Minister Malarndirri McCarthy and Cherry Daniels. Behind them is Moses Ponto.

Good things are in store at Ngukurr



THE *Koori Mail* was in Ngukurr in the Top End recently and we saw for ourselves how the community is embracing its new general store, opened about six weeks ago.

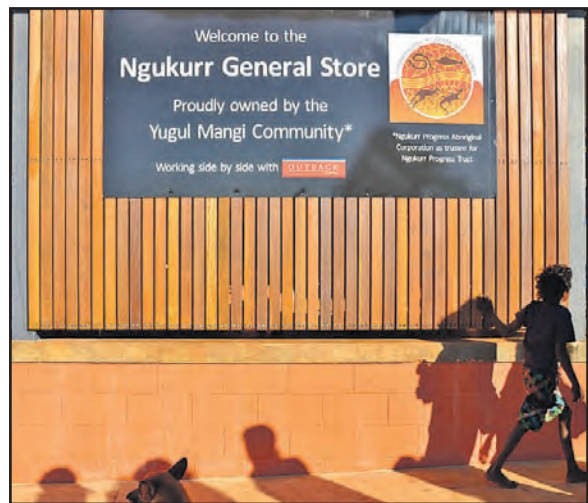
Granted, the store had been closed for part of the day while some local and Federal politicians and their entourage visited, but the level of patronage was impressive for a population of about 1600.

Owned by the local Yugul Mangi people, working with Outback Stores, the well-stocked 400 square metre supermarket is a far cry from the old one, which was ant-ridden and dusty and had a roof that was caving in.

The Ngukurr community contributed \$1.5 million to its construction, with other money coming from the Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA).



Ngukurr General Store manager Ross McDermott and local Elder Robert Roberts.



The exterior of the Ngukurr store.



Some of the healthy tucker on offer in the store.

New rules for procurement



THE Federal Government has been partnering with the Australian Indigenous

Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) to help inform the corporate sector and Indigenous businesses about the changes to government procurement processes.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib said information sessions would explain the changes to the way the Government does business.

Under the new rules, in regions with a significant Indigenous population, tenderers for Government contracts over \$5 million (\$6 million for construction projects) need plans for employing and training local Indigenous people and for using Indigenous suppliers.

"This policy is designed to encourage corporate responsibility, while also changing the way the Australian Government does its business," Senator Arbib said.

"The Indigenous Opportunities Policy is part of the Australian Government's

commitment to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage through greater economic participation for Indigenous Australians."

Under the policy, successful contractors will need to have an Indigenous employment plan that commits to increase training, employment and enterprise opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

Information sessions have been held nationwide and there will be one in Canberra on 18 August.

To find out more visit www.aimsc.org.au/all-events.asp

Thousands flock to 13th



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation director Graham Gee and Gamarada's Ken Zulumovski keep in touch with the outside world.



George Wirrpanda gets set to kick the footy.



Northern Land Council chairman Wali Wunungmurra and Joe Brown, from Darwin.



Michelle Raymond and Alicia Marika, both of Yirrkala, with art from the print-making workshop.

Gumatj Dancers young and old perform during the evening Bunggul at Garma.



Clan leader Djolu Gurruwiwi.



Neville Darr and Nina Lade with children Tolowah Darr-Bourne, Zakai Darr-Lade, Djarmlia Darr-Lade and Nina Darr-Bourne.



Yulki Nunggumajbarr, Boyan Yunupingu and Alison Buranwaya share their weaving skills. They use ghost nets collected by rangers to make baskets and other artistic objects.



Gumatj clan members perform traditional dances.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin with Lizzi Tupou, 4, and Australian actor Jack Thompson.



Private Sebastian Wunungmurra, Lance Corporal William Hodgson, Pte James Gengi and L Cpl Vinnie Rami, all members of the Army's NORFORCE.

annual Garma Festival

Lead singer of East Journey Rrawun Maymura delights his young audience by offering the microphone for them to join in the fun during the Yirrkala band's performance.



David Yunupingu from Elcho Island speaks to the crowd.



Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda delivers the keynote address.

Culture and much more

By DARREN COYNE



IT'S been said that it's a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll. But it's certainly well worth the journey up to East Arnhem Land if you like your rock with a reggae twist, infused with the ancient sounds of yidaki and clap sticks.

Saturday evening at the four-day Garma Festival delivered just that – with bands including old favourites Coloured Stone, and newcomers East Journey, spurring many in the audience to kick up the dust of the Bunggul (dancing) ground.

Earlier, as happens each evening from 4pm to sunset, dancers from the various Yolngu clans performed traditional dancing, while contemporary dancers from NAISDA strutted their stuff later in the evening.

But for the 2500 or so people who made the journey to the Gove peninsula for the festival, it was not just all about the Bunggul ... there was a serious note too, with forums covering education and



Yothu Yindi chairman Galarrwuy Yunupingu thanks Federal Resources Minister Martin Ferguson for his help in negotiating an agreement with mining giant Rio Tinto.

economic development.

The theme of this year's key forum, 'Academic excellence and Cultural Integrity', brought into sharp focus the desire of Aboriginal people to make their way in the modern world, while retaining the strengths of a culture that dates back to the Dreamtime.

Yolngu leader and chairman of the Yothu Yindu Foundation Galarrwuy Yunupingu told the audience of efforts to establish a university at Gulkala, saying 'please no more welfare handouts, it's a killer to Yolngu society'.

Later, to an audience that included Fortescue Metals chairman Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest, he made the point that Balanda (white people) were the ones owing the mines, not Aboriginal people.

Mr Yunupingu said his people deserved appropriate education, which would lead them to take control of their own destiny.

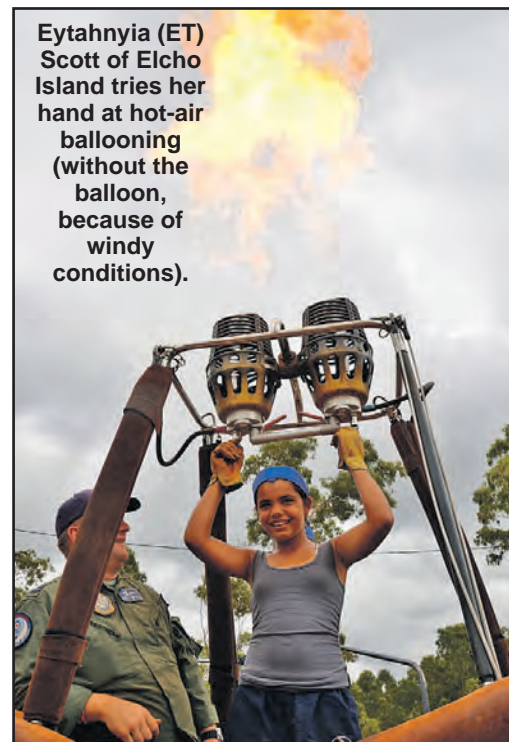
"Not just any Mickey Mouse teaching, not just any education for blackfellas, please give us a real teaching, give us a real education," he said.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda pointed out international research had proven that children allowed to learn within a bilingual environment achieved greater results than those that didn't.

And if the forums got a little mentally draining at times, there was plenty of opportunity to take part in more hands-on activities, with Yolngu people sharing their knowledge and skills in workshops. They included such things as spear making, basket weaving – both traditional and with ghost nets plucked from the ocean by Aboriginal rangers – print making and hip hop and circus classes for the more flexible and adventurous in the crowd.

There was also plenty of opportunity to simply kick the footy around with a couple of the local youngsters, go for a walk in the bush to admire artwork hanging from stringy bark trees in the Garma Gallery, or simply enjoy mixing with people from all around the world.

The *Koori Mail* will feature more stories and photos from the Garma Festival in its next edition.



Eytahnyia (ET) Scott of Elcho Island tries her hand at hot-air ballooning (without the balloon, because of windy conditions).



Bess Price, from Alice Springs, and Chris Croker, of Melbourne.

● See our next edition, out on 24 August, for more on the Garma Festival

Housing project funding for South Hedland



THE Western Australian Government has allocated \$12 million for the Kariyarra Mugarinya Joint Venture (KMJV) housing project in South Hedland. The project is designed to provide

sustainable, affordable housing and give local Aboriginal people the opportunity to buy their own homes.

"Traditional owners now have the resources to become property developers and benefit from the massive growth occurring in the Pilbara," WA Regional

Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said.

Under the KMJV project, 11ha of land will be developed to the east of South Hedland, with the potential for 154 new dwellings.

"The provision of housing alternatives and multiple development ideas within the

Pilbara is a high priority for the Government," Mr Grylls said.

The KMJV-owned Kariyarra Mugarinya Developments has guaranteed 70 per cent of the profit from the project's residential sales will be used to establish an Aboriginal Housing Trust in the Pilbara. These funds will be

reinvested into more affordable home ownership initiatives.

"This initiative will assist to reduce the pressure on social housing and offer employment and training opportunities for local Aboriginal people wanting to be involved," Mr Grylls said.



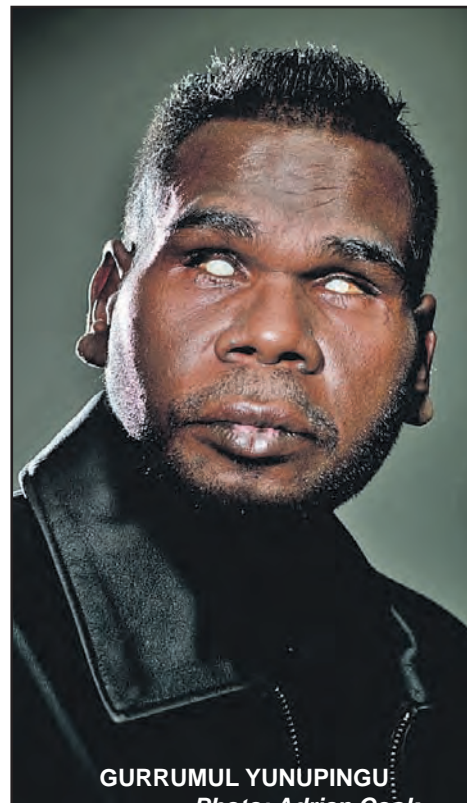
LEAH FLANAGAN



DAN SULTAN Photo: Martin Philbey



JESSICA MAUBOY



GURRUMUL YUNUPINGU
Photo: Adrian Cook

Finalists named



THE finalists have been named for the inaugural National Indigenous Music Awards – and they feature some familiar names.

Gurrumul Yunupingu's there, along with Jessica Mauboy and Dan Sultan. In fact, they're the finalists for the Act of the Year title.

But there's some new talent in there too.

The awards will be presented on 19 August at Darwin Amphitheatre.

Dan Sultan will headline the performers, who will also include members of Coloured Stone, Warumpi Band, No Fixed Address, the Red Flag Dancers from Numbulwar, with Grant Nundhirribala (Yilila) as well as the recently added Iwantja Band (New Talent of the Year nominee) and the Song People Sessions with Shellie Morris.

Bookings to attend the awards can be made on (08) 8943 4222 or at www.darwinfestival.org.au

The finalists were selected by a panel of industry judges. They are:

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Nirvana Nights, Leah Flanagan (Designed by Chayni Henry Vitamin Records)
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Gopuru, Gurrumul Yunupingu (produced by Carlo Santone / Michael Hohnen)

Gathu Mawula, Gurrumul and Blue King Brown (produced by Carlo Santone)

Local Knowledge, Rrawun Maymuru (produced by The Mulka Project)

September Song, Leah Flanagan (produced by Tim Parish).

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Act of the Year

Jessica Mauboy
Gurrumul Yunupingu
Dan Sultan



Iwantja Band are finalists in the New Talent of the Year award.



The Medics, finalists in the Song of the Year award with *Beggars*.

I've got no regrets – Brendan Nelson

Ex-Opposition Leader says apology was the right thing to do

WHEN dignitaries and others visit Dr Brendan Nelson's office in Brussels, Belgium, one of the first things they see is a very large photo of the first Aboriginal person elected to the Australian Parliament, the late Liberal Senator Neville Bonner.

There's another photo too, from 13 February 2008 featuring then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Inevitably, this second, autographed photo provokes a fairly universal reaction: "That apology your Parliament gave to the Aboriginal people... it was a real head-turner," they say. Or "What a wonderful moment for Australia".

It is only upon closer inspection that the visitors might notice that the person pictured shaking hands with Mr Rudd across the chamber's despatch box bears more than a striking resemblance to the man sitting across the desk from them. Sometimes, the penny doesn't drop at all.

But then, Dr Nelson's current digs in the unofficial capital of the European Union are a long way from Australia's national capital, Canberra.

And his current incarnation as Australia's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union is a far cry from his earlier one as the leader of Australia's Federal Opposition who formally supported the national apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who, as children, were forcibly removed from their families – the Stolen Generations.

A lot of water has passed under what some regard as a bridge of reconciliation built by the apology. Certainly, the road that led to it had been a difficult one marked by a divisive debate – pitting symbolic measures to improve the relationship between black and white Australians against practical ones. But the ongoing impact of the apology on the national psyche is undeniable.

Nevertheless, there are those who would find Dr Nelson's obvious pride in his role in the apology somewhat incongruous.

While thousands of Australians rose to applaud Mr Rudd during his speech, many of them were on their feet during the Opposition Leader's too, but for a very different reason – to turn their backs, boo and utter cries of 'shame' and 'enough'.

"Today our nation crosses a threshold," Dr Nelson began. "We formally offer an apology to those Aboriginal people forcibly removed from their families through the first seven decades of the 20th century.

In June, the *Koori Mail* interviewed former Prime Minister and now Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd about his reflections on the 2008 national apology to the Stolen Generations. Here, former Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson shares some of his recollections of the day and the events leading up to it, telling Editor KIRSTIE PARKER that he has no regrets.

"...We will be at our best today – and every day – if we pause to place ourselves in the shoes of others, imbued with the imaginative capacity to see this issue through their eyes with decency and respect."

The trained general practitioner and former president of the Australian Medical Association spoke of the need to improve Indigenous health and the 'real, immediate, seemingly intractable and disgraceful circumstances in which many Indigenous Australians find themselves today'.

But in what some considered a 'blame the victim' approach, he also referred to corrupt management of resources, nepotism, and tolerance by authorities of neglect and abuse of children. When he detailed a series of contemporary child rapes in Aboriginal communities, people's hackles really went up.

By the time Dr Nelson concluded with the words 'We are sorry', the previously buoyant mood had darkened considerably.

Afterwards, Stolen Generations member Faye Lyman was furious that Dr Nelson had

opinions of many when she said she believed Dr Nelson's speech had spoiled the apology.

For all of this, anyone imagining that Dr Nelson would prefer to forget that day would be sorely mistaken. Three-and-a-half years on, he doesn't resile at all from the speech he wrote and delivered.

It is clear that party room machinations that preceded the apology (and saw some Coalition MPs boycott the chamber during it) factor large in his resolve.

"There were significant proportions of our party room that were legitimately opposed to a formal apology," he told the *Koori Mail*, adding that such divisions would have reflected divisions in Australian society generally.

"For me as the leader, the context was that we had just lost the election. Mr Rudd was enormously popular – he had ratified the Kyoto protocol, which the Coalition had resisted – and was forming the shape of his then new Government in a way that was intended to make it popular.

"On our side of politics, we were coming

was 'the right thing to do'.

"I respected and understood the views of those on our side who didn't agree but said to them that, in my opinion, if the apology was delivered by the entire Parliament, it would have a therapeutic and galvanising positive impact on the entire country," he said.

"I also said to them that politically, for us not to support the apology would strike a devastating blow on the respect Australians would have for the Parliament. It would diminish us in the eyes of many Australians and, dare I say, further afield."

Dr Nelson said he was acutely aware of fervent criticism of the content of his speech, but insisted 'sometimes, you have to tell people what they need to hear, not what they want to hear'.

He said that ringing loudly in his ears at the time were the words of Labor powerbroker and former Federal Health Minister Graham Richardson, who once said 'I have spent a lifetime reading polls and (Indigenous disadvantage) is not in the top million issues concerning voters'.

"I knew that, with the possible exception of the 1967 Referendum, there would be more people switched on to Aboriginal issues that day than any other day in my life time," Dr Nelson said. "So I thought it would have been a cop-out on my part to simply paint a nice rosy picture, as if we were living

in Australia in 2008 in an environment in which everything is wonderful for Aboriginal people.

"I thought 'I'm going to confront them with the reality of what still confronts Indigenous Australia, for which my generation is directly responsible'. So I set out the circumstances, in terms of existential despair, appalling health, sexual violence, alcohol and all of that.

"Some people were appalled and said 'We have school children watching this'... Whilst I respect people who hold that point of view, people need to be confronted with the reality.

"The responsibility of leadership is to make sure that voters – everyday Australians – actually understand the gravity of the situation.

"(As a consequence) what has happened in the past three years is that we've had much more exposure to the town camps of Alice Springs, and some of the disgraceful circumstances in which Indigenous people are living. So, even though my speech still offends some people, I'm proud of it. If I were in the

same position today, I would say exactly the same."

Dr Nelson said that while Faye Lyman's comments were on the public record, he was sorry to have upset her by quoting her.

"I got my staff to track Faye down and I rang her and said if I caused her any grief, I was deeply sorry," he said.

To illustrate the pressures he felt around the time, Dr Nelson told of an incident that happened as he prepared to fly back home to his Victorian electorate on the night of the apology.

Kevin Rudd's speech had referred extensively to the experiences of Lorna (Nanna) Fejo, an elderly member of the



Then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then Opposition Leader Brendan Nelson on the floor of Parliament during the apology. Mr Rudd is holding a glass coolamon presented to the Parliament on behalf of the Stolen Generations. Photo: Wayne Quilliam

quoted from an oral history archived by the National Library of Australia as saying she didn't want people to say sorry for her removal; rather she wanted them to know what had happened and understand the hurt it had caused.

Dr Nelson read Ms Lyman's words aloud just before insisting that no financial compensation should be paid to the Stolen Generations.

The Victorian Elder told the media that Dr Nelson did not ask her if he could use her story in his 'toxic speech', and had taken her comments out of context and misrepresented the way she was taken from her family.

Long-time campaigner Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue later gave voice to the

to terms with the grief of having lost government, there were the tensions surrounding Peter Costello's refusal to take the leadership of the party and the further tensions associated with Mr Turnbull's loss of the first leadership ballot.

"Throughout December 2007 and January 2008, I personally bled on (the issue of an apology) politically because I also had those within the party who supported the apology but were opposed to my leadership and used it to undermine me, gain ground against me, criticise me and – from their perspective – demonstrate what they saw as my manifest inadequacies for the job."

Nevertheless, Dr Nelson said he was very strongly of the view that an apology

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Apology 'was the right thing to do'

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Stolen Generations from Darwin whom Dr Nelson also knew from the 'Strong Women and Strong Babies' program.

"That night at the airport in Canberra, the Qantas Club was packed," he recalled.

"There were all these people sitting down and drinking and I saw Lorna Fejo and four other quite elderly Aboriginal ladies from the Top End standing up because there were no more chairs.

"So I went over to a small group of people on five seats in a row and said to them 'I'm sorry to interrupt. My name is Brendan Nelson and I'm the Leader of the Opposition.

There are five ladies over there with a long flight ahead of them... would you give up your seats for them?"

"Three of the five – one woman and two men said 'Of course, no problem' but one of the other guys said to me 'You have done enough damage for one day without coming here and getting me to stand up for them!'

"He moved eventually – I think he was shamed by the others in his group – but I was shocked. I was trying to do the decent thing for these decent women.

"So I was getting attacked from all directions, by people whose sensibilities I had offended by describing the state of contemporary Australia and then

this person who was obviously offended by the support I gave for the apology.

"It was far from smooth sailing." The apology was and will always be – first and foremost – about the thousands of members of Australia's Stolen Generations and their families. In the eyes of many, the apology was just the beginning. Justice won't be served and healing won't be achieved until governments agree to full reparations, including financial compensation.

In the meantime, politicians and those who orbit around them continue on their way. While the two political lead actors on the apology stage have taken on different roles,

they remain bonded to this day.

It was Kevin Rudd who, while still PM, appointed Brendan Nelson to his current diplomatic post. And, despite their different political colours, both men profess strong respect for each other.

"In one of my conversations with Kevin Rudd after I lost the leadership of the Liberal Party, he said he believed in using good people on both sides of politics," Dr Nelson said.

"He asked if, when I left politics, I would be interested in doing something for the Government and I jokingly said 'Not to get you re-elected'... it didn't cross my mind that he was thinking of some kind of diplomatic appointment. I was

shocked, to be honest, and had already arranged to do other things when I left the Parliament, but I would rather work for Australia in the national interest than for myself.

"I would also say that, whatever strengths and weakness we have – and we all have them – I'm proud of Kevin Rudd.

"After the apology, it was as I thought it would be... Whatever the reservations held by a significant number of my colleagues, they were pleased that it had been done – including some who said 'Don't do it'.

"The apology makes me even more proud to be an Australian. It was the right thing to do."

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Coroner to rule on death

By LIZ MURRAY



AN inquest into the 2009 custodial death of a 59-year-old man in a prison transport van has concluded, with findings to be delivered by the NSW Deputy Coroner on 12

August. The inquest into Mark Holcroft's death on 27 August, 2009, heard eight men were in the back of a prison van en route from Bathurst Jail to Mannus, a minimum security jail.

One week earlier, the drink-driving offender who was serving a seven-month sentence was seen by Justice Health doctor Suresh Badami who mistook his heart trouble for reflux.

Speaking at the inquest, barrister for Justice Health Jason Downing apologised to the Holcroft family for the medical error, the five-day delay in notification, and for their loss.

Former detainee Roland Marsh was one of seven men in the van with Mr Holcroft when he suffered a heart attack. He told the court the men had no access to food, water or a toilet on the four-and-a-half hour journey and about 50 minutes before they reached Mannus, Mr Holcroft lurched forward and had soiled himself.

Heart attack

Another of the inmates, Andrew Bond, said they started to yell, wave at security cameras and rock the prisoner compartment to alert the two guards that Mr Holcroft was having a heart attack.

Mr Bond said there was no way to communicate with the driver and guard in the front cabin, Peter Sheppard and Clive Bateman.

Corrections Officer Bateman said he heard the noise but assumed the commotion was because the inmates were getting bored.

Barrister Ragni Mathur, who was representing the Holcroft family at the inquest on behalf of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), said the officers' seemed indifferent to the welfare of the escorted prisoners.

Associate Professor John Raftos, a specialist at St Vincent's Hospital, said Mr Holcroft died of a heart attack associated with arterial disease.

NSW Department of Corrective Services said it would fit all 75 prisoner transport vans with intercoms by 2014.

PIAC chief executive officer Edward Santow said the death raised questions about the transport and quality of health care received by prisoners in New South Wales.

PIAC lawyer Peter Dodd said the group hoped the Deputy Coroner's recommendations would contribute to creating new national standards for prisoner transport.

"We would hope the culture at DCS NSW would reflect human rights values and they'd want to maintain the dignity of inmates, but the dignity of inmates is not maintained if there are no toilet breaks," he said.

"We hope there will be recommendations that will mean a positive culture."

Grants tackle dental issues



DENTAL decay is more common among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children than any other Australian youngsters.

That's why the Australian Dental Association and the Wrigley

Foundation used Dental Health Week to provide grants to programs tackling tooth decay in remote locations. The Filling the Gap program, which uses volunteer dentists and assistants, received a \$5000 grant to expand its operations to include an Indigenous community in northern NSW and South Australia.

Previously, the program has operated in far north Queensland, in association with the Wuchopperen Health Service.

Filling the Gap secretary Ivor Epstein said there was a national shortage of dental professionals available to treat remote Aboriginal communities.

"There is a dental black hole in many Indigenous communities," he said.

"The Wuchopperen Health Service in far north Queensland struggled to secure a permanent dentist for close to a decade – the waiting list for dental care stretched to over a year which was causing people with minor problems to develop

acute or chronic conditions.

"Filling the Gap was founded in 2006 to recruit dentists to volunteer their services for one to two weeks at a time. In return, we provide all flights and accommodation and our volunteers come away knowing they have made a real difference.

"In five years, we have recorded significant reductions to the community's

dental care waiting lists, and are now seeing a gradual shift from predominantly emergency procedures to more comprehensive and conservative treatments."

Filling The Gap will use the grant to provide 10-15 weeks of care for those in need, which will result in up to 450 treatment sessions.

HOPE4HEALTH, a student-run charity founded by Griffith University students, also received a grant. H4H has been active in helping treat dental issues in Cherbourg, south-east Queensland.

Through its grant, H4H will be able to buy equipment to provide restorative, surgical and preventive care services at the Cherbourg Emergency Dental Clinic.

Another program, Tooth Mob, which is part of the Charlie Perkins Trust, also received a grant.

Partnering with Sunrise Health Services Aboriginal Corporation (which operates in ten communities east of Katherine) and NT Health, Tooth Mob recruits volunteer dental teams to provide treatment and train staff in these communities to equip them with the capacity to provide ongoing oral health promotion and education.

The grant will allow Tooth Mob to recruit and place one dental team consisting of two dentists and two dental nurses at the Jilkminggan Health Centre in the NT for about ten days to relieve its acute patient backlog.

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ACT Labor branch move gives more Indigenous recognition



CHRIS BOURKE



AUSTRALIAN Capital Territory MP Chris Bourke has welcomed a Labor Party move to give more recognition to Canberra Indigenous people.

The ACT Labor Branch will now allocate two conference delegate positions to members of the ACT Indigenous Labor Network. These delegates will have full

voting rights at future conferences.

"I congratulate the ACT Branch of the ALP in supporting this forward thinking and progressive motion," Dr Bourke, an Aboriginal man, said.

"ACT ALP is leading the nation. Queensland already has provisions for two members of its network to attend the Queensland state conference, but these

delegates do not have full voting rights.

"This is another step in assuring affirmative action for Indigenous Australians in the democratic process.

"Half a million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are significantly under-represented in our political processes, so measures such as these will ensure their voices are heard."

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Cape people celebrate return of their country



A 'big improvement' ... Traditional owners, Kuuku Ya'u people and guests at the Iron Range National Park land return ceremony on Cape York in far north Queensland.

Kuuku Ya'u in land victory

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A FEW years back, key negotiator for her Kuuku Ya'u country Lucy Hobson was the youngest in a group working for a 'big improvement for a long time' for her people.

Ms Hobson, along with nearly 200 others, finally celebrated that 'improvement' with the handing over of more than 100,000 hectares of land and a joint management agreement over her land in and around the Iron Range National Park.

The park, to be renamed Kutini-Payamu National Park, is a coastal area in the north-east of the Cape York Peninsula next to Lockhart River. It has the largest area of lowland tropical rainforest in Australia, hosting important bird populations, and includes the stunning white sands of Chilli Beach.

Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation, which helped facilitate negotiations along with Cape York Land Council, said that in a move unique to Cape York, five parcels of land had been excised from the National Park and Resources Reserve areas and transferred to Aboriginal freehold title.

On the day, land-use agreements for Kutini - Payamu (Iron Range), Ma'alpiku Island, Mitirinch Island, Piper Islands, Wuthara Island National Parks (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal Land) and Kuuku Ya'u Nature Refuge were signed.



Standing, Freddy Pascoe, Marjorie Accoom and Abigail Pascoe and, seated, Daniel Accoom, Patricia Pascoe and Evelyn Omeenyo.



Robert Hollingsworth, Lucy Hobson, Frank Hollingsworth, Francine Hollingsworth and Evaness Hollingsworth.

Balkanu Land Reform Unit manager Dr Alex Wells said Indigenous custodians had placed a 'nature refuge' designation over four of those five areas for their conservation, which allowed them to pursue their aspirations for low-impact tourism activity.

Australian Conservation Foundation executive director Don Henry was also at the ceremony to congratulate

traditional owners, together with the foundation's Cape York program officer, Leah Talbot.

"This signing protects this internationally significant area and recognises traditional owners' experience and expertise in land management," Ms Talbot said.

Ms Hobson said it was a long time coming.

"It's been a long run since I was one of the youngest

member that's been fighting," she said.

"Now all the old people are gone and I'm proud to fight to get our land back because before, when we were at the mission, we used to go by boat and it was so upsetting when we had to leave our traditional land and go back to the mission.

"So it's a very big improvement for a long time. I'm sure my ancestors are very proud of us.

"I will still carry on if there's more land to be given back.

"I'm very happy, very proud and I'm glad that my great grandson saw me today."

Jasmine and Greta Accoom, also members of the negotiating team, spoke of how much they had learned from their grandparents.

"We worked for the last two years to finalise the agreement," they said.

"When we were growing up, we learned so much from our grandparents."

Toby Accoom wanted to acknowledge Elders, including those who had passed on, and said they appreciated the day.

Other speakers, including Wayne Butcher, Linda Accoom, Greg Pascoe and Greg Omeenyo, called on young people to now 'step up to the mark'.

"It's about shared responsibility," Mr Butcher said.

"We need people on the ground.

"An agreement is about two people being on the same level playing field.

"If one gets ahead of the other then it's not shared responsibility."



Phyllis Hobson and Marjorie Accoom.



At back Emerson Giblet, Stanley Butcher and James Bally and, seated, Flora Gibson and Donovan Moses.



Standing, Jasmine, Greta, Dora and Ashley Accoom with, seated, Toby Accoom holding, from left, Josinta Wilson, Jeanie Wilson and Brendon Accoom.

We're missing out: Study



INDIGENOUS Australians are missing out when it comes to basic financial services, according to a new study. The study, by the Centre for Social Impact (CSI), together with National Australia Bank (NAB), measured 'financial exclusion' (where individuals lack access to appropriate and affordable financial services and products) for the first time in Australia.

The study findings indicate Indigenous Australians are over-represented in the fully excluded category.

According to the NAB/CSI Financial Exclusion Indicator, this prohibits affected Indigenous people from accessing financial services such as a basic transaction account, low rate credit card and basic general insurance, leaving them at risk of predatory lending practices.

The indicator shows that the factors leading to financial exclusion include:

- Cost – the average annual cost of basic financial services in Australia is \$1740. That's more than 15 per cent of income for around 10 per cent of adults in Australia.
- Accessibility – Internet banking is only used by 54.5 per cent of the population and access to automatic teller machines in rural and remote areas is limited compared to urban areas
- Demographics – people with low levels of education, born overseas with English as a second language, aged 18 - 24 or unemployed are more likely to be excluded
- Supply – including the promotion of inappropriate credit products and the complexity of insurance products.

Lead researcher and author of the study Chris Connolly said that being fully excluded from the financial sector had significant day-to-day impacts on Indigenous Australians.

"Some Indigenous people struggle with low levels of financial literacy which presents issues with using ATMs, accessing and



CHRIS CONNOLLY



GLEN BRENNAN

understanding bank balances and fee structures," he said. "People who are financially excluded are less likely to be

able to raise \$3000 in an emergency, more likely to turn to fringe or unregulated lenders who compound the problem, and are also far more likely to experience social exclusion and financial stress as a result.

"As this study continues from year to year we can better understand the issues faced by Indigenous Australians, to what extent financial exclusion is occurring, and the impacts, which we hope will lead us to reduce financial exclusion for these communities over time."

NAB Indigenous finance and development senior manager Glen Brennan said banks had an important

role to play in providing appropriate services to Indigenous communities.

"Most financial institutions have limited information and experience in dealing with Indigenous customers," he said.

"This can create access barriers for the Indigenous community. For example, requirements for proof of identity can pose problems for some Indigenous Australians.

"Addressing financial exclusion for Indigenous Australians is an issue that NAB is passionate about, which is why we have invested more than \$130 million since 2003 into microfinance programs to support the financially excluded."

9 September deadline for 2011 awards



PEOPLE have until Friday 9 September to submit nominations for the 2011 Human Rights Awards, with the winners announced in a ceremony on 9 December.

Australian Human Rights Commission president Catherine Branson said the Human Rights Law Award was the perfect opportunity to recognise the ways that lawyers contribute towards protecting and advancing human rights in Australia.

She said many lawyers and legal organisations were active participants in developing better human rights protections.

Ms Branson said nominations were also open for the Human Rights Medal, Community Award – Individual, Community Award – Organisation, Literature (non-fiction) Award, Radio, Television and Print Media Award, and the new Business Award for a business with a proven track record in promoting and advancing human rights.

Jonathon Hunyor, principal legal officer with the 2010 Law Award winner the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), said receiving the award was an honour.

"At NAAJA we were honoured to win a Human Rights Award and very pleased that the hard work of our staff over many years was publicly recognised," he said.

For nomination forms and to order tickets to the awards ceremony go to www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards/index.html.



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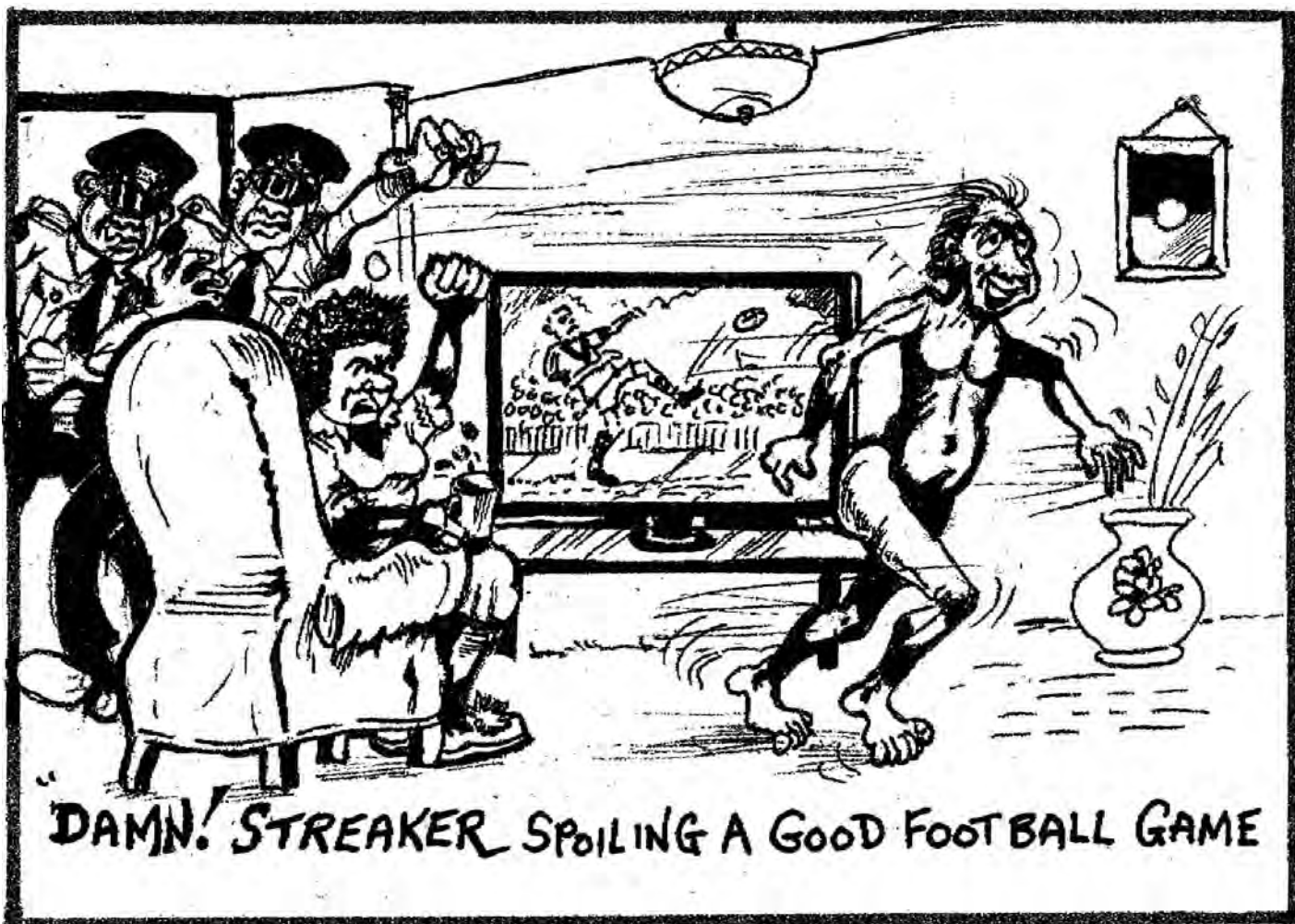
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A Yarn With...



ANARIA TURNER

Aboriginal Studies and Social Science student, University of South Australia

Where are you from?
I'm a Nukunu woman from the southern Flinders Ranges of South Australia, now studying in Adelaide.

Favourite bush tucker?
Kangaroo.

Favourite other food?
Seafood laksa.

Favourite music?
R'n'B

What are you watching on TV?
NITV, and I like reality shows.

What are you reading?
A book called *Scar Tissue*, the autobiography of Red Hot Chili Peppers vocalist Anthony Kiedis.

What are your hobbies?
Really I just like being with family and friends, but I do enjoy the AFL – I'm a Port Adelaide fan.

If you could have some people around the campfire for a yarn, who would you choose?
Family and friends ... my Dad is always good for a laugh. In fact we did get around the campfire not long ago.

If there was one thing you could do for our people, what would it be?
I'd give us all a sense of empowerment – the confidence to create change.

Quote



'Effective approaches are well-known and mandatory sentencing is not one. Politicians must get the message. This is not rocket science'

– Nicholas Cowdery QC on Victorian moves to introduce mandatory sentences

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Unquote

Wotton and the right to speak

FREE speech is something people living in a democracy – like Australia – take for granted.

But not Lex Wotton.

The man convicted over the riots on Palm Island in 2004 following the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee does not have that right.

As part of his parole conditions, Mr Wotton's been banned from talking to the media. In fact he can't even attend a public meeting on Palm Island without prior approval.

Apparently he's the only parolee in Australia to have such a gag order.

But maybe not for much longer.

The High Court – Australia's highest judicial body – is now considering an appeal by Mr Wotton over the conditions.

We hope Mr Wotton succeeds, and not just for his own sake.

Free speech is fundamental in any democracy.

The Queensland Government argues that Mr Wotton is still a prisoner, and prisoners forego many rights.

Their argument sounds pretty hollow to us.

What are the Queensland authorities so concerned about, anyway?

What do they think Mr Wotton will say to the media?

Why won't they let him attend public meetings where he lives?

Civil liberties lawyer Rob Stary hit the nail on the head when he told the Indigenous Social Justice Association's Melbourne 'speakout': "...We need to protest (against Mr Wotton's parole conditions) not just in Queensland but the breadth of the Commonwealth. This



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is an affront and an outrage to those of us that subscribe to those democratic principles. If it's Lex Wotton one day, who is it next?"

Who indeed?

IT'S exciting times in Indigenous sport, with the rise of young stars on a number of fronts.

Just last month we learned of Brisbane teenager Ashleigh Barty's win in the final of the junior girls' singles at Wimbledon.

In the following edition of *Koori Mail*, we told how another Brisbane product, Jesse Williams, was on the cusp of great things in American football.

In this edition, we proudly boast that yet another Queenslander, Clay Waterman, has become the first Australian to win a world championship amateur gold medal.

And we also report on 13-year-old gymnast Kaidyn Lane, of Moree in New South Wales, who has left Australia to prove himself on the world stage.

Gone are the days when boxing and the football codes were the few avenues open to Indigenous sportsmen and women. Our mob are turning up – and excelling – in all kinds of sporting disciplines.

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By MAHALA STROHFELDT

FOR a golden moment during the 1970s, Wilma Reading lit up the stage and screen across the jazz halls and theatres of London, New York and Berlin. With her name up in lights, she had the honeyed voice that everybody wanted.

The Cairns girl embodied all that was glamorous about the 1970s black jazz era. When she hit the US music market her exotic Indigenous looks and broad Australian accent got her noticed fast.

For almost four decades she played to adoring audiences in every corner of the world and made a name for herself alongside other top billing artists including Jazz Legend Duke Ellington.

With a three-octave singing voice, Wilma admits she has gone where only the privileged few are ever invited.

But the fame came at a price. When Wilma left home at the age of 17 to chase her dreams she didn't realise that as her star began to rise internationally there would be many sacrifices along the way.

"I was gone too long. My biggest disappointment was that my mum and dad never got to see me up there on the stage singing to thousands of people. That would have been the greatest thing to have them sitting right there," she told the *Koori Mail*.

As the talented new kid on the block and the only Australian in the US music industry, she was soon criss-crossing the globe, living out of a suitcase and taking every opportunity that came her way.

"I have had an amazing, fortunate life, a blessed life," she said. "I have lived the kind of life many only dream of. And to think that a little girl from country Cairns has achieved all this.

"Many people never get to do what I've done, and for that I'm grateful. I mixed with the stars, I knew people like Ella Fitzgerald, Wayne Newton, the Four Tops and Liberace.

"It's not always glamorous, mind you. We always had a good lifestyle but sometimes it was very tough.

"To be the best you have to work the hardest. It's a disciplined lifestyle and a lot of hard work. You've got to make sacrifices along the way.

"Oh, but when the times were good, they were great."

Hooked

The first time Wilma laid eyes on the beauties of the black-and-white screen she was hooked. She knew then and there that there was nothing she would rather do than entertain people, in whatever form that might take.

With an early natural talent for singing, however, there was little doubt the young girl with stars in her eyes was destined for great things.

"Singing was something we all enjoyed as a family, getting together with the aunts and uncles," she said.

"My other two sisters and I



The Jazz Singer

were known as the Reading Sisters. Cairns was like a little country town, we had a big family and made our own fun in those days.

"By the time I was 12 I knew

without a doubt that this was what I wanted to do with my life.

"I didn't know how or when, I just knew I had to give it a go and see where it took me.

"We used to go to the pictures

and I was mesmerised by what I saw up there. I thought if they can do it, so can I."

It was a chance meeting during a school softball carnival in Brisbane that finally

sealed Wilma's fate.

"We were at this little coffee shop and that was exciting because there was nothing like it in Cairns," she said.

"I got up to sing a few songs and afterwards this man came over and asked if I wanted to sing in his band at The Ritz.

"We all thought he was trying to pick us up and we just giggled, but it turned out to be a legitimate offer and not only that, it was the start of my first real job in the industry."

For the small town girl with big ambitions, moving to Brisbane might as well have been the other side of the world. But with strong family support and her father's blessing, Wilma took the plunge.

"Looking back it was an incredibly lucky break for a 17-year-old girl to be invited to sing for a 17-piece band," she said. "I was scared but I wanted to give it a go. My father gave me six months to make it, but I already knew then I wouldn't let anything stop me.

"I've always had this eternal optimism and eagerness to learn new ways of doing things.

"I was away for five years and during that time I met my husband who was in show business. He became my manager and together we took on the world."

The first stop was Asia, touring Hong Kong, Japan and Bangkok through the Hilton Hotel chain. It was here an American agent approached Wilma about bringing her show to the US market.

First stop, Las Vegas.

"It was an incredible time in my life," Wilma said.

"I'd been working first-class venues but this was something else. A part of me thought maybe I'm not ready for this, but I just said to myself I'm going to try. Las Vegas opened up a whole new world for me."

Hand-picked

When renowned jazz legend Duke Ellington hand-picked Wilma to sing with him, she knew she had made it.

"I still consider singing with Duke Ellington to be one of my all-time career highlights," Wilma said.

"I mean it's just the greatest thing to be up there alongside Duke. Soon after I was booked to go on the *Johnny Carson Show*, and I was the first Australian to ever appear on that show.

"I was also booked into the Copacabana Club in New York – that place is a real part of history.

"But you have to work hard all the time on yourself, you can never rest on your laurels."

While it may have been her vocals chords that first got Wilma noticed, it was her ability to transcend herself from a mere singer to a commanding entertainer that highlighted her flexibility as a performer.

"One of my proudest achievements was taking over from Cleo Laine in the role of Julie in *Showboat* at the Adelphi Theatre in London," she said.

"It was another great experience that I treasure.

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'I have lived the kind of life many only dream of...'

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The waiting game...

WAITING, waiting,
everybody's waiting.
I'm waiting to win the Lotto,
I'm waiting for the kettle to
boil for my cuppa and I'm
waiting for my stories to
come on TV.

Every day we gotta be
waiting! I'm happy enough to
wait for these small things
but there is one thing I won't
wait for – someone to love
me if they don't love me
back.

So there I was the other
day yarning to this one
about playing the love
waiting game.

Apparently they were in a
happy relationship with a
person, but this other person
hadn't quite decided if they
wanted to be in a
relationship. You know how
it goes, they were spending
time together, they weren't
seeing other people, but
when they had the 'are we in
a relationship' yarn, the



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other one said 'I like you but
I don't love you. Maybe one
day...'

Once upon a time ago
back in the Dreamtime (yes,
it was that long ago!) my first
love told me this. They told
me they liked being with me
but couldn't be with me.

I was prepared to wait

around forever for him to
love me. Heartbroken, he
cast me aside.

He didn't want me to do
the waiting 'cos he knew he
wasn't going to be ready for
a relationship for a long
time. Little did I know he just
got out of jail and he
recognised he had some
healing to do. Gee I hated
him!

All I wanted to do was
save him! Thank the earth
he didn't let me.

Instead of waiting around
all sorrowful like, get on with
your life and see what
happens.

Your love could come
back to you after they got
their stuff sorted, or maybe
they won't. You don't know
what will happen in the
future.

No matter how much you
love someone, you can't
wait around for them. If
someone is telling you, to

your face, that they aren't
ready for a relationship, then
you gotta believe them.

I know it's hard being a
single person when
everyone around you is
married up (notice I didn't
say 'happily married up').

I know you can feel like
the only reject in the camp
because I sometimes feel
like one too.

I know it's so seductive to
grab on to the first available
person and hold on for dear
life because you could be
single forever and ever and
ever.

But I also know that
waiting around for someone
else to love you like you
deserve to be loved is a
pathetic, sick joke.

We single fullas deserve
to be loved. And you
deserve to be discovered by
that special person who is
waiting, for a person, just
like you.

Our black jazz star at home in Cairns

Wilma Reading ... "I came home
to heal. I knew it was time."



● From previous page

"If you have an interest in your
career you've got to be an entertainer
and not just a singer."

There is no doubt that Wilma had a
stage presence to rival the best of them.

She starred alongside Jim Brown in
the movie *Pacific Inferno* in 1979 and
recorded the title song for the Julie
Andrews and Omar Sharif film *The
Tamarind Seed*.

Bill Cosby once chased her
incessantly to open some of his live
shows.

What we don't know about Wilma
Reading could fill a book. But despite all
this, she has remained little more than a
familiar name to many in this country for

the life time she has been away.

But her home coming has finally
arrived.

"I came home to heal. I knew it was
time," Wilma said.

"My husband passed away five years
ago and we worked as a double act for
so many years that it's like you become
one person.

"We were deeply committed to each
other, but you find an inner strength to
go on.

"I'd been away for so long that I was
nervous about coming back, I didn't
know what I'd find.

"But I've found home again. And my
faith that has sustained me throughout
my life."

As a singing teacher in the music

department of the Cairns TAFE, Wilma
imparts not only the mechanics of music
and singing but a belief that anything is
possible with hard work, and a little
talent of course.

"Teaching has helped me to heal. I'm
semi-retired now. Music is still a big part
of my life but not in the same way it
used to be," she says.

For Wilma, winning the Jimmy Little
Lifetime Achievement award at last
year's Deadly Awards was a touching
recognition from her own people.

"I've spent enough time on the road
living out of my suitcase that I'm happy
now just to be home," she says.

"I have a peace of mind. I've had a
blessed life. I live a very simple life
these days and I'm happy."

POETRY

Maude...

The current system of community organisation decision making is failing us. Look all across our country. In my own area of the central coast of NSW, we collectively made a decision to sell land which was developed into a golf resort for millions, but because we were unable to make community decisions on how to

Mr Forrest stands by the vote. "It was completely legal... I just about 170 people in attendance are 90 per cent in favour," he said.

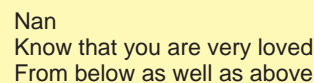
Fortescue has paid the Wilburmina group a administration costs, anthropological fees and lawyers from a Perth based legal practice.

Mr Forrest won't say how much money the company has handed over, but said under no native title legislation miners had to deal with an 'equal party', which is why they picked up the tin.

Native title expert Clarian O'Farrell, from Griffith University, said miners had the upper hand in negotiations with traditional owners.

Miners only have to negotiate with people for about six months before they can go to the Native Title Tribunal to get their mine.

PAUL TOWNEY
Wiradjuri man
Entrance, NSW



SHIAN BARKER
Woolloomooloo, NSW

Calling Me Home

Please note that the National Native Title Tribunal has not expressed any view in relation to the Australian Government's carbon tax

It is important to note that the Tribunal does not 'rubber stamp' mining lease applications nor

STEPHANIE FRYER SMITH
Registrar
National Native Title Tribunal

Editor's note: The Koori Mail apologises for the errors. Brian Wyatt is CEO of the National Native Title Council.

– *EDITOR*



LYNDON LANE
Goodooga, NSW

Public service for outstanding artist

A PUBLIC memorial service to honour Australia's leading Indigenous ceramic artist, Thapich Dr Gloria Fletcher AO, will be held at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal next to her final sculpture, the beautiful bronze sphere *lyndihk and Wini'henh* (The Lovers), on Saturday 20 August.

The general public is invited to attend this special memorial ceremony to share Thapich's extraordinary life with the Thaynakwith Elders from Weipa, who will be flying to Cairns for the ceremony.

Thapich Gloria Fletcher was a well-respected Thaynakwith Elder from the Weipa region and a pioneer in the arts. She was an inspiration to the many people who came into contact with her, not only through her own work but as a writer and recorder of language.

From her own community, including that of Trinity Beach where she added character and colour for more than 20 years, to the broader arts community both nationally and internationally, Thapich's greatest gift was to teach the importance of culture.

As the first Indigenous Australian to formally study art in Australia, her status as



Thapich Dr Gloria Fletcher's final sculpture, the bronze sphere *lyndihk and Wini'henh* (The Lovers).

a pioneer has been far reaching. Thapich played many other important pioneering roles. In 1988 she founded the Weipa Festival, running holiday programs for her beloved 'children' ever since.

Her role as a great educator, mentor for young north Queensland artists and

storyteller was an inspiration to all, young and old.

As a result of her achievements and contribution to Indigenous arts, she received a doctorate from Griffith University. In 2004, Thapich was awarded the Order of Australia as well as an honorary doctorate by James Cook University and, in 2007, she won the Australia Council's Visual Artist Emeritus Award.

She will be especially missed this year for her role as the founding co-patron of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

The memorial ceremony will be from 7.30am on 20 August at the *lyndihk and Wini'henh* (The Lovers) artwork, garden area of Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, Wharf Street.

The Thapich Gloria Fletcher Memorial has been supported by Arts Queensland, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Qantas Lind, Jennifer Isaacs, KickArts Contemporary Arts and the arts community in Cairns.

JAN AIRD
Cairns, Qld

Honour is appalling

IT is appalling the Brighton Bypass project has won a Civil Contractors' Federation Earth Award.

To think that the judges could recognise and award a project that was mismanaged with its destructive construction and display open ignorance of the 40,000-year-old Aboriginal site and subsequent environmental values!

It shows how shallow people involved in the award process must be.

There was no indication that the companies concerned took any measure into account of the consequences of their actions that saw such a massive destruction of a world-renowned Aboriginal site.

The behaviour of the award-winners during construction was deplorable. The verbal abuse aimed at Aboriginal protesters by construction workers was rampant, and if not for the actions of an on-site supervisor, a protester would have been run over by a semi-trailer.

How ironic? The Commonwealth gave an award for excellence. The Commonwealth placed an Emergency Heritage Protection Order.

Both for the same site.

TRUDY MALUGA
State Secretary
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The Parks Operations and Tourism Branch manages important relationships with the traditional owners of two of Australia's most famous World Heritage properties; the Northern Territory (NT) Government and key NT agencies; and a wide range of national and regional tourism stakeholders. It coordinates and supports Parks Australia's tourism and visitor services and planning, provides leadership and support for the National Landscapes program in partnership with Tourism Australia, and supports project and asset management and overall business management for Parks Australia.

The **Branch Head**, Parks Operation and Tourism is an identified position, which means it involves interaction with Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander people. As a member of the Parks Australia Executive, the position has a strategic leadership role in the Department.

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Funding to operate new children and family centres

Ten children and family centres will be established in Queensland under the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in their early years (0–8 years).

Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding (available until mid 2014) to operate one or more of the children and family centres in Logan and Rockhampton.

The children and family centres will provide integrated services, responsive to community needs, and include early childhood education and care, parenting and family support, and child and maternal health services.

Interested organisations can apply to operate one or more of the children and family centres, but must lodge a separate funding submission for each location. Funding Information Papers, Submission Forms and information regarding Funding Information Sessions are available at www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/indigenous.html or by calling (07) 3898 0373.

**Funding submissions close 5.00pm
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It's far too little, and way too late

AFTER the 'Bringing Them Home' report had been tabled in Parliament House, then Opposition Leader Kim Beasley had shed tears in empathy and then Prime Minister John Howard had refused to say sorry to the Stolen Generations, I was approached by a number of high schools and colleges in the Australian Capital Territory to share my story as a member of the Stolen Generations, and to present an overview of Aboriginal history, identifying how the forced removal policies had impacted on our cultural and social structures.

I shared photos of my lost family – the family I never saw again – and I told how my personal history and identity had been changed.

During each of my presentations, an underlying tension would quietly build as the mood in the room became more and more sombre.

I explained that before the invasion, Australia was a continent of more than 300 nations with different languages, cultures, social structures and laws. I shared what a devastating impact the removal of 10 generations of First Nations children from their families had been on all of this.

Many of the students were outraged to learn that no one had told them the full, truthful story about Australia's history until this late in their schooling, and that it had to come from outside the curriculum.

They were angry and extremely disappointed that something as significant as this part of Australia's history had been silenced and denied.

Some students pointed out that having this knowledge available to all students past and present would have helped them all to have an understanding and appreciation of the difficulties Australia's Aboriginal people have had to face and that it would have helped to combat the racism and discrimination that exists in Australia today.

Our children and youth don't like their intelligence, comprehension or ability to understand to be under-estimated, any more than adults do.

Even more alarming is the fact that in the next few months there is a real risk that we will adopt a new national schools curriculum that continues the status quo of retaining this harmful silence.

New school curriculum must end long silence



Helen Moran

In the new history curriculum, the achievements and historical mistreatment of Australia's First Nations peoples won't be taught until Year 10.

This is far too little and way too late.

Those students of ours who don't reach Grade 10 will be completely denied the opportunity of learning the significance of their roots – the struggles and the resilience of their people.

Silence

An education that preserves this silence on the history and achievements of our First Nations peoples will only maintain the existing disengagement of our First Nations students. This won't be fixed by offering some different activities in remote or discrete Indigenous communities, because the majority of our people live as dispersed minorities in big towns and cities.

Most of our children go to mainstream schools with multi-cultural populations. Every Australian child deserves a real and transparent education.

Children from early primary school onwards are very capable of feeling empathy.

Of course, the way we teach them has to be appropriate to their age group, with resources that challenge and inspire them.

Currently there is an option in the new curriculum to look at Sorry Day (along with other days of national importance like Anzac Day) in Year 3.

Sorry Day and the Australian Parliament's Apology to the Stolen Generations should be a doorway to a substantial discussion about Australia's First Peoples. It should happen in Year 3, and then be evenly spread throughout primary and secondary school.

The history and ongoing consequences faced by members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities can't be an optional unit – it has to be compulsory and substantial.

An independent curriculum body (ACARA) was set up to develop the national curriculum. This body has established an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, which has been there for more than a year. They have to stand up on our behalf and say that the status quo is not good enough.

Educating our children with the truth is the way toward healing this great country, and for the Stolen Generations and the rest of the nation we need to know that today's children and future generations will be taught the truth about what happened to so many of this country's First Nations children of the past.

Another opportunity to affect what our children learn at school and transform our country won't come along for at least another decade or more.

The National Sorry Day Committee has hopes that the new National Congress of Australia's First Peoples will take this up and make it their first important run on the board.

Because the only thing that will be more tragic than this continued silence in the curriculum is our choice to remain silent about fixing it.

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Helen Moran is Indigenous Co-Chair of the National Sorry Day Committee

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The purpose of this grant funding is to deliver two residential care services each providing two places, a supported independent living service providing four places and a counselling and intervention service for children and young people under 18 years of age who are in need of protection.

Further information and submission forms are available at www.communities.qld.gov.au or phone the Department of Communities' South East Regional office on (07) 3441 8146.

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday, 5 September 2011.

Family Intervention Services

Indigenous community controlled organisations are invited to apply for funding of \$287,354 in 2011-12 to deliver Family Intervention Services in the South East Region.

The purpose of this grant funding is to enable Indigenous community controlled service providers to deliver services and programs of support that assist parents and families of children subject to ongoing child protection interventions, with an emphasis on keeping children safe within the family home or reunifying children who are in out-of-home care with their family.

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Submissions close at 5pm on Monday, 5 September 2011.



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'A truly inspiring woman'

TRIBUTES have flowed following the passing of a key advocate for the Stolen Generations – Aunty Lola Edwards. She passed away on 1 August at Nepean Hospital in western Sydney, surrounded by her family and friends.

After being forcibly removed from her family in Tingha, NSW, at the age of four, Aunty Lola spent 13 years at Cootamundra Aboriginal Training School where she was 'trained' to be a domestic.

She did not reconnect with her mother until 1982, thanks to the efforts of Link-Up NSW, which she and her sister Coral Edwards were instrumental in establishing, and where she had recently resumed her role as a board member.

Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) chairperson Dana Clarke expressed extreme sadness on behalf of the board of directors and staff at the loss of 'a significant member of Australia's true history' and 'a truly inspiring Aboriginal woman', noting that Aunty Lola had tirelessly campaigned for 'the girls' of Cootamundra, including being a key figure in forming the Stolen

Generation Council NSW/ACT, an incorporated body which still operates today, providing advocacy for appropriate recognition, support services and change.

"Our deepest sympathy goes out to our beloved chief executive officer, Bill Pritchard, the husband of Aunty Lola. We at AbSec are fortunate to have witnessed the mutual respect and love they have for each other. They are truly 'soul mates' and together shared a dedication to improve the status of Aboriginal people and to ensure that practises of the past are not forgotten," Ms Clarke said.

"We at AbSec are forever blessed to have been touched and inspired by Aunty Lola. We hope to be able to honour her memory in the way she would have most wanted, and that is by keeping on with the work she dedicated herself too. She will be very sadly missed".

NSW Aboriginal Land Council chairwoman Bev Manton expressed her condolences to Lola Edwards' family and friends, and paid tribute to 'a true fighter'.

Ms Manton said she was instrumental in establishing many services for the Stolen



Aunty Lola Edwards

**11 September 1946
– 1 August 2011**

Generations during the 1980s and 90s, and she 'pushed hard' to have the Cootamundra home restored and kept as a physical reminder of how damaging government policy can be.

Ms Manton said Aunty Lola's work directly influenced the national apology to the Stolen

Generations in 2008, an event she witnessed first-hand as a guest in the public gallery at Parliament House.

"Lola's fight for those members of the Stolen Generations is truly inspirational," Ms Manton said.

"She fought tooth and nail for a forgotten generation of Aboriginal people who had the unthinkable perpetrated against them.

"The struggles she's had in her own life culminated in her fight for justice and that all-important apology.

"The deepest sympathies of the entire NSW Land Rights network go out to Lola's family and close friends.

"Aboriginal Australia has lost one of its most strident advocates for justice and change, but Lola's enduring legacy will never be forgotten."

Australian Human Rights Commission president Catherine Branson said Aunty Lola Edwards played a critical role in ensuring the stories of the Stolen Generations were heard.

She was a member of the Indigenous Advisory Council to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families led by former

Human Rights Commissioner and Commission president the late Sir Ronald Wilson, and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Dodson.

The inquiry resulted in the Commission's 1997 'Bringing Them Home' report.

Ms Branson said Aunty Lola's contribution to the inquiry, along with her life time of advocacy, had contributed to ensuring that this part of Australia's history was acknowledged and known by all Australians.

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello also paid tribute to Aunty Lola as 'an irreplaceable woman' and 'a true champion for Aboriginal rights and a long-standing campaigner for social justice'.

"Ms Edwards was a central and strong voice for girls who went to the Cootamundra Girls Home and was a pivotal member of the Commemoration Committee for the Centenary of the Opening of Cootamundra Aboriginal Girls Home which will be held in August next year," Mr Dominello said.

A memorial service was held at the Springwood Civic Centre in New South Wales last Friday.

2012 NSW Seniors Week Grants Program

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NSW Seniors Week will be held from 18-25 March 2012.

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Official Visitor appointments are made by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Hon. Greg Smith SC MP, under the *Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987*. Successful applicants will be assigned to a specific Juvenile Justice Centre from 1 October 2011 for a period up to 30 September 2013.

The important role of Official Visitor provides the Minister with independent information regarding services in the State's Juvenile Justice Centres. Official Visitors assist in resolving matters concerning young people in custodial facilities through support and advocacy. Matters are raised with the Official Visitor during interviews and discussions with young people and staff of departmental facilities. Official Visitors are required to visit their nominated centre fortnightly and to inform the Minister of emerging issues through discussions and quarterly written reports.

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Recommended applicants may be subject to appointment and referee checks.

An eligibility list may be created for future appointments of Official Visitors within the appointment period.

The approved fees for Official Visitors are \$119.50 for half a day and \$239 for a full day. Incidental expenses and travel costs incurred will be met.

Applicants should indicate their preferred Juvenile Justice centre in their application.

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All Applications must be made online through www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries regarding the Juvenile Justice Official Visitors: Elspeth Driscoll telephone: (02) 9228 5246 or email: Elspeth.Driscoll@minister.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 19 August 2011

Celebrating our kids



'FROM small to big: growing stronger every day'. That was the theme for this year's National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day, which has been celebrated since 1988. The day, held every year on 4

August, celebrates the importance and value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people within family and community. This year's theme salutes the role of services in supporting families and communities to raise resilient, healthy children,

strong in their culture. Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) deputy chairperson (child welfare) Sharron Williams said the theme was about children starting life with every opportunity to be the best they could be.

"If our children are going to grow up to be stronger every day, then the first steps need to be the steps that make them strong, that lay the foundations for the future," she said. "It's about ensuring that our children have the best start, in terms of good health and housing

and access to appropriate cultural education before they get to school. "Our children need to be able to go home to safe and secure places. And they need to be connected to their families and their culture. That will shape their future in the long term."



MC Geraldine Atkinson addresses the guests at the National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day launch in Shepparton, Victoria.

Shepparton hosts national launch



THE Victorian city of Shepparton hosted the national launch of this year's National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day, on 4 August. About 60 guests were at Lulla's Children and Family Centre for the event. They included members of the local Aboriginal community, officials and children. Launch MC was Geraldine Atkinson, the chairperson of Lulla's Children and Family

Centre and also deputy chairperson (early childhood) of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC). Among the special guests were local Federal MP Sharman Stone, Cr Jenny Houlihan from the Greater Shepparton City Council, Uncle Rex Atkinson and Aunty Irene Thomas, who gave the Welcome to Country. Guests were treated to a dance performance by local Aboriginal children and were on hand for the launch of the

new SNAICC website. The site features the latest information on Indigenous children's issues, events and activities. It also acts as a central information clearing house for Indigenous families and provides resources for children, families, and those who work with them. To check out the new deadly website, go to www.snaicc.asn.au

● Left: Kids dance at Lulla's Children and Family Centre during the national launch.



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

Membership Approval

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

Send your membership form to:

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*In memory of our
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Lola Edwards

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Lola was a much respected, strong and formidable woman, who told the truth of her own story of removal along with her brother and sisters from her family in Tingha, NSW. In telling that truth, it gave her the courage to be a determined, driving force in helping many others to do the same, most notably through the National Inquiry into the Removal and Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families.

Through her roles at many community organisations, she worked ceaselessly for her people especially her sisters, the Cootamundra Girls and her brothers, the Kinchela Boys.

Lola was a founding member of Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation, a former staff member and current member of our Board.

Lola, our tower of strength and source of great pride for many of us, has left us broken hearted. She will always be remembered, in time we hope again with a laugh and smile, as we know she'd want. She is much loved.

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Panel says there's strong support for recognition



THERE is strong support for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal

people, a panel investigating the issue says.

The members of the panel, appointed by the Prime Minister to provide advice on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples could be recognised in the Constitution, met in Melbourne to consider the outcomes of 40 public consultations held since May.

"The consultations have shown that there is very strong support across the community for constitutional recognition," members said.

"Many people see it as an important step towards creating greater equality and inclusion benefitting all Australians.

"Recognising the great contribution of the unique cultures, language and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution as an essential step towards real and lasting reconciliation, is supported by the vast majority of people participating in consultations."

They said 'settling the unfinished business of the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' was



Members of the panel appointed by the Prime Minister to provide advice on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples could be recognised in the Constitution.

seen as key to creating a more united, tolerant and respectful society.

Members say they are considering many proposals on ways Indigenous people could be recognised.

They have also considered advice from constitutional lawyers, agreed on a research strategy and heard from representatives of local government.

Panel members have also welcomed the strong level of support for constitutional recognition reflected in two recent national surveys.

A survey of members of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples found 88 per cent of the 630 respondents regarded constitutional recognition as a top priority.

A second survey of 2100 members of Generation One found that 98 per cent wanted formal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution (see Page 7).

"These surveys are an important indication of the high level of support for Constitutional recognition

among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians," the panel said.

Members will report to the Government in December on how best to give recognition to Indigenous people in the Constitution, based on the consideration of submissions, research and legal advice.

Over coming weeks more public consultation and other meetings will be held around the country.

Full details are available at www.youmeunity.org.au



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DRAFT AQUACULTURE (ZONES - TUMBY BAY) POLICY 2011

Pursuant to Section 12 of the *Aquaculture Act 2001*, notice is hereby given that the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries has released the draft *Aquaculture (Zones - Tumby Bay) Policy 2011* (the Policy) and supporting Report for a formal two month public consultation period from Saturday 30 July until Friday 30 September 2011.

The draft Policy has been developed in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 of the *Aquaculture Act 2001*. It provides an opportunity to develop planning practices that better reflect the needs of the aquaculture industry, Government and the local community.

It aims to ensure the ecologically sustainable development of aquaculture in the Spencer Gulf region, to provide certainty for industry stakeholders, to improve community confidence and facilitate opportunities for moderate aquaculture development.

Section 29 of the *Development Act 1993* enables the Minister for Urban Development and Planning to amend a development plan in accordance with an approved aquaculture policy under the *Aquaculture Act 2001*.

It is proposed to amend the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan subject to the approval of the above-mentioned policy. The proposed amendments are to reflect the aquaculture zone contained within this policy into the Aquaculture Zone within the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan.

PUBLIC BRIEFING

Officers from PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture will hold a public briefing on the proposed policy from 3-6 pm at the Senior Citizens Club, Tumby Terrace, Tumby Bay on Thursday 25 August 2011.

The draft policy and policy report will be available as at Saturday 30 July 2011 from PIRSA Aquaculture, 14th Floor, 25 Grenfell Street, (GPO Box 1625), Adelaide 5001; at www.pir.sa.gov.au/aquaculture; by phone on (08) 8226 2214; or by fax on (08) 8226 0330.

Written submissions on the draft policy and/or the proposed amendment to the Land Not Within A Council Area (Coastal Waters) Development Plan are invited from the public and should be made to PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, GPO Box 1625, Adelaide SA 5001.

Submissions must be received by 5pm on Friday 30 September 2011.

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Call for more referendums



AUSTRALIANS should take back control of their Constitution with regular referendums held away from the heat of election campaigns, former Australian of the Year Mick Dodson says.

On constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Prof Dodson said a referendum to decide the question should be a single-issue poll.

"We're not broke, we can afford separate referendums," the legal academic said in Canberra on Friday.

"We should get in the habit of saying mid-term, between general elections, 'we're having a referendum on X or Y', so we can all think about it rationally and sanely without some hysterical politician chasing you for your vote."

'Dumb'

Prof Dodson said it would be 'dumb' to hold a referendum on constitutional recognition of Indigenous people at the same time as one about including local government in the Constitution.

In that event, neither proposition would get up, he said.

"I won't accept arguments of practicality and economy because ... I



'I think we should take our Constitution back, take it back from the politicians and take it back from the court...'

— Mick Dodson

don't think those sorts of questions should inhibit us in really bringing our Constitution back to life, getting it out of the 1890s and getting it into the 21st century," he said.

"I think we should take our Constitution back, take it back from the politicians and take it back from the court, and say, 'Look, we want these things done because they're decent and proper things to do and it's about our identity, about us, we Australians'."

Prof Dodson said it was time debate

on constitutional change was taken up by the younger generation.

"We should be examining this instrument and saying it's time to bring this into the Facebook and Twitter generation," he said.

A panel of experts is examining how the Constitution could be amended to recognise Indigenous people and what level of support the community has for the idea.

It will report to the Government by December.



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Ex-Minister Clyde Holding passes on



FORMER Aboriginal Affairs Minister Clyde Holding has died, aged 80. Mr Holding, who held the portfolio in the Hawke Labor Government, appointed the first Indigenous head of the then Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Charles Perkins, and was responsible for handing over Ayers Rock, now Uluru, to the local Mutitjulu people.

But his move to introduce uniform national Indigenous land rights failed after intense lobbying from the mining industry.

Book examines NT 'protection' history



A BOOK examining the history of Aboriginal 'protection' and whether the current Northern Territory Emergency Response is repeating mistakes of the past will be launched today.

Written by senior law lecturer at Monash University Stephen Gray, *Brass Discs, Dog Tags & Finger Scanners: The Apology and Aboriginal Protection in the Northern Territory 1863-1972* is the culmination of Mr Gray's 17 years spent living in the NT.

A former lecturer with Charles Darwin University's School of Law and Business, Mr Gray takes an in-depth look at the past and present 'interventions' by looking at NT policy towards Aboriginal people from 1863 to the beginning of self-determination in 1972.

Project offers skills in performing arts



UP TO 125 Indigenous people will be given the opportunity to work in the Performing Arts Industry in Queensland.

Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib said the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) Student Transition Project would give participants the skills needed for a career in the performing arts industry.

"The students will complete a Certificate III in Performing Arts with the opportunity to further their studies and complete a Certificate IV and an Associate Diploma and Diploma in Performing Arts," he said.

Nominations open for justice awards



NOMINATIONS are being sought for the annual NSW Justice Awards. Public nominations for this year's awards are now open for the categories of the Justice

Medal, Aboriginal Justice Award, Pro Bono Partnership Award, and Law and Justice Volunteer Award.

Presented by the Law and Justice Foundation NSW, the awards have been running for 12 years. They will be held on 24 October at NSW Parliament House.

For more information or to request a hardcopy nomination form, phone the Law and Justice Foundation NSW on (02) 8227 3200.

\$1.5m for camping area near Ngukurr



NT Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton says the Territory Government will put \$1.5 million towards developing a new campground at Tomato Island, also known as Munbililla, near Ngukurr on the Roper River.

"The Government is committed to providing great facilities for locals and tourists to enjoy the spectacular natural environment the Territory has to offer," he said.

Construction is expected to be complete by the middle of next year.

Gandangara council push for billion-dollar proposal



A BILLION-DOLLAR proposal for Sydney's south includes a 500-hectare conservation reserve, 3000 new dwellings, and – if approved – will provide for up to 15,000 jobs and create a east-west transport connection between Sutherland and Liverpool.

Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council is behind the project, which it says aims to raise capital to support Aboriginal people gain independence and self-determination.

Unveiling the draft proposal for initial community consultation, council CEO Jack Johnson said the project was the first of such scale to be undertaken by a local Aboriginal land council.

"The Heathcote Ridge project provides a model for Aboriginal people to secure our own future," Mr Johnson said.

"It is key to Gandangara's long-term

vision to build education, health, employment and community resources to improve living standards for Aboriginal people."

Mr Johnson claimed Heathcote Ridge would set a new benchmark for conservation and sustainable development, alleviate the region's housing shortage and provide local jobs.

Investigations

"Extensive investigations are now complete in the areas of environment, transport, infrastructure, housing and employment lands," he said.

"As a result, the draft project proposes an area more than twice the size of Sydney's Centennial Park for conservation, the release of areas for 3000 dwellings, the creation of an innovative commercial area and some critical local transport infrastructure.

"This means the local environment, local community and local Aboriginal

people will all benefit from the project."

Gandangara says the project supports the NSW Government's Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 which contains a 58,000 dwelling target for the Sydney South sub-region and anticipated job growth of 52,000.

Mr Johnson said Gandangara had established a Heathcote Ridge Sustainability Reference Group to ensure all possibilities for sustainability were canvassed.

"We are committed to a best practice project we can be proud of which well exceeds the minimum standards set by the industry," he said.

Gandangara has been conducting community and stakeholder consultation including community information sessions before next month submitting to NSW Government for consideration.

People can register to receive regular updates on the project at www.heathcoteridge.com.au



A mock up of the draft plans provided by Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Grim findings in drug survey



HIGHER proportions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people smoked tobacco, drank alcohol at risky levels and used cannabis in the past 12

months compared with other Australians, according to the 2010 National Drug Strategy Household survey.

The survey also found that people living in remote and very remote areas were more likely to smoke and drink at risky levels, but less likely to use illicit drugs such as cocaine compared with those in major cities and regional areas.

According to the report, Indigenous people were 1.6 times more likely to have recently used cannabis than other people.

Also, Indigenous people were 2.2 times

more likely to smoke tobacco, and they also smoked the most number of cigarettes each week (147), compared with non-Indigenous people (101).

As for drinking, Indigenous people were 1.4 times more likely to abstain from alcohol, but were also about 1.5 times more likely to drink alcohol at risky levels.

Caution

The report was designed to provide estimates to the Federal Government but its authors warned that the figures relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be treated with some caution as the survey sample was quite small.

They also warned that some Aboriginal communities and those with low levels of

English literacy might have been excluded.

In a comparison of states and territories, recent tobacco use was almost twice as high in the Northern Territory (26 per cent) as in the Australian Capital Territory (13.8 per cent). In New South Wales the rate was 16.8 per cent, while Queensland's rate was 19.7 per cent.

Alcohol use ranged from 78.2 per cent in NSW to 86.5 per cent in the ACT, while the proportion of people using any illicit drug was highest in the Northern Territory (21.3 per cent) and lowest in Tasmania (12 per cent).

The Northern Territory also topped the nation with cannabis use at 16.5 per cent, almost twice as high as Tasmania at 8.6 per cent.

Barriers for kids detailed



THE Kids Helpline says a new research document has highlighted barriers

preventing Indigenous young people from seeking help despite them being identified as a high-risk group.

Kids Helpline general manager Wendy Protheroe said the findings of the report were a reminder that organisations and governments needed to be doing more to encourage young Indigenous people to seek help.

"One of the biggest findings from the report is the lack of trust for service providers," she said.

"The young Aboriginal people who took part in the research project expressed doubts about the cultural competence of services and generally didn't

believe the myriad of services out there would be able to help them.

"We know these young people are a high-risk group and it is disturbing that those who most need it don't recognise the value in support services."

The report identified a number of barriers preventing young Indigenous people from contacting government and community services.

Concerns

Some expressed confidentiality concerns and were worried their issues and conversations would not remain private.

Many others feared talking to a service, including a telephone service such as Kids Helpline, would result in shame for themselves or their family, being

judged, ridiculed or punished.

One of the biggest barriers for those living in rural and remote areas was a lack of access to services with limited internet access in these areas and high mobile phone charges.

"This research has made it abundantly clear that there is still lots we can be doing to ensure young Aboriginal people are able to seek help and feel comfortable doing so," Ms Protheroe said.

"We need to ensure there are more Indigenous counsellors and that all counsellors have a better cultural awareness and understanding."

Kids Helpline provides telephone and online counselling services to young people aged five to 25 – free call 1800 55 1800 or online at www.kidshelp.com.au



Palm Island's Daphne Lawrence didn't need to fill in a tax return because ICAN helped her complete one online.

Times not so taxing for Palm Islanders

By ALF WILSON



IT is the time of year when many people have to send in their annual tax return. But what can be a

daunting prospect for many is not so bad on Palm Island, where the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) has again been running 'Tax Help'

after a successful program last year.

While ICAN staff are not tax agents, they have been trained and accredited by the Australian Taxation Office in how to do simple tax returns.

ICAN financial counsellor Ray Kent has been on Palm Island assisting people. He said that during July, 98 tax returns were completed for Palm Island residents. "This has resulted in total refunds of almost \$174,000, with an

average refund of around \$1775 per person," he said.

Mr Kent has office space set aside on the top floor of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council office.

He said appointments were necessary and advised anyone using the service to bring all relevant paperwork, receipts and so on.

"ICAN provides each person with an envelope to keep their tax papers and future receipts," he said.

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12.30 Bran Nue Dae M (News & Documentaries)
1.30 Beyond The Dreamtime G (News & Doc)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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)
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8.30 InTune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
10.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
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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 Here's My Hand PG (News & Doc)
5.00 Up In The Sky PG (News & Doc)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God PG (News & Doc)
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 (Ent)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Friday 12th August

- 12.00 Crossing The Line PG (News & Doc)
1.00 Beyond The Dreamtime G (News & Doc)
2.00 Apekathie G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & Doc)
3.00 Chocolate Martini PG (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 (Entertainment)
8.30 InTune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
9.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
10.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
10.30 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
12.00 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
2.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
3.30 Like, Me Like You PG (Kids & Family)
4.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
4.30 Marngrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
5.30 NITV News PG (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God G (News & Doc)
7.30 Keeping Our Spirit Alive G (News & Doc)
7.45 My Colour Your Kind G (News & Doc)
8.00 Here's My Hand PG (News & Doc)
8.30 The Aboriginal Bible G (News & Doc)
9.00 Culture Warriors PG (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
10.00 When Two Tribes Go To War G (Entertainment)
10.30 The Colony M (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Saturday 13th August

- 12.00 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
2.00 Roots Music G (Music & Radio)
3.00 Chocolate Martini 3 G (Music & Radio)
6.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
6.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Letterbox Pro G (Entertainment)
7.30 Letterbox Pro G (Entertainment)
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 Black Tracks ImagiNative G (News & Documentaries)
11.00 Yeyekerte PG (News & Documentaries)
12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
2.30 The Coolbaroo Club G (News & Documentaries)
3.30 The Aboriginal Bible G (News & Documentaries)
4.00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
4.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
5.00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
5.30 NITV News in Review G (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes G (News & Documentaries)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.30 InTune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
8.30 Nukkan Ya Ruby G (Music & Radio)
10.00 When Two Tribes Go To War G (Entertainment)
10.30 The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith M (Movies)



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Sunday 14th August

- 12.30 DEAD HEART MA (Movies)
2.00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
3.00 4 Wheel Dreaming G (News & Documentaries)
3.30 Cracks In The Mask G (News & Documentaries)
4.30 Strong Men, Deadly Groups PG (News & Documentaries)
5.30 The Aboriginal Bible 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 Songlines In The City G (Music & Radio)
9.00 Chocolate Martini 3 G (Music & Radio)
12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 When Two Tribes Go To War G (Entertainment)
1.00 2011 Ella 7's G (Sport)
3.30 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)
4.30 Ella 7's 2009 NC (Sport)
5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Live at the Basement PG (Music & Radio)
7.30 Straight Shootin' PG (Entertainment)
8.00 The Human Race PG (News & Documentaries)
9.00 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
10.00 When Two Tribes Go To War G (Entertainment)
10.30 Thanks For All The Fish G (News & Documentaries)
11.00 Yamaji Man PG (News & Documentaries)
11.30 Behind Deadly G (Entertainment)

Monday 15th August

- 12.00 Taa Moko PG (News & Doc)
12.30 As The Crow Flies G (News & Doc)
1.30 Bro Town M (Entertainment)
2.00 Bro Town M (Entertainment)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 & Doc)
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 G (Kids & Family)
10.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
10.30 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
12.00 River of No Return PG (Doc)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Doc)
1.30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (News & Documentaries)
2.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
3.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
4.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
4.30 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
5.00 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God PG (News & Doc)
7.30 Wrap Me Up In Paperbark PG (News & Documentaries)
8.00 Rodeo Kaupoi G (Entertainment)
8.30 Rodeo Kaupoi G (Entertainment)
9.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)
10.00 Mana Wahine: Maori Women and Power M (News & Doc)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)

Tuesday 16th August

- 12.00 My Mother My Son PG (Entertainment)
12.30 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
1.00 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
1.30 More Than Legends PG (News & Doc)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 & Doc)
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 G (Kids & Family)
10.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
10.30 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
12.00 Sacred Ground PG (News & Doc)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Doc)
1.30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes G (News & Doc)
2.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
3.30 Like, Me Like You G (Kids & Family)
4.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
4.30 Wadu Matyidi Behind the Scenes G (News & Doc)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God G (News & Doc)
7.30 Here's My Hand PG (News & Doc)
8.00 Living Black NC (News & Doc)
8.30 The Aboriginal Bible G (News & Doc)
9.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)
10.00 Lousy Little Sixpence G (News & Doc)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)

Wednesday 17th August

- 12.00 Black Tracks NY G (Entertainment)
12.30 The Aboriginal Bible G (News & Doc)
1.00 Vis a Vis Techno Tribal M (News & Doc)
2.00 Palm Island G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 & Doc)
6.30 Like, Me Like You PG (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 G (Kids & Family)
10.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
10.30 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
12.00 Stolen Sisters M (News & Doc)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Documentaries)
1.30 JUMBA JIMBA G (News & Doc)
2.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
2.30 Waabiny Time G (Kids & Family)
3.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
3.30 Like, Me Like You PG (Kids & Family)
4.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
4.30 Palm Island G (News & Documentaries)
5.00 No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy 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 Searching for God G (News & Doc)
7.30 Live at the Basement PG (Music & Radio)
9.00 Lore Poles G (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Doc)
10.00 Up In The Sky PG (News & Doc)
10.30 Here's My Hand PG (News & Doc)
11.00 MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO G (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Thursday 18th August

- 12.00 Talking Broken PG (News & Doc)
1.30 Gulpilli: One Red Blood M (News & Documentaries)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 (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 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
12.00 Walking Through A Minefield PG (News & Documentaries)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Doc)
1.30 Black Tracks ImagiNative 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 Black Tracks ImagiNative G (News & Documentaries)
5.00 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God G (News & Doc)
7.30 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
10.00 Marngrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
11.00 MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO G (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Friday 19th August

- 12.00 Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (News & Doc)
1.00 On The Up and Up G (News & Documentaries)
2.00 Palm Island G (News & Documentaries)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (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 Yeyekerte G (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 1 G (Entertainment)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
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 G (Kids & Family)
4.00 Grounded G (Kids & Family)
4.30 Marngrook AFL Footy Show PG (Sport)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God PG (News & Documentaries)
8.30 Talking Broken PG (News & Documentaries)
10.00 Chocolate Martini PG (Music & Radio)
10.30 The Colony M (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Saturday 20th August

- 12.00 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
2.00 The Colony M (Entertainment)
3.00 Chocolate Martini 3 G (Music & Radio)
6.00 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
6.30 Welcome To Wapos Bay G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Letterbox Pro G (Entertainment)
7.30 Letterbox Pro G (Entertainment)
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 G (News & Documentaries)
12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 The Barefoot Rugby League Show PG (Sport)
2.30 Live at the Basement PG (Music & Radio)
4.00 The Human Race PG (News & Documentaries)
5.00 Behind Deadly G (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy PG (News & Documentaries)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.30 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
8.30 Dreamkeeper PG (Movies)
10.00 The Aboriginal Bible G (News & Documentaries)
10.30 DEAD HEART MA (Movies)

Sunday 21st August

- 12.00 Live at the Basement PG (Music & Radio)
1.30 Desert Healing PG (News & Documentaries)
2.00 Cracks In The Mask G (News & Documentaries)
3.00 Talking Broken PG (News & Documentaries)
4.30 Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (News & Doc)
5.30 Palm Island 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 Songlines In The City PG (Music & Radio)
9.00 Chocolate Martini 3 G (Music & Radio)
12.00 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
12.30 When Two Tribes Go To War G (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News in Reivew NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 The Human Race PG (News & Documentaries)
7.00 JUMBA JIMBA G (News & Documentaries)
7.30 Straight Shootin' G (Entertainment)
8.00 Dreamkeeper PG (Movies)
9.30 Bran Nue Dae M (News & Documentaries)
10.30 Wrong Side of the Road MA (Movies)

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Monday 22nd August

- 12.00 Little Caughnawa G (News & Doc)
1.00 Rasta In Aotearoa PG (News & Doc)
1.30 Bro Town M (Entertainment)
2.00 Bro Town 2 (Entertainment)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 & Doc)
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 PG (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Ent)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
12.00 Kulka PG (Documentaries)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Documentaries)
1.30 Rasta In Aotearoa PG (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 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
5.00 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God G (News & Doc)
7.30 No Wabu No Wuju No Gunduy PG (News & Documentaries)
8.00 Rodeo Kaupoi G (Entertainment)
8.30 Rodeo Kaupoi G (Entertainment)
9.00 Culture Warriors PG (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
10.00 Little Caughnawa G (News & Doc)
11.00 MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO G (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)

Tuesday 23rd August

- 12.00 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
12.30 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
1.00 Hauora Ngati Porou PG (Entertainment)
1.30 Sacred Ground PG (News & Doc)
2.30 Finding Our Talk G (News & 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 & Doc)
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 PG (Kids & Family)
11.00 Milli Milli Nganka Series 1 G (Entertainment)
11.30 Chocolate Martini G (Music & Radio)
12.00 On The Up and Up G (News & Doc)
1.00 Tales of Oceania G (Documentaries)
1.30 Palm Island 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 PG (Kids & Family)
4.30 Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical: Closing the Gap PG (News & Doc)
5.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
6.00 Living Strong PG (Entertainment)
6.30 Go Lingo G (Kids & Family)
7.00 Searching for God PG (News & Doc)
7.30 Here's My Hand PG (News & Doc)
8.00 Living Black NC (News & Documentaries)
8.30 Red Rock Earth G (Music & Radio)
9.00 Culture Warriors G (News & Doc)
9.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)
10.00 InTune 09 PG (Music & Radio)
11.00 MILLI MILLI NGANKA SERIES TWO G (Entertainment)
11.30 NITV News NC (News & Documentaries)



Nominations call for national title



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are being urged to nominate someone to be the next Australian of the Year.

Nominations, which close on 31 August, are also being sought for Young Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, and Local Hero categories.

A few Indigenous nominations already have been made, including Duncan Smith and Tim Kanoa.

Mr Smith, of Canberra, is an artist, musician and dancer, who plays a major role in his community, especially with young people.

His business, Wiradjuri Echoes, takes Aboriginal culture into schools, and he is

also involved in a program called Solid Young Fellas, which aims to help young men at risk.

"We try to keep them off the streets and out of trouble with the police, and organise things like footy games between the young fellas and police," Mr Smith said. He is also a national ambassador for the charity CanTeen, which helps young people with cancer.

Passion

Tim Kanoa is another nominee with a passion for preserving and sharing his Aboriginal culture.

Mr Kanoa, of Cockatoo on Victoria's south-west coast, is the state co-ordinator for the Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council and is a board member of Koorie Heritage

Trust. He has been involved with Aboriginal dance groups since he was 15, and was responsible for the youth suicide prevention program at Windamara Aboriginal Corporation.

Mr Kanoa also ran a travelling art exhibition called Mission Voices for the Koorie Heritage Trust, which included filming the stories of members of the Stolen Generations.

He has also made films for the Essendon Football Club and the Victorian Police.

Anyone wanting to nominate another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person for an award should go to www.australianoftheyear.org.au or pick up a form from major sponsor, the Commonwealth Bank or call 1300 655 193 for more information.



Duncan Smith, of Canberra, who has been nominated for an Australian of the Year honour.

Dieri, Santos in deal



Dieri directors, Dieri Elders and named claimants, and Santos representatives after the signing, from left: (standing) Frank Warren, Shane Kemp (Dieri chairperson), Michelle Warren, Jon Bok (Santos), Mandy Tuipulotu, Betty Stewart, Eddie Stewart, Mavis Dadleh, Melissa Lander, Colleen Roberts, Patsy Gepp and Stephen Kenny (Dieri lawyer); (seated) Susan Dodd, David Knox (Santos CEO), David Mungerannie, Sylvie Stuart, Rhonda Gepp-Kennedy and Renie Warren.



SOUTH Australian energy company Santos and the Dieri Aboriginal Corporation have signed a cultural heritage management plan. Santos says the plan recognises the significance of traditional owners in the management and protection of cultural heritage in the Dieri native title claim area of the Cooper Basin.

The signing ceremony last month was the culmination of formal discussions that began in 2009.

Santos says the plan brings it into best practice for cultural heritage management in its South Australian operations, and acknowledges the

importance of engaging traditional owners in the management and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Santos CEO David Knox says the company 'is committed to working with Aboriginal communities in a way that respects their cultures and supports the development of their communities'.

"We are looking forward to working with the Dieri on the next stage of our working relationship, focusing on employment, education, training, enterprise and capacity building," he said.

Dieri chairperson Shane Kemp said he saw the agreement 'as the beginning of discussions with Santos'.

"Our land has been good to

Santos for many years and we are looking forward to our further discussion with Santos on matters of reconciliation," he said.

"It has been a long, slow road to reach this agreement, which for the first time allows the Dieri people some control over their land. I am pleased to say, that we have been able to work through the difficulties and now have an agreement which I believe will be good, not only for Santos but for the Dieri People as well."

● Pictured right: Santos CEO David Knox, Shane Kemp, and Dieri artist Mandy Tuipulotu. This painting was presented to Santos to commemorate the CHMP signing.



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Red Shoes take girls to *Rainbow's End*



A NIGHT at the theatre turned into much more for Aboriginal students from Bairnsdale Secondary College in East Gippsland recently.

Ten female participants in the Red Shoes after school program took in the touring production *Rainbow's End* starring Christine Anu, Lillian Crombie and others at the Wellington Entertainment Centre in Sale.

The show is set in the 1950s, and presents a snapshot of life as seen through the eyes of three generations of Koori women as they strive to belong in conservative Australia.

Before the show, the Bairnsdale students enjoyed a

meal at a local Chinese restaurant and afterwards they got to meet, yarn with and snap photos of Anu, Crombie and their fellow production members Chenoa Deemal and Garth Holcombe.

The Red Shoes program for Aboriginal girls in Years 7 to 11 is run under a partnership between the college and the Smith Family, and aims to support participants to improve their educational outcomes.

The excursion to see *Rainbow's End* was supported by the Gippsland East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative (GEGAC).

● **Pictured: Red Shoes students Narissa Egan and Leysha Rodgers with actor Lillian Crombie, from *Rainbow's End*.**



NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NSW CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES COORDINATION & DEVELOPMENT

Closing date: 7th September 2011

The NSW AECG Inc is establishing a Centre for Aboriginal Languages Coordination and Development (CALCD) and is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitable persons to become Board Members for 3 years. The CALCD project will seek to:

- Develop Regional and Local Aboriginal language networks;
- Coordinate Aboriginal projects and services;
- Advocate on behalf of the networks it represents;
- Seek financial sustainability opportunities and;
- Lead the development of policies and resources to support the revitalisation, reclamation and maintenance of Aboriginal languages throughout NSW.

The CALCD will be governed by an independent Aboriginal Board of Directors and we are seeking Expression of Interests from Aboriginal people with extensive experience in the revitalisation, reclamation and maintenance of Aboriginal languages. The CALCD

Board has eight (8) positions available.

The CALCD Board of Directors functions will include:

- Oversee the development of a community-based Aboriginal language network;
- Seek funding for the Centre and other major projects;
- Provide policy advice and direction regarding Aboriginal languages in NSW;
- Advocate on behalf of Aboriginal languages and culture; and
- Direct Aboriginal languages projects and services.

If you are an Aboriginal person with significant Aboriginal language experience and wish to register for the CALCD Board of Directors, please contact the NSW AECG Inc Secretariat for and Expression of Interest package.

All applications and CALCD enquiries are to be made to Raymond Ingrey, Executive Officer by phone 02 9550 5666 or by email to Raymond.ingrey@aecg.nsw.edu.au

To obtain EOI Package please contact Jennie McKenny, Office Manager on 02 9550 5666 or by email jennie.mckenny@aecg.nsw.edu.au

Field Officer

Connecting to Country

Full Time Temporary position: up until 31st March, 2014

Location: Sydney

Total remuneration Grade 5 (salary \$68,761 - \$70,929) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications close Friday 26th August 2011

Provide high-level support and advice to Local and Regional AECG's to ensure the successful management and operation of the NSW AECG Inc. including the implementation and delivery of the Connecting to Country Program. Enhance and promote the function of the NSW AECG Inc within the Aboriginal community and education providers throughout NSW.

Position Criteria

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrate understanding of NSW AECG Inc. policies and procedures including the 'Rules of the Association'
- Demonstrate knowledge of and experience in working with culturally diverse Aboriginal communities in NSW
- Demonstrate a High level of communication skills and the ability to present to a variety of stakeholders
- Demonstrate interpersonal, organisation and problem solving/conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrate experience and skills in working as both part of a team and independently, working in a high volume environment with competing priorities.
- Demonstrate an understanding of OH&S and EEO practices
- Drivers Licence (Class C)

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

All enquiries and applications are to be directed to Mikael Smith, the Manager Policy, Communication & Support by phone 02 9550 5666 or by email to Mikael.smith@aecg.nsw.edu.au

Office Manager

Full time temporary position (12 Months)

Location: Sydney

Total remuneration Grade 7/8 salary (\$78,142 - \$86,498 per annum), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Applications close Friday 26th August 2011

The Officer Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of the NSW AECG Inc Secretariat. The position manages the financial, human and administrative resources of the Secretariat to ensure delivery of support services to members of the NSW AECG Inc. These services are to be delivered within budget and in accordance with policies and procedures of the NSW AECG Inc.

Applicants are to address the following criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Sound knowledge of issues affecting Aboriginal people in relation to education and training.
- Extensive experience managing a busy, customer-based office including supervision of staff, record keeping and procurement of goods and services.
- Proven administrative and financial and planning skills and the ability to interpret and implement policies.
- Proven ability to liaise with clients, business associates and colleagues.
- Good keyboard skills with experience using Microsoft Office applications.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Current driver's licence.
- Commitment and capacity to implement EEO, Charter of Principles for a Culturally Diverse Society and Ethical Behavior.

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Education targets attacked



FEDERAL Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has described as 'disgraceful' NT Government targets for Aboriginal student

attendance, reading and writing.

A recent Territory Budget paper set the target for Aboriginal student attendance at 34 per cent, compared to 98 per cent for other students, and the target for Aboriginal Year 5 students reaching minimum reading and writing standards at 36 per cent and 33 per cent respectively, compared to 88 per cent and 89 per cent for other students.

Senator Scullion said it was little wonder that the provision of education was a key issue raised by community leaders and parents during consultations over the future of the NT intervention.

"Education is universally accepted as a critical component of addressing Indigenous disadvantage," he said.

"Unfortunately education is still treated as an option and not a necessity by the NT Labor Government."

'Disgraceful'

Senator Scullion pointed to key deliverable targets contained in the NT Education Budget handed down on 3 May, where the budgeted target for Indigenous primary school students attending school for 80 per cent of classes was 'a disgraceful' 34 per cent, while the same target for other students was 98 per cent.

"How can it be acceptable that the NT Government can consider reaching their educational targets when it is expected that two-thirds of Indigenous students will not attend school in the first place and



Federal Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion says attendance, reading and writing targets should be the same for all NT students.

a further two-thirds of the kids in primary school will leave with poor or unsatisfactory reading and writing skills?" he said.

"We will never close the gap if governments continue to budget for or consider as acceptable for the gap to exist.

"Government should set a target for all students and then continually work to achieving it.

"These sorts of so-called acceptable targets only serve to let down yet another generation of kids who will not have the basic skills to enjoy the opportunities taken for granted by all other Australians."

First people first for First People



A NEW employment firm wants to link Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people with real and meaningful jobs in the private sector.

The firm, First People HR, is majority Indigenous owned and has the backing of the NSW Business Chamber.

First People HR chief executive Paul Knight said the firm would focus solely on matching Indigenous people with employers seeking to employ Indigenous people.

"The best path to opportunity, equality and respect is through a real job," Mr Knight said.

"We are not a social service, and we do not rely on government funding.

"We are a fully-fledged private sector business with shareholder responsibilities – but we do believe there is an incredible social good that will be created through our innovative services.

"The primary service we offer involves initially placing



Kevin Chandler and Paul Knight, of First People HR.

Aboriginal workers with host employers via an on-hired staffing arrangement.

"Our on-hired staffing arrangement means that for at least 26 weeks, the Aboriginal worker is employed by First

People HR, so if the employment arrangement is not working, then we will manage the transition of the worker to their next assignment.

"However, if the match does work, then after 26 weeks the

worker can become a direct employee of the host client."

First People HR is a joint venture between Mr Knight, 41, employment services veteran Kevin Chandler and the NSW Business Chamber.

Mr Chandler, 63, who co-founded Chandler Macleod, one of Australia's largest employment agencies, came out of retirement to set up First People HR, which he said would exploit the 'wave of interest' created in Indigenous employment by the Australian Employment Covenant.

"It's an opportunity to address a community issue in a rather clever way," he said. "We'll be using tried and true recruitment processes, but applied to a very disadvantaged group."

Another difference will be the company's refusal to accept any state or Federal funding or contracts.

"Saying the government has to give us money would mean we're just an extended arm," Mr Chandler said.

"First People HR is keen to be part of a real tipping point in terms of building the skills and employability of Aboriginal Australians, which in turn will assist in the creation of new respect, opportunities and wealth for Australia's First People."

Jobs call to local govt



LOCAL Government has been urged to employ more Indigenous people, especially in regional and remote areas.

The call was made at the two-day National Roundtable on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment in Local Government.

Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib told the gathering the Government was committed to working with local councils that were well placed to employ Indigenous Australians.

"This roundtable, convened by the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, is a great way to share ideas and plan partnerships to increase recruitment and retention of Indigenous workers," Senator Arbib said.

"The Centre of Excellence has identified that local councils are facing a crisis in long-term workforce planning due to an ageing workforce and the drain of skills from the regions which has been compounded by demand from the mining boom.

"The solution is right in front

of us – investment in local Indigenous communities and individuals who can provide those skills in the long term."

Senator Arbib announced in April new funding of \$4.8 million over three years to support mentoring programs for Indigenous shire council employees working in the Northern Territory and urged councils to become involved with school-based traineeships in their communities.

"The Government has also committed \$50.7 million to provide 6400 school-based traineeships for year 11 and 12 students," he said.

Diaries feature in exhibition

IAD Press' Jukurrpa Diary series is celebrating its 16th anniversary this year with a special Diaries of Dreaming exhibition.

The 2012 Diary features on its cover an artwork by Tjunga Palya artist Iyawi Wikilyiri, from Nyapari in the Western Desert region of the APY Lands.

The Jukurrpa Diary has also been chosen as the National Year of Reading 2012 Diary by The Library Agency, an association of Australian libraries and library organisations.

They are working together to make 2012 the National Year of Reading to celebrate all things about books, reading and literacy through special events and programs.

IAD Press business manager



The 2012 Jukurrpa diary.

Jeanette Wormald said she was delighted at the opportunity for the diary to be part of the National Year of Reading.

"Sales of our Jukurrpa products are vital to IAD Press, which is a not-for-profit Indigenous publishing house," she said.

"The money raised from sales helps to fund the important work we do in developing language and cultural resources for Indigenous communities, such as our nationally acclaimed picture dictionary series."

The Jukurrpa Diary launch is also part of a special collaboration between Central Craft and IAD Press called Diaries of Dreaming.

Central Craft members have created a range of works made from recycled Jukurrpa diaries.

The exhibition of works is on display at the June Marriot Gallery until 21 August.

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5. Management and Structure
6. Capitalization & Finance.

Participants will then apply what is learned to their own business concept without compromising their intellectual property. At the end of this process you will have the tools and skills to begin the process of business planning. Business Concept Development Workshops are scheduled for

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Partnership goal is Qld jobs



THE Federal and Queensland governments have established a partnership with industry to work towards sustainable economic development for Indigenous Australians in Queensland.

Both have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which they believe will lead to more resource sector jobs for Indigenous people.

Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib said the agreement, which focuses on education and training, employment, enterprise and business development, would create sustainable business and job opportunities for Indigenous Australians in resource-rich areas of Queensland.

The Australian and Queensland

governments will contribute \$200,000 each over two years to support Queensland's resources industry, through the Qld Resources Council, to develop regional action plans.

The council is contributing \$140,000 over two years on behalf of the industry, which includes research support through the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining at the University of Queensland.

Queensland Employment and Mining Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the memorandum built on an agreement between the Qld Government and QRC and covers the areas of north-west Queensland and Bowen Basin.

"The resources sector is well-placed to create job opportunities for Indigenous workers, especially in the North West, with a number of major mining projects in the pipeline," he said.



Federal Minister Mark Arbib, Queensland Minister Stirling Hinchliffe and Queensland Resources Council chief executive Michael Roche signed the memorandum of understanding.

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 possibly beginning in Term 4 (negotiable start) until 16/12/11. There is a strong 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, including the values of social justice, equity and reconciliation, but do not necessarily have to be Catholic.
- 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 Aboriginal students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Aboriginal students.
- Build links with the local Aboriginal community.
- Promote and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditions and culture within the whole school community

Applications will close: Friday 26/8/2011

Please ring 02 6882 7355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an application package and further details.
Final date for lodgment of this application is 26/8/11.

- 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.



Australian Government

Australian National Preventive Health Agency

NATIONAL BINGE DRINKING STRATEGY COMMUNITY LEVEL INITIATIVE THIRD ROUND GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE BINGE DRINKING BY YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-24 YEARS

Binge drinking among young people is a community wide problem that demands a community wide response. This includes an emphasis on young people taking greater personal responsibility for their behaviour. As part of the Australian Government's Community Level Initiative of the National Binge Drinking Strategy, the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) is offering \$10 million over two years for a third round of grants.

ANPHA is seeking applications from incorporated community groups or local government organisations for project proposals that aim to prevent and reduce binge drinking by young people aged 12-24 years. Partnership and collaborative projects are strongly encouraged.

Grants of up to \$300,000 are available for individual projects. Grants of up to \$500,000 are available for partnerships and collaborations.

Organisations interested in applying must address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the application form. The application form and Grant Guidelines can be obtained at ANPHA's Tenders and Grants page at www.anpha.gov.au or via GrantsLINK directory at www.grantslink.gov.au.

For further information please email the contact officer, Simon O'Brien at CLIGrants@anpha.gov.au.

The closing date is Friday 28 October 2011.

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Panel to look at services



AN expert panel has been appointed to investigate the future of remote employment services.

Shirley McPherson, from the Indigenous Land Corporation, will chair the Remote Participation and Employment Services Engagement Panel.

Federal Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib said the panel would provide advice on how to effectively engage with remote communities, as well as develop simpler, more integrated services.

The new employment services are expected to be in place by 1 July 2013.

Senator Arbib met with Ms McPherson and the other panel members on 26 July to brief them on the purpose and importance of the review.

The panel includes prominent Australians with knowledge of remote Indigenous communities, expertise and experience in remote employment

and servicing issues, and a high profile in remote communities.

Its members are Pat Brahim, general manager of Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation; John Berto, chief executive the Thamarrurr Development Corporation; Nolan Hunter, acting chief executive of the Kimberley Land Council; Sally Sinclair, chief executive of the National Employment Services Association; Suzannah Kuzio, chief executive of Community Enterprises Australia Ltd; and Melanie Stutsel, director, health, safety, environment and community

policy, Minerals Council of Australia.

Senator Arbib said the Government would soon release a discussion paper and DVD in a variety of Indigenous languages, and would be inviting people to make written submissions to the panel.

"We look forward to receiving people's views on how participation and employment services can be improved to better suit the needs of people living in remote communities," he said.

The Minister said consultation forums with people in remote communities, service providers, employers and other stakeholders would be held this month and next.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the Government wanted to see better results for people living in remote areas.

"The next remote participation and employment services arrangements are part of a broader strategy to ensure that Indigenous Australians have the same opportunities as

all Australians – to get an education, find a job, start their own business, own their own home and provide for their families," she said.

"We encourage all Australians with an involvement in remote regions to get involved in the consultations."

Further details about the consultations and how to contribute to the review of remote participation and employment services are available at www.deewr.gov.au/rsr

Any questions on the review can be sent to: remoteservices@deewr.gov.au



SHIRLEY MCPHERSON

New book for Bernard T

By JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Aboriginal man Bernard T Williams, also known

as Weilangta T, has turned his hand to writing a quirky children's book, *Being a Bus Driver*.

The book spells out some pros and cons of driving buses.

Along with the humorous cartoon-style illustrations by Aboriginal woman Vicki Duncan, from Inverell in NSW, *Being a Bus Driver* brings a giggle to children and adults.

With his tattooed knuckles, long dreadlocks and sometimes gruff manner, Bernard T is far from your stereotypical children's writer.

The little book is influenced by his bus-driving days for the Hydro Electric Commission, as a young man, before a shocking car accident that left him in a coma for eight weeks and changed his life in every way.

"I had a car, I was a race driver, I had a good job – a Hydro construction worker.

"I lost my missus, it changed by whole life, in a bad way," Bernard T told the *Koori Mail*.



Bernard T Williams is pictured here signing *Being a Bus Driver* for Rosemary Purdie and her father Simon, from Metro Tas state bus service.

"I never used to rely on no-one, I used to do everything for myself."

Being a Bus Driver, is also a reflection on his frequent bus trips and a tribute to the public transport system he

relies on every day.

"There's not enough respect for bus drivers," Bernard T says.

It is Bernard T's third book.

The other two are collections of short

stories about his life. Bernard says he finds writing improves his memory which was damaged in the accident.

Being a Bus Driver is published by the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander

Christian Congress's Black Ink Press and can be bought online at www.blackinkpress.com.au

The book was launched at Leprena church premises.

Funding to help care for country



GROUPS tackling pests and looking after country in far north Queensland have received

funding to continue the work.

The Cape York Natural Resource Management Regional Authority will receive \$1 million and the Torres Strait Regional Authority will receive \$750,000.

The funds will go towards controlling pest plants and animals, working with local Indigenous groups, monitoring sea grass and turtles, protection of threatened species and habitat reconstruction, and an Integrated fire management program.

Queensland Natural Resources Minister Rachel Nolan said the State Government provided significant funding for natural resource management projects through its five year \$86 million Q2 Coasts and Country program.

Health

"Q2 Coasts and Country has now invested \$44 million directly through the 14 NRM regions in Queensland to manage projects which make a real difference to the health of their local environments," she said.

"This funding helps ensure the regional NRM bodies can continue the great work they are doing to help manage our natural resources and, more immediately, help these resources recover from the natural disasters that have affected so much of the state in recent months.

"Regional NRM bodies are a crucial link between government and communities to put into practice activities to improve, restore and protect rangelands, waterways, wetlands and wildlife habitats.

"This funding delivers on the Queensland Government's promise to create a cleaner, greener Queensland."

Cook MP Jason O'Brien said regional NRM bodies dealt with the big issues confronting Queensland's natural resources, including loss of biodiversity, water quality, wetlands, coastal risks, sustainable agriculture, and weeds and pest management.

"Regional NRM bodies strengthen the community's awareness of the value of our water, land and catchments and they encourage people to become involved," he said.

Mirarr speak of uranium fears

By MARGARET SMITH



A THREE-WOMAN delegation of Mirarr People from the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park has visited

Japan as part of the 72nd Global Peace Voyage of the Peace Boat.

Elder Yvonne Margarula said the women wanted to express their opposition to Australian uranium being shipped to Japan, especially from the Ranger mine on their country.

"We Aboriginal people are opposed to Ranger's development, and even though our opposition was overruled it has never gone away," she said.

Ms Margarula is part of a group in Arnhem Land voicing concern about the reported Ranger practice of releasing radioactive water into aquifers.

Greens Senator Scott Ludlam said the mine had been releasing



Mirarr senior traditional owner Yvonne Margarula at the Ranger Uranium Mine. Photo: Dominic O'Brien

contaminated water, and he was working to close the mine altogether.

Further south in the Northern

Territory at Muckaty, the campaign to oppose a planned nuclear waste dump has been ongoing.

Federal Resources Minister

Martin Ferguson has pledged to push ahead with the dump, and refused to meet groups opposed to it.

Aboriginal Elders opposed to the dump have received support, with a visit from two Japanese Greens who spoke at seminars in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

In welcoming them, NSW Greens MP John Kaye said the Federal Government 'is committed to dump nuclear waste on Aboriginal land to poison their waterways, despite the Fukushima meltdown' (where a nuclear plant was disastrously damaged in this year's Japanese earthquake).

Both Japanese Greens spoke against nuclear energy and delivered a letter to Minister Ferguson's office calling for an Australian moratorium on uranium mining and exports.

One said that Northern Territory Aboriginal lands and Aboriginal people were being exploited by the nuclear industry.



Hawkesbury-Nepean
Catchment Management Authority

Aboriginal Community Meeting

Tuesday 30th August 2011

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10 am to 12 noon at the **Mooney Mooney Club, 5 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney**. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4587 0059.

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'Hero' Donna positive she will succeed

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



DONNA CORRIE knows the long and difficult road to freedom. As an insecure young girl she suffered from abusive relationships, and as a single mother she struggled to put food on the table and keep her family together.

But she never gave up hope that a better life was not only possible but she even deserved such a thing.

For the straight-talking Torres Strait Islander from Cairns, it was this strength that carried her through some of life's ups and downs.

Now more than a decade on she is an Indigenous Education Ambassador, helping to engage children and young people to overcome personal struggles and enjoy success. A Federal Government initiative, the program uses everyday Indigenous 'heroes' to promote education and motivate students towards higher education and employment success.

For Ms Corrie, who forever had her head in the books as an eager young student, sharing her story has become part of her healing.

"This program's given me so much," she said. "I'm an Indigenous co-ordinator for BlueCare and they've supported me 100 per cent.

"What I know now is that there's always a way out and a way up."

The little boy she once nursed in her arms is now a strapping lad of 16 and is about to embark on his own journey through a school-based traineeship.

Ms Corrie says she still uses her wisdom as a single mother in everything she does.

"We are an extremely close family. In my role as an ambassador I use my personal challenges as a teaching tool but also my wisdom as a single mother," she said.

"My son recently filled out his traineeship application and had to identify his mentor and hero, and he named me. As a mother there's no better feeling."

Love of learning

Ms Corrie has enjoyed a long and varied career, and attributes this to an inclination towards hard work and a life-long love of learning, along with a healthy dose of commitment and focus.

"I loved school. My stepdad tells the story about how he'd find me asleep on my books at 2am with the lights still on," she said.

"I've always loved to learn new things. That's part of the reason I moved to Melbourne when I finished high school. Before I got my first traineeship I started volunteering because I just hate doing nothing."

It was here Ms Corrie started a business and finance traineeship and later transferred to the Victorian State Opera as a receptionist. In the meantime, she undertook a Diploma in International Modelling course.



**'If you are willing to
make sacrifices you
can achieve whatever
you want to'**

**— Indigenous Education
Ambassador Donna Corrie**

"It's strange because I was a real tomboy at school, bashing all the boys up," she said.

"But later I was curious about the world of modelling so I just gave it a go. I enjoyed the glamour and worked in it for a while, but in the end I wanted to use my intellect."

After returning to Cairns in 1992, Ms Corrie secured a position with the Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE where she stayed for 17 years. Since taking a 'leap of faith' to a new industry two years ago, she knows that all it takes is hard work, perseverance and a little bit of faith.

"People thought I was mad to be leaving TAFE because BlueCare was only offering a 12-month contract. But I

listened to my heart and just took the plunge," Ms Corrie said.

Not only has the position been extended, but she recently graduated with a Diploma of Management and is eyeing off her next challenge – a university degree.

"I have learnt so many things," Ms Corrie said.

"If you are willing to make sacrifices you can achieve whatever you want to."

"I know that blessings will come my way. That's why I only associate with other positive people these days."

"Sometimes people question God and ask why did He make me go through this. I believe the reason I went through all I did was to help other people, that is my purpose. It has made me who I am."

2011 National Indigenous Students Conference



James Stumer (University of Southern Qld), Mia Strasek-Barker and Dale Rowland (both Griffith University) and Ben Gertz (James Cook University, Townsville).



At the conference, from left, Kentyn Obah (University of Canberra) with Kevin Taylor and Cameron Howard (University of Western Australia).

Campaigns on agenda



THE National Union of Students (NUS) will step up its campaign to have at least one Indigenous member

on each university student body in Australia. And it is also considering a university campaign focusing on Indigenous identity.

The moves follow this year's National Indigenous Students Conference, held late last month at the Australian National University in Canberra.

NUS Indigenous officer Frank Gafa said Indigenous students from around Australia took part in the three-day conference, which featured guest speakers including leading Indigenous academic Professor Larissa Behrendt, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda and National Congress of Australia's First Peoples director Tammy Solonec. Delegates were solidly behind a proposal, first outlined at last year's conference, to ensure



'It's important that people on campuses nationwide understand and accept Indigenous identity'

— National Union of Students Indigenous officer Frank Gafa

Indigenous representation on every university student body.

Currently that is far from the case.

"There are 32 Australian universities affiliated with the NUS, but far fewer than half of them have the Indigenous representation we are urging," Mr Gafa said.

"Delegates were determined to ensure this would not continue, and we have set 20 October as

the tentative date for our new campaign."

Identity was another important issue, with delegates keen to start a campaign to highlight the issue.

"It's important that people on campuses nationwide understand and accept Indigenous identity," Mr Gafa said.

The venue for next year's conference will be set following December's election of NUS office-bearers.



Jessica Sariago (Charles Darwin University) and Mandy Braddick (University of Canberra).



Delegates, from left, Rachael Lorenz (RMIT) and Isobel Morphy-Walsh (Australian National University).



Charlee-Sue Frail (Australian National University) with Shane Fry and Gordon Franklin (La Trobe University).



Taking a break Scott Keft, left, and Daniel Kime (both Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga) with Kylie Ellis (University of South Australia).

School is in a class of its own

By ALEXA GORDON

WHAT is believed to be Queensland's only community-owned and run First Nation school embraced this year's NAIDOC theme 'The next step is ours' by taking control of the education for the next generation of Indigenous students.

The Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School, known as the 'Murri School', is in Acacia Ridge in Brisbane's south and has been educating for the past 25 years.

Board president Tiga Bayles said the school was established to provide an alternative for the community to have their children educated in a culturally appropriate learning centre.

"The school also provides an

opportunity for First Nation students who are rejected or ejected from mainstream schools," he said.

Principal Philomena Downey said in a report that the school played an important role in the community as a voice for Indigenous issues and as an employer.

"Indigenous organisations such as ours have a unique history as part of Aboriginal people's struggle for self-determination. We belong to and serve Indigenous people of greater Brisbane," she said.

Mr Bayles said the school was community owned and looked after students' cultural as well as educational needs.

"It is owned by the First Nation community. We develop the policies, we decide on the



TIGA BAYLES

directions on which the teachings happen," he said.

The school also differs in that

unlike most mainstream independent schools, the Murri School does not charge parents expensive fees to send their children there.

"There is a shortage of funds in the First Nation community," Mr Bayles says.

"There is a high rate of unemployment and people cannot afford to be paying money to have their children educated ... that's a government responsibility I believe."

Instead, the school charges only a small fee for food and provides the children with three meals a day as well as transport to and from the school.

Mr Bayles said this financial and practical help to parents was one of the reasons the school did not have a non-attendance issue, unlike many mainstream schools

with Indigenous students.

The students are also thriving academically, which is reflected through the scores achieved by students sitting the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) exam.

"Our children achieve higher in the tests after being schooled in our system than they do after being schooled through Education Queensland," Mr Bayles said.

Mr Bayles said the school's biggest achievement was that it had survived for 25 years and had been instrumental in 'keeping our young ones out of jails and out of cemeteries'.

Mr Bayles says the Murri School would continue to provide students with a happy and enjoyable school experience and to educate the next generation 'our way'.

Stephen's a top student Samantha really has got the look

By KARINA EASTWAY-WINTERS

MOST 17-year-olds would be nervous seated in their headmaster's private meeting room, but Stephen Minniecon looks perfectly at ease.

His was a quiet self-assurance; the type that comes from having earned the respect of his peers, teachers and school community.

An ambassador for the Cape York Institute Higher Expectations Program (HEP), Stephen's life has undergone a radical change from his days at home in Wujal Wujal, on far north Queensland's Cape York.

HEP manager Preben Mindamarra said that the program aimed to identify and support academically talented Indigenous students to attend high-performance boarding schools and progress to tertiary studies.

Mr Mindamarra said Stephen was the first student chosen to attend Brisbane Grammar School, and it was not just his grades that were outstanding.

"Stephen was academically talented but he was also interested in his own personal development," Mr Mindamarra said.

"He said to us: 'If you give me the opportunity, I'll be your best student'."

Stephen said, that six years ago, he found information about HEP while shopping in Cairns.

"Mum was really excited and just straight away jumped on it and said 'yes'," he said.

"A lot of the students didn't come to school in Wujal and that was one of the things



STEPHEN MINNIECON

that was difficult to compensate for because you couldn't keep going while they had to catch up.

"Then when I came here (Brisbane Grammar), I had to catch up and it was difficult to start with."

Stephen encountered more than just academic barriers, facing cultural differences as well.

"Back home there were a lot of freshwater rivers where we all went swimming. Then, when you started talking about it with the other boys, they didn't know what you were talking about."

"I thought that was pretty different - that some people had never been swimming in a creek before."

Stephen was one of six Grammar students chosen to attend the International Youth Leaders Forum in Singapore last year and, in an experience he described as 'mind-blowing', was named best young leader.

Soon, he'll embark on a three-week student exchange program to Germany.

But Stephen has even bigger plans and wants to study psychology or medicine

before heading back to Wujal Wujal. And he wants to encourage other students to take every opportunity they are offered.

"There are a lot of bright students, they just need to actually go to school and keep up with their attendance," he said.

"With dedication and persistence you can do whatever you want - it doesn't matter that you come from a remote community, you can go out and do what other people are doing."

The HEP develops leadership workshops with schools in Cape York while also supporting the families of students.

"Our cultural pride and respect is our strongest link to our history, but education is our strongest link to protecting it," Mr Mindamarra said.

Brisbane Grammar School Indigenous mentor Damon Emtage said Stephen used everything as an opportunity to better himself.

"He is in his own way a natural Elder in the house - he commands the natural respect of the boys," he said.

"And in a young boy of 17 years of age, that's quite some maturity."

By MICHELLE HARRIS

SAMANTHA HARRIS is a tall, beautiful, shy, ambitious and thoughtful young Aboriginal woman. At the age of 21, she's also tipped to be Australia's next global supermodel.

Ms Harris is one of three fashion ambassadors for department store David Jones, the other two being Megan Gale and Miranda Kerr.

Her *Vogue* cover in June 2010 was only the second in the magazine's history to feature an Aboriginal model.

Major brands like Country Road, Seafolly, Forever New, Kirrily Johnston, RMK Shoes and Wittner are all clamouring for her unique look in their advertising campaigns.

The rise and rise of Australia's first Aboriginal supermodel wasn't guaranteed, though.

In the early years of beauty pageants and modelling competitions, Ms Harris often had to face the harsh reality that her looks simply weren't what the judges were looking for.

"They (the judges) could have been looking for what the world perceived Australia to be, you know, the 'beachy' kind of girls," she says.

Ms Harris says she wasn't aware of any discrimination at the time, and her mother never mentioned it.

Signed up by Chic Model Management at just 13, Ms Harris understands that her modelling career will always be about more than the clothes.

As a successful young Aboriginal woman, she knows she will always carry the added responsibility of being seen as a cultural ambassador for her people and a role model for their children.

"I'm very proud to be Aboriginal, it's such a unique culture," Ms Harris says.

Last November, she visited children from Mornington Island in Queensland's Gulf Country, with *Sunrise's* James Tobin.



SAMANTHA HARRIS

"I don't think in their wildest dreams they thought that they would see someone like James, and to also see me, an Aboriginal model - they were so excited," she said.

The visit worked both ways. "I've never been to a remote community so that in itself was an eye-opener for me," the model said.

From primary school children in remote communities to young Aboriginal girls in Sydney's western suburbs, Ms Harris has a compelling message: "We're all one country. Follow your dreams... you will get there; don't ever think you're dreaming too big."

"I want to show Australia and the rest of the world that there's more to this country than they really think."



The stories on this page form coverage of NAIDOC Week 2011 by students under the Brisbane-based Indigenous Voice Project, of which the *Koori Mail* is an industry project partner. The project aims to develop cross-cultural awareness, investigate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander journalism and communication, student intake, retention and graduate outcomes, and develop resources for journalism students about covering Indigenous issues.

Gym is a good fit for Kyogle

By DARREN COYNE



KYOGLE Elder Patsy Bundjulahm Nagas is hoping a new community gymnasium will

help the northern NSW town's young Aboriginal people get fit and healthy.

Ms Nagas gave the welcome to country at the new gym, and was also part of the committee which helped develop the facility.

Kyogle residents gathered for the opening, which was also attended by Shannan Ponton, a trainer from *The Biggest Loser* television show.

Ms Nagas said she had a vision for a gym 26 years ago, but was unable to raise the required funds.

She said remaining healthy was important for Indigenous people, who were often susceptible to diseases such as diabetes, which she has battled for a number of years.

"The main issue for people with chronic diseases is to get up off the couch and get active ... and when you've got a support group of people all trying to achieve the same thing, it makes it a lot easier to stay motivated," she said.

Kyogle Together Inc chief executive Mark Trudinger said the gym was part of the Active Kyogle program.

"The gym project kicked off a few years ago at a community forum and the community has been working towards it ever since," he said.

Mr Trudinger said the gym was now taking enrolments and would be providing programs, including one aimed at getting young Indigenous people into the fitness training industry.

Kyogle Elder Patsy Bundjulahm Nagas, local Federal MP Janelle Saffin and *The Biggest Loser* trainer Shannan Ponton at the opening of the new gymnasium.



Alice Springs coalition to aid homeless



NATIONAL Homeless Persons' Week (1-7 August) featured the launch of the Right to a Home coalition in Alice Springs.

The coalition draws together key community organisations who collectively seek to support the rights of the homeless in Alice Springs.

Right to a Home is aiming to work to reduce the level of homelessness in Alice Springs to the national average.

The new coalition will also work to end punitive responses to homelessness and ensure

those without shelter – many of them Indigenous people – are treated with dignity and respect.

"Homelessness is not a crime," Right to a Home spokesperson David Havercroft

'All levels of government must work with the community sector to address homelessness and create a more inclusive society' – David Havercroft

said. "Homelessness is the consequence of a range of complex issues that impact on people's lives.

"All levels of government must work with the community

sector to address homelessness and create a more inclusive society."

Right to a Home is endorsed by Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Service, Amnesty International Australia, Anglicare NT, Arid Land Environment Centre, Australian Red Cross, BushMob, Central Australian Affordable Housing, Drug and Alcohol Services Association, Mental Health Association of Central Australia, Northern Territory Shelter, Northern Territory Council of Social Service and Tangentyere Council.

Dancer takes up job to help Bankstown youth



A PROFESSIONAL dancer has been employed in a bid to invigorate the local Indigenous

community of Bankstown, western Sydney, with arts-based projects.

Tim Bishop has taken on the role through Bankstown Youth Development Services (BYDS).

"Tim is an excellent addition to the team at BYDS. His experience

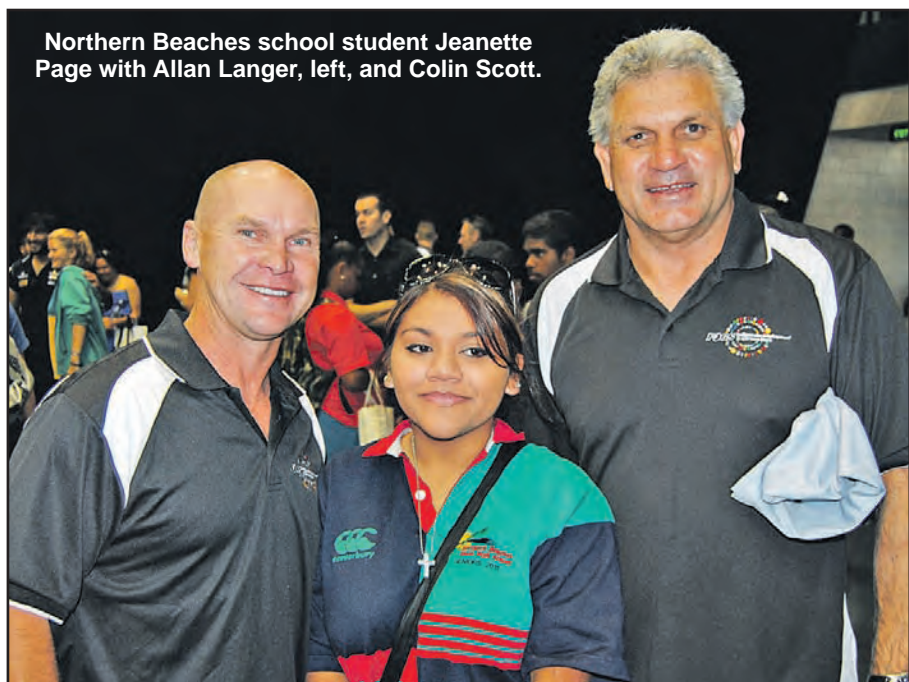
as a dancer and teacher will be an invaluable asset to the Indigenous communities of Bankstown," BYDS artistic director Tim Carroll said.

BYDS has run arts and cultural programs with Indigenous communities in the Bankstown area for more than 20 years, from Indigenous dance projects and youth forums to a long-running Indigenous oral history project.



TIM BISHOP

Employment and careers information on offer



Northern Beaches school student Jeanette Page with Allan Langer, left, and Colin Scott.



St Margaret Mary's College Townsville students Kali Kemp, Rashida Akee, Cheyenne Kennedy and Shamae Henaway with rugby league legend Artie Beetson.

1000 turn out for FOGS expo

By ALF WILSON



MORE than 1000 students have attended a Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Indigenous Employment and Career Expo at the Townsville Entertainment Centre.

Former or current (rugby league) Origin greats who were special guests included Arthur Beetson, Sam Backo, Allan Langer, Gary Belcher, Colin Scott, Gene Miles, Greg Dowling, Matt Bowen and his injured Cowboys team-mate Johnathan Thurston. Cowboys coach Neil Henry was also there.

Students from as far away as Ayr, Charters Towers and the Herbert River district checked out hundreds of potential careers from many employers who had information stalls.

Careers on offer were diverse, ranging from working on stations to police, the defence forces, administration and more.

Expo guest Arthur Beetson led out the first Queensland State of Origin side and was also the first Indigenous Australian Rugby League captain.

"I've been to north Queensland a number of times to support these Expos.

I'm pleased to be back to reinforce the positive messages around getting a job and making your mark on the world," he said.

"The Cowboys Rugby League club and players like Johnathan Thurston are doing great work with young Indigenous people in this part of the world, motivating and encouraging them to make a difference with their lives.

Help available

"Combine that with the work of the Former Origin Greats and the help that's available from the Australian Government and there's really few excuses for young people not getting a good education and a good job."

Torres Strait Islander Akee Charley had a water bottle autographed by four current or former Queensland State of Origin greats.

"It has now been signed by Johnathan Thurston, Matty Bowen, Sam Backo and Arthur Beetson. I am very happy," he said.

The Department of Human Services, which now incorporates Centrelink, Medicare, and Child Support, was one of the many employers at the Expo. Northern Queensland service leader Peter Searston said the recruitment and

training of Indigenous staff was a priority.

"As a major provider of Government services in the north Queensland region we need to ensure our workforce reflects the customers we serve," he said.

"We're also strongly committed to doing our part to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage by offering a whole range of career and training opportunities.

"DHS staff in north Queensland work as far north as Thursday Island, as far south as Gladstone and Biloela and as far west as Mount Isa and the Northern Territory.

"They're engaged at all levels of the organisation, from front counter customer service advisers, to specialist roles such as social workers, to senior management positions overseeing vital service delivery programs."

Mr Searston said the Indigenous apprenticeship scheme and the school-based apprenticeship program gave people with limited work experience the chance to build a future for themselves.

"I strongly encourage anyone interested in a challenging and interesting career to come along to the FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo and find out more about the many opportunities on offer," he said.



In front of the Community Safety stall Lavenia Tuibua, from Townsville, and Gemma Armit, of Palm Island.



Students check out the jobs board.



At the Bindal STEP-ERS stall, back from left, Mark Gray, Jack Pearson, Akee Charley, Daphne Tapim, Viaella Pryor and students Gagie Namok, Helen Lui and Matilda Eseli and, front, Leon Pryor and Jenny Pryor.



Ayr High School students Mason Garland, Kazzia Lammon and Danella Noah with North Queensland Cowboys and Australian champion Johnathan Thurston at the expo.

First Indigenous trainee for Family Support Network



THE FAMILY Support Network Inc in Lismore, northern NSW, has just appointed its first Indigenous trainee, Patricia Roberts.

Ms Roberts has been employed under the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, overseen locally by the Northern Rivers Social Development Council.

Ms Roberts said she was happy she could take on the traineeship, which includes studying Certificate 3 in Community Services at TAFE.

"I've been doing home visits with staff and learning about the programs offered here," she said.

"I really enjoy working with families, especially in the parenting programs which help support young mums. I hope what I learn during my traineeship will enable me to help Indigenous people more."

FSN manager Neil Morton said that while Ms Roberts was not the organisation's first Indigenous employee, she was the first Indigenous trainee to come on board.

'Proud'

"We are very proud to be associated with such a valuable initiative offering career opportunities to local Indigenous people in the community services sector," he said.

"Family Support Network recognises the cultural requirements around servicing the needs of the Aboriginal community and aims to put in place culturally appropriate supports aimed at making Indigenous clients feel comfortable when accessing our services."

Mr Morton said the



Family Support Network manager Neil Morton with Indigenous trainee Patricia Roberts and Northern Rivers Social Development Council chief executive Tony Davies.

Indigenous traineeship was one of a number of initiatives the organisation had undertaken recently and followed from a memorandum of understanding with the Northern United Rugby League Club.

In April, FSN and the Dirawongs signed what could possibly be the first such memorandum signed between a family/children's service and an Indigenous

football club in Australia. Northern Rivers Social Development Council (NRSDC) chief executive Tony Davies said the council aimed to increase the numbers of qualified Aboriginal workers in the community services industry.

"We hope to develop a sustainable and long-term sustainable employment strategy by working with other NGOs and encouraging them

to employ more Aboriginal staff," he said.

"Part of this will involve developing and testing a model for pre-vocational training and careers guidance for Aboriginal entry-level workers in the community services industry.

"This will also include developing school-based traineeships and new opportunities for TAFE students."

New commissioner takes up position



AUSTRALIA now has its first Age Discrimination Commissioner. Former Hawke Government minister Susan Ryan was appointed to the post this month.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland says Ms Ryan will be a 'dedicated advocate not only for older Australians, but also young people who might be affected by age discrimination'.

"The new Age Discrimination Commissioner will operate as part of the Age Discrimination Act to tackle age discrimination in our workplaces and the wider community," he said.

"This includes discrimination in getting a job or applying for a promotion, enrolling at a TAFE or university, applying to rent a house, or using services such as at a bank."

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said Ms Ryan had experience addressing discrimination and advocating for older people as well as practical work implementing anti-discrimination policy.

Seniors to benefit from TSI funding



MURA Kosker Sorority Inc will receive funding of \$43,689 a year over two years as well as \$10,000 in one-off establishment costs to provide social, emotional and physical activities to senior citizens living in the Torres Strait.

The announcement was made by State Member for Cook Jason O'Brien, with funding provided under the Torres Strait Healthy Aging Program's Sixty and Better Initiative.

The Mura Kosker Sorority is a not-for-profit, community-based women's organisation operating in the Torres Strait.

The organisation works towards unity of women of all ages in the Torres Strait – taking steps to meet a range of needs of women in the region.

Legal Aid and CSA in western NSW



THE Child Support Agency (CSA) and Legal Aid New South Wales will be providing a joint service to the people of Cobar, Bourke, Wilcannia, Broken Hill and surrounds in the week of 5 September.

Officials from both agencies will be available to provide free, confidential advice on relevant issues in the western NSW centres. They will be in Cobar on 5 September, Bourke on 6 September, Wilcannia on 7 September and Broken Hill on 8 September.

An appointment for legal advice or issues about child support is essential.

For appointments and other information, call 1800 451 784.

11 secure jobs in electrical industry



ELEVEN Indigenous people now have jobs in the electrical industry following their graduation from a pre-employment program in Brisbane.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib congratulated the graduates and said it was fantastic they had earned the skills and knowledge to enter the workforce.

"This is a great outcome for the participants, who can now look at committing themselves to meaningful and long-term jobs," he said.

"Participants were provided with practical and theoretical electrical training.

"The participants also received additional training and support in areas of numeracy, literacy and driving lessons to overcome identified barriers to work.

"The important thing is this is training that leads to real jobs, not just training for training's sake."

Skills program for Cherbourg



INDIGENOUS residents of Cherbourg in south-east Queensland are to benefit from a skills program aimed at getting them ready for jobs in the construction and horticulture industries.

Federal Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Minister Mark Arbib and Queensland senator John Hogg said the Cherbourg Community Indigenous Employment Program would involve pre-employment training, work experience and mentoring support leading to sustainable jobs.

"This is a fantastic program for more than 50 Indigenous job-seekers in the

Cherbourg area," Senator Arbib said.

"Being in such a central location participants can easily travel to projects like the coal seam gas pipeline that is starting in Chinchilla."

The participants will receive a Certificate II in Construction or Horticulture and can also receive help with literacy and numeracy.

Senator Hogg said the program was a result of more than \$340,000 from the Federal Government and was a joint initiative with the Queensland Government and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

"There are multiple construction job opportunities – assisting in the

community's social housing development and the Cherbourg Fresh Farm, both of which have indicated they are willing to employ people who successfully complete the program," he said.

Senator Arbib said Treasury predicted 500,000 jobs would be created over the next two years and it was critical that Indigenous Australians had the support and training they needed to take up employment.

"Indigenous employment is not a short-term issue. Over the next four years the Federal Government has also committed almost \$650 million to the Indigenous Employment Program," he said.

New school at Baniyala



THE Baniyala Garrangali School, 200kms south of Nhulunbuy in the Northern Territory, has been officially opened.

NT Education Minister Chris Burns said the granting of 'school status' to Baniyala School, formerly a Homeland Learning Centre, reflected the work of

the community and the school to provide better outcomes for students.

"The Territory Government has worked with the Baniyala community to deliver this new \$2 million school to help improve education outcomes for their children," he said.

"Education is our top priority and we are committed to getting every child to school, every day."



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Book tells of artist's life



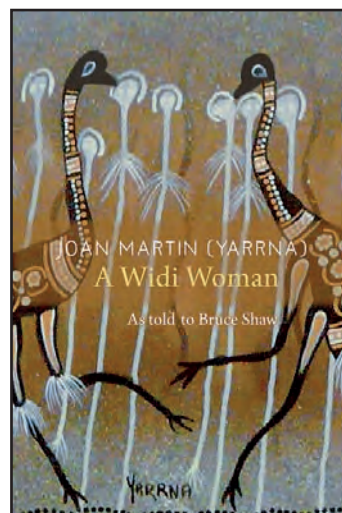
CURTIN University Associate Professor – and two-time Miles Franklin Award winner – Kim

Scott has launched the autobiography of artist Joan Martin, who passed away in October 2008, aged 67.

Ms Martin's legacy includes her work on native title and her art, specifically the mosaic she created in the floor of the foyer of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS) at Curtin University.

She started telling her story to Dr Bruce Shaw in 2006, entrusting him with the task of having her story published, and the resulting book, *Joan Martin (Yarra): A Widi Woman* was launched at CAS.

Ms Martin was born in 1941 in the town of Morawa, Western



Australia. She was a Widi woman whose life was filled with great challenges including avoiding Native Welfare officers so she would not be removed from her family, along with her very public battle with

Homeswest in 1997 for the right to remain in her Karrinyup home.

Her memoir includes stories of her teaching bush wisdom to her children, passing on Creation stories, celebrating culture through her art, and conflicts with mining companies and white bureaucracies.

"Joan's story is told without acrimony, rather it's a matter-of-fact description of a hard life which acknowledges the highs and lows," Dr Shaw said.

Rhonda Black, the Director of Aboriginal Studies Press (ASP) which published the book, said it was 'a fascinating telling of Joan's unique life', and complemented other works in ASP's list of Indigenous life stories.

The book is available to purchase for \$34.95 at most book stores.

Bourke kids getting active after school



HEALTHY, active kids make healthier adults. That's the long-term

philosophy driving a national initiative, which recently welcomed Bourke Public School in far western New South Wales as one of its newest sites.

About two-thirds of Bourke Public School's 200 or so students are Aboriginal.

Regional co-ordinator Tracey Quayle says the school's participation in the Australian Government's Active After-school Communities (AASC) program means more of its students can enjoy the benefits of fun sports and other structured physical activity after school, between 3pm and 5pm.

About 40 students took part in the school's first AASC session and enjoyed a healthy afternoon tea of fresh fruit and 60 minutes of physical activity – a response principal Kylie Pennell described as overwhelming.

"The AASC program is creating opportunities for more kids to give sport a go, to get physically active and to hopefully develop a love of sport that will encourage them to stay active for life," Ms Pennell said.

The AASC program complements a number of programs the school already runs, including a breakfast club; a program to educate students and parents on nutrition; another involving children growing, harvesting and cooking their own



AASC participants Lanie Carroll and Delia Vincent.



Kyah Sullivan-Knight, Jaylan Doolan and Natrell Dixon.

food, and a 15-minute morning fitness program.

"Our programs are building capacity in the whole school community to develop and sustain a healthy school environment with the goal of preventing chronic disease such as diabetes and heart disease," Ms Pennell said.

Up to 3270 schools and out-of-school-hours care services encompassing 190,000 children across Australia are part of the AASC program, managed by the Australian Sports Commission.

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UWA camp students Mayble Parker (St Brigid's Lesmurdie), Geordy Howard (Kununurra DHS) and Casey Griffith (Newton Moore, Bunbury) gown up in the lab.



At the University of Western Australia camp were, from left, Savannah Travia-Dann (Mercedes College), Wendilyn Torres (St Mary's College, Broome), Frank Mannel (Trinity College) and Nathan Matchett (Kingsway Christian College).

UWA camp popular



Western Australia.

The annual camp is designed to give students hands-on experience as they choose what they would like to do at university.

The students, from Years 9, 10 and 11 around the state, had the opportunity to experiment with liquid nitrogen, electricity and gyroscopes in the School of Physics.

They also took part in a simulated laparoscopic operation in the School of Surgery's Clinical Training and Evaluation Centre.

Year 9 Kununurra District High School student Allira Scott said the camp confirmed her wish to become a forensic scientist, while Year 9 Governor Stirling Senior High School student Amy Narrier said she was aiming to become a midwife.

Year 10 student Frank Mannel, from Trinity College, said he

Students given a taste of uni work

wouldn't decide on a career until he had completed his Bachelor of Science degree.

"I'll work out what I want to do at postgraduate level," he said.

The camp is run every year by the UWA's School of Indigenous Studies, whose Outreach program aims to inspire secondary students from Years 8 to 12 to consider a tertiary education in conjunction with Follow the Dream, Aspire UWA and Future Footprints.

This year, more than 40

Indigenous students started first year at UWA, while another 25 students are completing the UWA Aboriginal Orientation Course to prepare for entry to an undergraduate degree next year.

The School of Indigenous Studies has helped 43 Indigenous students to complete law degrees. It has 22 medicine graduates and, at the end of the year, is likely to have two dentistry graduates. Other students have completed arts and science degrees.

This year's camp students travelled from schools in the metropolitan area as well as Albany, Australind, Broome, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Katanning, Karratha, Kununurra, Newman, Port Hedland and Tom Price.

They stayed at the Point Walter Recreation and Conference Centre and, as well as enjoying academic and sporting activities at UWA, they had time for shopping and a river cruise.

At UWA they also met staff and students from the university's Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health.



Shian Wescombe, of Karratha SHS, and Sari Jones, of Newman SHS, get up close in the lab at UWA.



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Patti is praised for mentoring



Cherbourg
State School
Year 5 student
Harold Saltner
working with
mentor Patti
Bond.



CHERBOURG State School support teacher Jim Hartley says he has never seen children enjoy working so long or hard as when Patti Bond is on the job mentoring them.

Ms Bond, a family support worker at Mudjimba Women's Shelter in the south-east Queensland community, spends two hours each Tuesday helping children with their classwork, offering guidance and encouragement.

Now the call has gone out for more community-minded employers to allow their staff to contribute in a similar way.

"If you have one-on-one help from a mentor like Patti it makes it much easier for the children to have success," Mr Hartley said.

Cherbourg principal Peter Sansby said

it was about making his school the deadliest show in town.

"We want our children to love learning because it will give them a happier future," he said. "Our staff are dedicated to the cause and we now have the help from some community people and want more to join our classes."

'Happier future'

"Together we can make every day at school count to our children's happier future."

Murgon State School principal Pamela O'Loughlan called for similar help.

Cherbourg Hornets female rugby league players have mentored in her classes, and Ms O'Loughlan said it gave the children and teachers a huge boost.

"All I can say is they were great and we'd love to have more provide the

teachers with the same assistance," the principal said.

"It makes learning much more fun for the children."

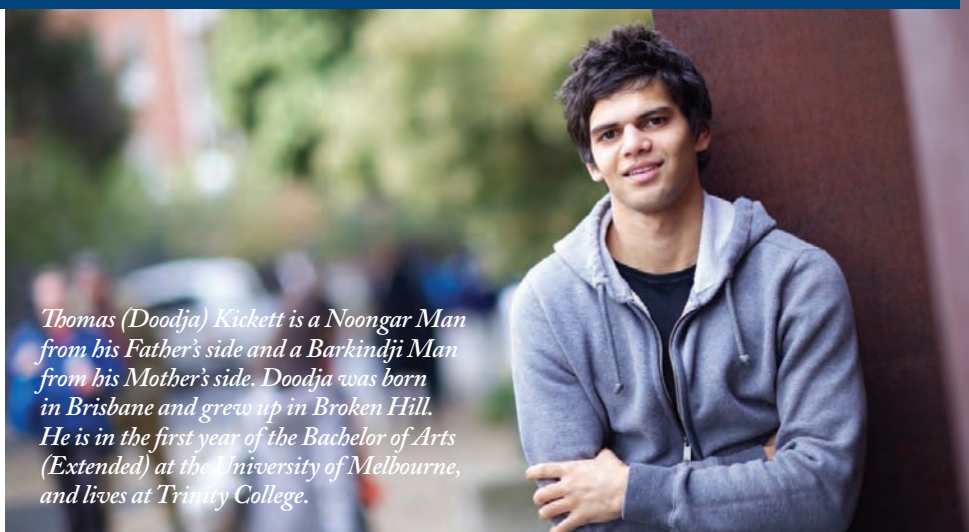
Ms Bond has called for more community-minded employers to allow their staff to contribute to the schools for an hour or two each week.

"We can guide and encourage the children through their work," she said.

"The feedback I'm getting from teachers is the children work much harder and longer with the support of a mentor by their side. It makes learning easier and helps to ensure our children will have a happier future."

People interested in helping children with their classroom work can phone either the Cherbourg or Murgon state school on (07) 4169 9333 or (07) 4169 8333 respectively, or see the principals.

'Big dreaming, no shame!'



Thomas (Doodja) Kickett is a Noongar Man from his Father's side and a Barkindji Man from his Mother's side. Doodja was born in Brisbane and grew up in Broken Hill. He is in the first year of the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) at the University of Melbourne, and lives at Trinity College.

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Three honoured during awards



Indigenous Apprentice Award winner Jeremiah Green.



THREE Indigenous young people were amongst the winners at this year's

Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA) Gold Medal and Training Awards, announced in Melbourne.

Jeremiah Green, from the WA community of Jarlamdangah, won the Indigenous Apprentice Award. He said he aims to take his skills back to his community of 200 to teach young people how to become plumbers.

Jeremiah said his biggest challenge had been moving away from his friends and family in WA, and at first the early morning starts were the hardest thing.

Indi Lowe and Danielle Speak won the Sir Rohan Delacombe Award which



INDI LOWE

assists young Indigenous students to start higher education or provides assistance with their secondary schooling.

Indi, from Warrnambool Victoria, said biology, maths and accounting were her favourite subjects, and for her, getting a good education was the key to obtaining a job she would enjoy.



DANIELLE SPEAK

"By having a good education, you are planning for your future and creating a beneficial life for yourself," she said.

Indi's goals are to complete Year 12 and to attend university and she would also like to travel overseas to broaden her experiences.

"I don't necessarily have a role model, but my inspiration

that keeps me going is my little sister Tathra," she said. "I wish to be a good role model for her and a moral support when she needs it."

Danielle Speak, from Kangaroo Flat near Bendigo, Victoria, also believes education is 'the key to opening doors' and said Cathy Freeman was her role model because she was an Indigenous person who had made a huge impact on a lot of people.

"I like that she is very down to earth and she is an inspiration," she said.

Danielle said she was a very sporty person, and loves all outdoor activities, so PE is one of her favourite subjects.

"I also like Australian history because it's important to know about our past and it's very interesting," she said.

Danielle's goals are to complete her VCE and play representative netball.



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Erin Taylor and Aaron Percival are both studying for specialised health degrees at the University of Newcastle; Erin for a Bachelor of Oral Health and Aaron for a Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

"I was inspired to pursue a career as a dental hygienist after my dad got sick with cancer and I realised I wanted to help look after people when they needed care," says Erin, who grew up in Tamworth and Forster.

"The support you get from Wollotuka is unbelievable. All the staff are my friends and I have a tutor who's already done the same degree, which is a big help with my assignments.

Aaron grew up in Coonabarabran as the youngest of four children and was always into sport, so physiotherapy was a natural path for him to follow.

"I've seen a lot of sports injuries, so I was drawn to this field and ended up transferring from an Exercise and Sports Science degree to specialise in physiotherapy," said Aaron.

"The people at Wollotuka guided me through the whole process and they also help me apply for scholarships and access financial support for accommodation. Wollotuka is like a second home to me. They help you go in the direction you want to go."

Application to these and other programs at the University for 2012 is made through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) which opens mid August. When applying through UAC make sure you indicate that you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to be eligible for the University of Newcastle's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program.

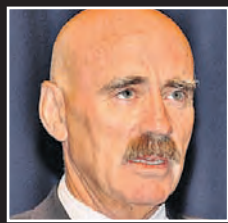
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Living longer the goal



INDIGENOUS Health Minister Warren Snowdon says the Australian Government is funding 38 community-driven projects to encourage Indigenous people to quit smoking, eat healthy, exercise more and better manage their own often chronic health issues.

"This is a \$10 million investment in an innovative, grassroots program to encourage better health among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is responsive to need and culturally appropriate because projects are



'The range of (health) projects represents the diversity of views in Aboriginal communities across the country about what is important health-wise...'
— *Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon*

developed by the local community, for the local community," he said.

"The projects include providing fresh fruit and vegetables every day for local communities, promoting traditional health

and healing, growing healthy food, encouraging homeless men to gather and cook bush tucker, and putting chronic disease messages to song.

"The range of projects represents the

diversity of views in Aboriginal communities across the country about what is important health-wise, and the vastly different approaches to solving health problems, all tailored to local needs, culture and environment."

The Indigenous community campaigns have been funded as part of the Australian Government's new Live Longer! health campaign. Live Longer! is a \$21.3 million program being delivered over four years and is part of the Government's Indigenous Chronic Disease Package.

For more information go to www.livelonger.health.gov.au

Health group helps Friends pay the rent



Murri Health Group director Jennie Anderson with Friends of the Street president Phill McLean.



THE Murri Health Group has committed to pay 12 months' rent to fund a new resource centre for Friends of the Street, an organisation which supports the homeless in Caboolture, south-east Queensland.

Murri Health Group founding director Jennie Anderson said the first patient at the new Murri Teilah Medical Centre in Caboolture was a homeless person.

"He told others about our service and they all became patients," she said.

"Murri Teilah staff noticed the hunger and need amongst these patients and wanted to assist. Some were homeless whilst others had a home but were struggling to feed themselves."

In addition to paying the rent for the resource centre, the Murri Health Group has established a referral relationship with Friends of the Street. Murri Health Group refers those with basic needs to Friends of the Street who refers those in need of medical attention to Murri Health.

The resource centre for Friends of the Street was launched on 25 July.

Friends of the Street offer a helping hand, where possible, to anyone suffering serious hardship.

Sister doctors set to study safe sleeping for Indigenous infants



A STUDY into safe sleeping practices for Indigenous infants in Queensland will be carried out by sisters Dr Hellene and Dr Catherine Demosthenous.

The researchers will travel to urban, rural and remote areas of Queensland to gain an insight into sleeping practices. The project will be conducted for SIDS and Kids Queensland and aims to find ways to tackle sudden and unexpected infant death.

The doctors work in Griffith University's Indigenous Community Engagement, Policy and Partnerships Unit, and are members of the university's Indigenous Research Network.

Dr Hellene Demosthenous said the project would be one of the most important research undertakings of the sisters' careers. "We are delighted to be involved in such a noteworthy project that

has the potential to improve and promote the health and well-being of our communities," she said.

The research project will require them to negotiate issues surrounding death in Indigenous communities, and particularly infant mortality.

Guidance

"We take comfort in the knowledge that we will be working in close collaboration with Elders, senior authority persons and health workers from the different urban, rural and remote communities, and will look to them for support, guidance and direction," Dr Catherine Demosthenous said.

Queensland Health manager of the Child Health and Safety Unit Helen Luyendyk said the project was a critical step in working towards closing the gap in sudden and unexpected infant deaths in Indigenous communities.

"The project will aim to uncover if there are barriers to safe infant sleeping messages reaching families and how easy those messages are for families to adopt," she said. "Queensland Health has provided funding to SIDS and Kids Queensland to explore ways to expand the evidence base and knowledge on how best to tailor key messages on safe infant sleeping practices to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families."

SIDS and Kids Queensland state manager Kelli-Ann Zakharoff said the funding, combined with the expertise of Griffith University, would put a much-needed spotlight on the issue.

"We hope to learn about sudden unexpected death in infancy (SUDI) and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) within Indigenous communities and identify how we can work to reduce the rates for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders," she said.

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New mobile dental van to service APY Lands



A NEW mobile dental van and equipment will help provide better dental health care to Aboriginal people in the far north-west of South Australia, Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon says.

Mr Snowdon launched the Nganampa Health Council's new dental van while visiting Pukatja or Ernabella in the Anangu-Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

"The previous mobile dental service vehicle had reached the end of its life after travelling more than 110,000 kilometres on outback roads since 1993," he said.

"This mobile dental service vehicle will ensure dental health professionals are able to reach people scattered across the APY Lands so they can get the quality dental care they need.

"The importance of healthy teeth cannot be underestimated, as we know poor dental health is often linked with chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and chronic respiratory problems."

The Federal Government provided \$276,650 to buy and fit out the new van and is also allocating \$144,562 for mobile dental equipment for use in the APY Lands.

"This funding will be used to purchase mobile dental equipment that can be transported by 4WD and set up in aged-care facilities or clinics where existing mobile clinics may be impractical or impossible to set up," Mr Snowdon said.

Tip cards aimed at ensuring more deadly Victorian teeth



Winda- Mara Aboriginal Corporation CEO Michael Bell with Health Practice Manager Janice Huggers at the launch of the 'Deadly Teeth' tip cards for families.



ABORIGINAL health workers at Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation in south-west Victoria are spreading messages to promote oral

health, with support from the Health Promotion Unit at Portland District Health. The 'Deadly Teeth' health promotion initiative has produced a set of three colourful, culturally appropriate tip cards for families promoting oral health for children aged up to seven and their parents and families.

The cards push three key oral health messages. The 'Eat Well' tip card promotes healthy eating behaviours because 'deadly teeth need good foods'.

The 'Drink Well' tip card highlights the importance of drinking tap water and avoiding 'bad drinks that rot your teeth'.

The 'Clean Well' tip card reminds children and families that 'deadly teeth need good care' and encourages regular tooth brushing.

Program

Three years ago, Winda-Mara worked with the Health Promotion Team at Portland District Health and Dental Health Services Victoria to pilot the Smiles4Miles oral health program in three local Indigenous playgroup sites.

The 'Deadly Teeth' initiative addresses oral health as a 'holistic' concept focusing on oral hygiene, nutritional intake, oral health literacy and access to dental services.

Traditionally, Indigenous people had fewer incidences of oral disease, but the introduction of Western diets has led to an increase in dental decay. Today, Indigenous communities have unique oral health needs and are at higher risk.

Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation is a health and cultural service for the Gunditjmarra people living in the Heywood and Hamilton district areas across south-west Victoria.

Warning on flu dangers



NSW Health obstetric adviser Dr Michael Nicholl has renewed a call for people to get the influenza vaccination, especially those in high-risk groups such as pregnant women and Indigenous people.

Dr Nicholl said pregnant women could help protect their baby by being vaccinated and also by encouraging people who

will be helping to care for their baby to be vaccinated.

"It is safe for pregnant women to get the flu vaccination, in fact it is strongly encouraged. The rate of side-effects from vaccinating pregnant or breastfeeding women is no different to the rate in other individuals," he said.

"For people who have not yet been vaccinated, now is the best opportunity to get the vaccine. It takes time for the vaccine to

work so you should not leave it to the last minute."

The vaccine is available free to people considered more vulnerable to severe influenza, including pregnant women, people with chronic illness, persons aged 65 and older, and all Aboriginal people aged 15 years and older.

NSW Health provides an influenza fact sheet and other related information at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Free breast checks in Cape, Torres Strait



WOMEN in Cape York and the Torres Strait will be able to get a free breast check with BreastScreen Queensland's digital mobile service visiting Thursday Island Primary Health Care Centre from the 22 August - 2 September, and Kowanyama Health Clinic from 26 - 28

September. State Health Minister Geoff Wilson said the digital mobile services were a fantastic development for women in regional and rural Queensland.

Free breast screens are available for all women aged over 40, but those in the 50-69 age group are most at risk and are encouraged to have a free breast check every two years.

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Wanted: Indigenous 'health heroes'



INDIGENOUS people are being urged to become 'health heroes' as part of a new national campaign.

The campaign aims to attract more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work in primary health-care roles, such as general practitioners, paramedics, medical receptionists, nurses, sports

physiotherapists and dental assistants.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon launched a new national advertising campaign on 24 July.

The \$4.3 million campaign features 'health heroes' – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people currently working in health from around Australia – and includes specialised targeted print, television, radio and online advertising

and a new 'health heroes' website.

It will be supported by 20 secondary school visits in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, expanding in 2012 and 2013 across Australia.

Mr Snowdon said the advertising and visits would help engage, inform and educate students about the challenges and rewards of working in Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander health.

The Minister said research demonstrated Indigenous people were more likely to seek primary health care when their own people were providing it.

More information about the advertising campaign and copies of the advertising materials are available at the website australia.gov.au/healthheroes

Minister praises Mala leaders



NT Health Minister Kon Vatskalis has praised the efforts of Mala leaders who have worked with key stakeholders in the

East Arnhem Land area during the past year to develop the Gapuwiyak Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) Management Plan, which came into effect on 1 July.

The Gapuwiyak plan means that it is now illegal to possess sniffable unleaded petrol, with Opal low aromatic fuel being the norm.

All contractors, residents and stakeholders must take reasonable care in the use, securing and disposal of volatile substances, and these new rules are enforceable by NT Police.

Mr Vatskalis said it was vital to reduce the harm caused by the misuse of volatile substances in remote communities.

"I am delighted to see Gapuwiyak joining the other East Arnhem communities that have been pro-active in developing these plans," he said.

Restrictions

"VSA restrictions now cover about 75 per cent of the region, with Numbulwar, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak and Yirrkala each having developed a VSA Plan. Galiwin'ku is currently consulting towards the development of their plan.

"The development of the plans has helped reduce volatile substance abuse in these areas."

Mr Vatskalis said Mala leaders had worked closely with East Arnhem Shire, Laynhapuy Homelands, Department of Health's Alcohol and Other Drugs Program, Gapuwiyak Health Clinic, Gapuwiyak CEC and Gapuwiyak residents.

"To their great credit, the community decided on a pro-active approach to volatile substance misuse before the problem became entrenched," the Minister said.

"The Mala leaders chose a regional and co-ordinated approach by ensuring their management area linked with the Ramingining and Numbulwar areas."

Copies of the management plan can be viewed at the East Arnhem Shire office at Gapuwiyak.

Mainstream is vital – doctor



Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Vanessa Mason, Dr Marilyn Clarke, Sharon Mason and Dr Clarke's mother Grace Kinsella after the official opening of the \$1 million extensions to the Lighthouse Surgery at Narooma.

By LAURELLE PACEY



MAINSTREAM health services will play the biggest role in providing primary

health care to Aboriginal communities and therefore in closing the health gap, Aboriginal doctor Marilyn Clarke says.

"They need to be aware of that role which has been recognised by the Council of Australian Governments, and not delegate to the 'silos' of Aboriginal community controlled health services which also have a role," the Coffs Harbour-based

doctor said. "But those services are not always accessible to a lot of Aboriginal people."

Dr Clarke and her twin sister Marlene Kong were the first Indigenous medical graduates from the University of Sydney. Dr Clarke is Australia's only Aboriginal obstetrician and gynaecologist.

When officially opening extensions to Dr Jenny Wray's Lighthouse Surgery recently at Narooma on the NSW far south coast, Dr Clarke said this was an excellent example of a mainstream practice 'that was getting it right', as was that of her own GP based in Woolgoolga.

"It's about making the environment culturally safe and welcoming for Aboriginal clients and that can be done in lots of little ways," she said.

"Things like Aboriginal artwork here in Jenny's waiting room, even a sign which I like saying 'This is your land and we welcome you to this practice'.

Flexible

"It's also about being aware of the financial constraints of a lot of Aboriginal people and so having bulk billing, and of the staff being friendly and more flexible with appointment times.

"If they're getting it right for

our mob, they're probably getting it right for the rest of the community."

Dr Clarke first went to the Lighthouse Surgery when she was a medical student in 1995.

Dr Clarke is of the Worimi people of Port Stephens, and with her siblings was brought up by their mother Grace Kinsella, one of the first Aboriginal nurses.

The opening of the Narooma surgery began with a welcome to country by Yuin Elder Auntie Vivien Mason, who is chair of the Wagonga Local Aboriginal Land Council, and a smoking ceremony by her daughters Vanessa and Sharon.

Hepatitis danger in the spotlight



WITH heavily disproportionate numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people having hepatitis, World Hepatitis Day on 28 July held important messages for Indigenous communities throughout the country.

In Sydney, the NSW Government launched the first-ever support kit for youth workers to raise awareness among young people about viral hepatitis to mark NSW Hepatitis Awareness Week (from 25-31 July).

The Youth and Health Worker Support Kit contains information about the risks, consequences and choices of body art and drug use, and will be distributed via local councils, youth support organisations, community health centres and online.

In Queensland, a health program is using art and story to tackle viral hepatitis in Indigenous communities (see separate story).

Meanwhile, the Australian Capital Territory Government is considering a report that recommends a plan for a needle and syringe program (NSP) in Canberra's prison, the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC), where 65 per cent of inmates have hepatitis C.

The report 'Balancing Access and Safety: Meeting the challenge of blood borne viruses in prison' was prepared by the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA).

Inflammation

Hepatitis refers to inflammation of the liver, often caused by viral infection. Left untreated, hepatitis can lead to serious health problems.

An estimated 26,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have hepatitis B and 16,000 more have hepatitis C.

Aboriginal Projects Officer with Hepatitis NSW in Sydney Kerry Walker said Australia had very good standards around health-care practices, including standards around reducing the risks of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and blood borne viruses (BBVs), such as screening of blood, sterilisation procedures, health promotion including harm minimisation – education, condoms and NSPs.

But she said comparisons between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia for hepatitis B and C were very concerning.

While an estimated one in 56 Australians suffer from chronic hepatitis B and C, the figures for Indigenous people are far worse – an estimated one in 12. The latter compared to global World Health Organisation figures, Ms Walker said.



Nicky Newley-Guivarra gives a community talk on hepatitis.

Spreading the word

NICKY NEWLEY-GUIVARRA isn't afraid to talk about tough subjects, but she knows there's more than one way to do it.

The Indigenous education officer at Hepatitis Queensland is in charge of a health program that uses art and story to help raise awareness of viral hepatitis and how it can be prevented in Indigenous communities.

The program is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia.

Ms Newley-Guivarra shares her own experiences with hepatitis C to offer support and information that she never had.

"Hepatitis in Indigenous communities is a real issue that just isn't going away," she said.

"Consequently, Hepatitis Qld has developed a health program that is delivered at a grassroots level in a way that is different to what mainstream health organisations are currently offering."

The program encourages Indigenous people to speak about how viral hepatitis is affecting their families and communities.

"People who wouldn't normally access mainstream health services come for the art and leave with information about viral hepatitis," Ms Newley-Guivarra said.

"I think what makes this program really work is my lived experience with hepatitis C.

"When I was first diagnosed with hepatitis C, I didn't even know what it was. It was scary, until I started to gain more knowledge. I used art to get me through the initial diagnosis and later through six months of treatment for the condition.

"I find that participants in the art workshops really relate to me. They see an Indigenous woman who has worked her way through drug addiction and has successfully cleared hepatitis C through treatment, and they think 'I can do that too'."

The Hepatitis Queensland art program is currently available in Indigenous communities across Queensland. Any organisations that would like to host an art workshop can contact Nicky Newley-Guivarra at Hepatitis Queensland on nicky@hepqld.asn.au

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make up approximately 2.4 per cent of the population, yet make up eight per cent of the hepatitis C population alone," she said.

"These figures could be even higher given that many people have not been tested and do not know they have the virus.

"We do know that few Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people access treatment (less than two

per cent), and competing co-morbidities in some cases can be proven barriers to treatment and, as such, in many cases cure."

Hepatitis NSW executive officer Stuart Loveday said that, despite the prevalence and seriousness of hepatitis, few people knew that hepatitis B and C could be managed and treated, and hepatitis C could be cured.

"That's why awareness-raising tools like this Youth Worker Support

Kit and testing for hepatitis are so important," he said.

● For more details visit www.hep.org.au, or phone the Hepatitis Helpline on (02) 9332 1599 (Sydney) or 1800 803 990 (NSW callers), or the Hepatitis Qld InfoLine 1800 648 491.

● The PHAA report is available on the PHAA and ACT Health websites at: www.phaa.net.au and www.health.act.gov.au/communityconsultation

Hepatitis facts

HEPATITIS B was first diagnosed in Australia in an Aboriginal person in 1964. It lives in semen, vaginal fluid and blood, it is transmitted both sexually and through blood. As such it is classified as both a sexually transmitted infection (STI) and a blood-borne virus (BBV).

There is a vaccine for hepatitis B and it is recommended every five years to check if a booster shot is needed. For those who come into contact with the virus who have not been vaccinated, 90 out of every 100 adults will naturally clear it and will be immune for life. For those who do not clear the virus, they will go on to have a chronic illness requiring treatment to manage the condition. There is no cure in these instances.

All babies born in Australia now receive hepatitis B immunisation as the rate of clearing the virus for a baby is very different – 90 out of 100 will not clear the virus and will go on to have a chronic disease for life.

HEPATITIS C lives in blood. It is only transmitted through blood, and as such it is classified as a blood-borne virus. Risk factors for transmission of hepatitis C are injecting drug use (very high risk), unsterile tattooing and body art (high risk), sharing – toothbrushes, razors, clippers etc (medium risk).

There is no vaccine for hepatitis C. For those who come into contact with the virus, 25 out of 100 will naturally clear it. However, you are never immune if you come into contact with the virus again; you can contract it again. There is a cure for hepatitis C, with current rates ranging between 50 to 80 per cent success.

Author Philip McLaren looking to the future

By RACHEL SCOLLAY

KAMILAROI author Philip McLaren is excited about the future of Indigenous writing, which he believes could garner a lot of attention, in the same way Indigenous art has.

"It's a trend on the cusp," he said.

McLaren is one of Indigenous Australia's most prolific writers, the author of six books, with one more on the way. His work has been translated and published in France, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Japan, French Polynesia, Africa and the US.

At the end of this month he is flying to London having been invited to speak at the British Museum on 8 September. His talk will form part of the program accompanying a major exhibition of Australian art – the first in London for over a decade – featuring over 120 works by 60 Australian artists including Indigenous artist Rover Thomas, Sidney Nolan and Brett Whiteley.

While in Europe McLaren will also be speaking at the University of La Rochelle on France's west coast, where his books have been studied for around ten years. He's also been invited to speak in Barcelona, Paris and Germany.

McLaren can't explain why his stories are so popular in France, where a translation of his 1995 book *Scream Black Murder* is now into its fifth re-print.

He estimates he sells five times as many books in French as he does in English, and that if he was selling the same amount in Australia he would be considered 'a raging best-seller'.

His book *Murder in Utopia*, was published in France before it was published in English, and has gone on to win a French literary award.

"I think it's a little bit exotic for



Indigenous writer Philip McLaren joined French publisher Sabine Pinon last week at the Byron Bay Writers' Festival in a session looking at the issue of foreign rights.

the French," he said. "They are finding out about Indigenous writers and writing and I think they've discovered a new thing, and they like it."

McLaren said he was incredibly impressed by a group of Indigenous women writers he met last year in Darwin at the NT Writers' Centre festival WordStorm.

The women were from Barkly Shire which encompasses an area of over 300,000sqkms in the central Northern Territory.

"They would travel hundreds of kilometres to get together and bounce their work off each other," he said.

"I could see something clicking in the women, something in the work which we've never seen before. It's very raw and exciting stuff.

"They will really re-set all our compasses. What they had to say and their ideas about things were really different... I can see this is about to take off."

McLaren said he's constantly doing research for his books and belongs to many historical

'They will really re-set all our compasses. What they had to say and their ideas about things were really different... I can see this is about to take off' – Philip McLaren

societies. "You put on the white gloves, and you're handling all these documents about massacres," he said. "And these guys are basically confessing to murder, in their own language and in their own code."

McLaren said that because he writes fiction, he didn't use to



At last year's WordStorm in Darwin were, from left, Barkly writers Ktima Heathcote, Maureen Nampijinpa O'Keefe, Priscilla Mick, Valda Napurrula Shannon Warndaparri, Lynette Lewis and session MC Yvette Holt.

reference where he found his material, but now he uses end-notes to inform the reader.

His sixth book, which is currently with his agent 'all written and ready to go', is called *West of Eden*, and is an historical novel based on research McLaren came across suggesting the 'Man from Snowy River' of the Banjo Paterson poem, was in fact an Aboriginal man.

Meanwhile, the current book he's working on is a thriller with a working title *Winter in Montmatre*. One of the main characters is an Aboriginal artist from the desert who's just coming to prominence, and who falls in love with a wealthy French art patron.

In terms of future projects, he said he's been thinking about returning to his former career in

the film and television industry and writing a screenplay.

"I'm starting to think about writing something that's set in Redfern, and it might be a screenplay," he said. "*Scream Black Murder* was set in Redfern but didn't deal with the social aspects of life in Redfern. I was on a different plot-line back then, I couldn't see how to work it in (to the plot) without being gratuitous. Now I can.

"Readers tend to like to focus on the exotic nature of life in the outback, so city-dwellers get a bit of a rough trot.

"I'd like to do something about kids raised in the cities. What life is like. I don't think there's much that's exotic about struggling in Redfern, trying to get a better life for your kids, and it needs to be examined a little better... That's what I would like to look at next."

● Barkly Writers Ink will feature at this month's Desert Harmony Festival. See Page 55 for more.



TREPANG

CHINA & THE STORY OF MACASSAN – ABORIGINAL TRADE

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华人、望加錫人、澳洲土著人的故事

UNTIL 16 OCTOBER
MELBOURNE MUSEUM

Trepang showcases historical artefacts, paintings, maps and photographs with new works to tell the story of the Aboriginal and Macassan – China contact around the trepang (sea cucumber) trade.

This exhibition forms part of Year of Chinese Culture in Australia 2011 – 2012.

John Bulunbulun & Zhou Xiaoping
Portrait of John Bulunbulun 2007
Acrylic and ochre on canvas

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RITUAL & CEREMONY MAREE CLARKE

UNTIL 30 OCTOBER
BUNJILAKA ABORIGINAL
CULTURE CENTRE

Ritual and Ceremony is an exhibition by renowned Koorie artist Maree Clarke that explores traditional ritual and ceremonial practices of her Victorian Aboriginal Ancestors. It looks at the power of art to heal, inspire and enable people to connect with their cultural heritage.

Presented as part of the Bunjilaka Community Exhibition Program. Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre is located at Melbourne Museum.

BUNJILAKA
MELBOURNE MUSEUM

Finalists vie for rich WA prize



THE 16 finalists in the country's richest Indigenous art prize will find out this Friday, 12 August, whose body of work has been determined by the judges to be most outstanding, winning them the \$50,000 Western Australian Indigenous Art Award.

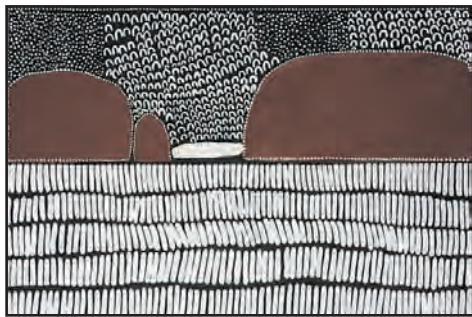
The winner of the \$10,000 WA Artist Award (for the most outstanding WA artist) will also be announced at the opening event in Perth this Friday.

The \$5000 People's Choice Award will be presented at the end of the exhibition season to the artist who receives the highest number of visitor votes.

Hosted by the Art Gallery of WA since 2008, this is the final year the awards will be run as an annual program, next returning in 2013.

The selection panel for the awards consisted of Indigenous curators Tina Baum and Glenn Iseger-Pilkington, contemporary Australian art curator Robert Cook and author and anthropologist Professor Howard Morphy.

Mr Iseger-Pilkington said the awards were a great way to educate people about



Two artists from flood-hit Warmun, Lena Nyadbi and Patrick Mung Mung, are amongst the WA Indigenous Art Award finalists. At left is Lena Nyadbi's *Jimbirila and Dayiwul Ngarranggarni*, 2010, ochre, earth pigment and acrylic binder on canvas. Artwork courtesy of the Lepley Collection, © the artist, courtesy of Warmun Art Centre. And at right is Patrick Mung Mung's *Purnululu*, 2009, ochre, earth pigment and acrylic binder on canvas. Artwork courtesy of the Wesfarmers Collection of Australian Art, Perth, © the artist, courtesy of Warmun Art Centre.

the breadth of Indigenous art practices, highlighting nuance and difference between Indigenous cultures, and sometimes even between different communities that might be quite close to one another.

"It's good to educate people that there's no one Indigenous aesthetic," he said.



"Indigenous artists can't be put in a box or pigeon-holed. Indigenous people have the same license to create artwork in whatever way they want."

The opening weekend of the awards exhibition (13-14 August) will feature a program of talks by artists, judges, curators

and other arts industry workers, including a panel discussion on the art of the East Kimberley on Sunday at 11.30am with representatives from the Warmun Art Centre (including Patrick Mung Mung and Lena Nyadbi, who are both finalists in the 2011 awards).

Mr Iseger-Pilkington said it was great to have two artists represented in the awards from Warmun considering the devastating floods that the town experienced earlier in the year.

"The whole art centre was flooded," he said. "That presented some difficulties for us (in preparing for the awards), as we made our announcement about the finalists around the time of the floods. There was just so much going on for that community at the time."

Other artists giving talks over the opening weekend include winner of the 2009 Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award Danie Mellor, and 2011 WA Indigenous Art Award finalists including Reko Rennie, Gary Lee and Michael Cook.

For full details of the opening weekend program go to www.artgallery.wa.gov.au and follow the artist talks link.

Cairns ready for art feast

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is only two weeks away and artists and collectors alike are anticipating the biggest event since its inception in 2009.

Artistic director Avril Quail says she is excited about innovations in this year's program and said the shift to the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal would bring a mix of people.

"We're expecting a different demographic because it's in the CBD, and that means a lot of people who wouldn't normally go and see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art will have access to it because of the new location," she said.

The exhibition will offer performances by the Mornington Island Dancers and Wilma Reading, and showcase works by Vernon Ah Kee, Tony Albert, Dennis Nona, Mavis Ngallametta and Alick Tipoti, among a pool of more than 150 Queensland-born or -based Indigenous artists.

The works will be featured across eight galleries and 13 Indigenous art centres, including two new art centres from Badu and Moa Island in the Torres Strait.

"We're going to see a very exciting program, we have been working hard to build on the strengths of the last two art fairs, we have collectors and art directors flying in from New York as well as a number of state and national galleries," Ms Quail said.

She said the main strength of CIAF had always been its artists.

"The great thing about Queensland Indigenous artists is that they aren't shy about their work and enjoy talking about it," Ms Quail said.



CIAF artistic director Avril Quail ... "We have been working hard to build on the strengths of the last two art fairs."

She said there was a renaissance in Queensland Indigenous art similar to that of the Papunya Aboriginal art movement of the 1980s, and that CIAF was proud to be a part of it.

Creating history

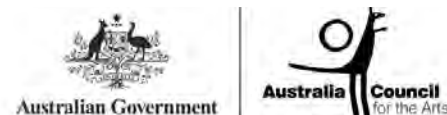
"I really do believe that Queensland Indigenous artists are creating art history, and now is the time to invest in their work. We have art available from \$5 to \$50,000," she said.

"CIAF is feeding into this regeneration

of cultural activity and there's an overwhelming sense of wonder that there's so much diversity in Queensland Indigenous artists. At the end of the day, CIAF is about keeping culture strong and pointing to the future.

"Emerging artists can operate in the contemporary world, you don't have to be one or the other, traditional or contemporary, you can really have it all."

The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair runs from 19-21 August. For more information go to www.ciaf.com.au



FREE PHILANTHROPY AND AbaF WORKSHOPS FOR INDIGENOUS ARTISTS AND ART ORGANISATIONS

Monday 22 August 2011
Cairns, Far North Queensland



1. Building Bridges and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (Australia Council for the Arts)

present

Philanthropy 1.01

In this workshop you will learn how to access philanthropy, especially suitable for arts organisations and communities

Topics:

- What is philanthropy
- What funding is available and who do you speak to?
- How to prepare a grant application
- How to realise your dream project

Facilitators:

- Russell Smith-Building Bridges
- Helen Morris-Indigenous Affinity Group

Date: Monday 22 August 2011

Time: 10.00am to 4.30pm

Venue: Urchin Room, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns

Cost: Free

Ideal for: Arts organisations and communities

Register: email atsia@australiacouncil.gov.au or telephone Carol on 02 9215 9067

2. The Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (Australia Council for the Arts)

present

Connect with donors: building relationships and securing income

In this workshop you will learn about how to build relationships with supporters who will help to fund your work through tax-deductible donations.

Topics:

- What is a donation and who gives?
- How can AbaF's Australia Cultural Fund help you?
- How to promote your project
- Identifying potential supporters and building relationships
- Spreading the word – telling your story
- Thanking and acknowledging donors

Facilitator:

- Jane Haley CEO Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF)

Date: Monday 22 August 2011

Time: 10.00am to 4.30pm

Venue: Urchin Room, Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, 35-41 Wharf Street, Cairns

Cost: Free

Ideal for: Artists and arts practitioners

Register: securely online at www.abaf.org.au or telephone Alicia on 03 9616 0314

Refreshments and lunch provided.

Places are limited. Register now to secure your place.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

Telstra award includes some moving images



● **ABOVE:** Curator Hetti Perkins in a still image from *Art+Soul* which she wrote and presented and which will screen as part of the Films About Artists program at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory on 13 August.

● **RIGHT:** A still from the short claymation film *The Orphan Boy* which will screen as part of the Art Films program at MAGNT on 14 August.



FOR the first time, this year's Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Award exhibition will include a selection of moving images, with two free film programs screening at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in Darwin over the opening weekend (13-14 August).

There will also be a free screening of Tracey Moffatt's 1993 feature film *Bedevil* on Sunday 4 September at 1.30pm.

The Saturday 13 August program is called Films about Artists and features the first episode of the ABC series *Art+Soul* (55 minutes), directed by Warwick Thornton and written and presented by curator Hetti Perkins.

Short films *Warruwi Basket Weavers* directed by June Mills, about a day's outing collecting materials for basket weaving, and *Dilthan Yolngunha*, about the Dilthan Yolngunha Aboriginal healing centre at Gulkula in north-east Arnhem Land, will round out the program.

Films about Artists will screen on 13 August at 11am, followed by a Q+A session with Hetti Perkins and June Mills, and again at 2.30pm (screening only).

The Sunday 14 August program is called Art Films and consists of six short films spanning a 20-year period.

Works range from the 1988 film *Heres My Hand – A Testimony to an Aboriginal Memorial* which documents the making of 200

hollow log burial poles for the 1988 Sydney Biennale exhibition, through to the 2007 film *Who Paintin' dis Wandjina?*, which sees an anonymous, non-Indigenous graffiti artist speaking about his use of the Wandjina in his graffiti around the city of Perth, with the response from traditional owners on the inappropriateness of using this sacred creator spirit without 'proper' knowledge.

Animations

Two short animation films from cyberTribe's *Big Eye: Aboriginal Animations* touring exhibition also form part of the program, including the claymation adaptation of a traditional West Arnhem Land Dreamtime story *The Orphan Boy*, which was created by students from Gunbalanya Community School with animators from Gozer Media.

Program curator Jenny Fraser will be joined by Indigenous curator Djon Mundine for a Q+A session after the 11am screening of Films about Artists.

She said *Heres My Hand* had been Mr Mundine's original concept, and the resulting artwork depicted in the film, made up of 200 hollow log coffins from central Arnhem Land, commemorated all the Indigenous people who had died since 1788 defending their land and had since been installed as a permanent exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia.

Art Films screens at 11am on 14 August (followed by Q+A) and again at 2.30pm (screening only). All screenings are free.

Grants to Create September Funding Round

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites individuals, groups and organisations working within the arts (excluding television, film and radio), to apply for grants in the following categories:

All Art Forms
Creative Development Fellowships

Indigenous Arts
Development
Distribution and Marketing

Performing Arts
Dance Mid Career Fellowships

Visual Arts and Craft
Mid Career Fellowships

Young People and the Arts
Development
Distribution and Marketing
Fellowships
International Scholarship

Applications close 5pm, 23 September 2011

Please check our website for more details

www.dca.wa.gov.au/funding

or call us on 9224 7300 or 1800 199 090 (toll free)

Government of Western Australia
Department of Culture and the Arts

I Wish I Lived in Wonderland, Concept Illustration, by Rose Skinner.

Dance theatre is on short list for Sydney cultural precinct



INDIGENOUS company Bangarra Dance Theatre is on a short list of six organisations to be potentially located at the arts and cultural precinct at Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay in Sydney. NSW Arts Minister George Souris said the multi-million-dollar refurbishment of Pier 2/3 would complete the revamp of Walsh Bay into a major arts and

cultural precinct for the state.

"Walsh Bay is already a significant arts and cultural hub with major groups such as Sydney Theatre Company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Australian Theatre for Young People and Sydney Dance Company housed there," Mr Souris said.

"Earlier this year the NSW Government called for registrations of interest from not-for-profit arts organisations

for long-term uses of the pier for arts, creative and cultural purposes."

The other organisations on the short list, which will now enter into the next stage of discussions as potential residents and key users of the pier are the Australian Chamber Orchestra, Australian Theatre for Young People, Bell Shakespeare, Sydney Writers' Festival and the Biennale of Sydney.

Emerging EP series recipients named



AFTER receiving 'many excellent entries' from across NSW, the three recipients of the 2011 NSW Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music EP series have been selected.

Up-and-coming hip hop artist Duke Bailey, from Inverell, in northern NSW,

Sydney-based jazz-flavoured singer songwriter Jess Beck and Sydney-based soul singer Marcus Corowa will now get to record an EP at Gadigal Information Service's state-of-the-art recording studio in Sydney.

The resulting EPs will be released through the Gadigal Music label and MGM distribution later in the year.



Adnymathanha artist Roy Coulthard teaches Dallas Brad, 13, how to carve a boomerang at the Urramunja Art Centre.

New art centre is a dream come true



FOR more than 15 years, Aboriginal artist Deborah Fuschtei had a vision of opening an art centre where Aboriginal artists could be recognised for their talents and sell their works.

Last month she realised her long-held dream with the opening of the Urramunja Art Centre in Port Augusta, South Australia.

Ms Fuschtei said it had not been an easy path, with people telling her the idea had no merit and could not be achieved. But her artist mother Valerie Naylor-Fuschtei inspired her to go for it.

Then a chance meeting put her in contact with Port Augusta Business Centre manager Darryl Whitford, and Ms Fuschtei had finally found someone who could see the potential and could help.

And from that meeting just over two years ago, Urramunja Arts was born. Initially working from office space at the business centre, the

mother of seven, and grandmother of three had a full-time job in education while developing her business.

Ms Fuschtei is now based in Port Augusta's city centre.

Operating as a privately run business, Ms Fuschtei sells Aboriginal art supplied by more than 30 artists from Port Augusta to Birdsville, encompassing more than 28 different clan groups, with works ranging from traditional dot-style paintings to contemporary pieces, as well as jewellery and wood-carvings.

Display

For some artists this is the first time their artwork has been on public display.

Ms Fuschtei said younger people were now becoming keen to learn the skills of storytelling through art, and this had opened up an avenue for Elders to pass on their knowledge, culture and skills.

Young people also volunteer at the centre, and at the opening they

spoke about how they were inspired to reach their goals, having seen Ms Fuschtei do just that.

A Wangkangurru Lower Southern Arrente and Adnymathanha-Kuyani descendent, Ms Fuschtei said she was proud of her culture and proud to be an Aboriginal person promoting Aboriginal culture through art and providing an income for artists.

"There are many unique, diverse clan groups in this region and I'm passionate about giving artists an outlet to sell their work and support local artists," she said.

"Opening Urramunja Art Centre has been a dream of mine for many years and, even though I have had setbacks and people said it could never be done, I have never given up on my belief or passion for the centre.

"I share the artists' strong connection to the land and family and because I live in the community and am embedded in the culture, that helps build trust between the artists and myself."

Harmony festival in desert



THIS year's Desert Harmony Festival in the Northern Territory centre of Tennant Creek opens on 26 August with a street parade, and will celebrate the art and culture of the Barkly region with several new events as well as firm favourites, according to festival manager Karin Riederer.

The festival runs until 4 September and highlights will include the Song Peoples Sessions collaborative concert on Friday 2 September featuring contemporary singer-songwriters Shellie Morris and Warren H Williams, and traditional Yanyuwa and Warumungu singers.

DanceSite 2011, presented by Artback NT on 3 September, will showcase the strength and dynamism of the region's traditional dancers, including the Mornington Island Dancers, and Numbulwar's Red Flag Dancers, who wowed the 2000-strong audience last year.

Satellite events include Opera Australia's Oz Opera touring production of Verdi's great love

story *La Traviata*, and a screening of 2011's best Australian short films, as selected by the St Kilda Film Festival.

Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre will host a culture carnival on Sunday, 28 August, with poetry readings, an open mic session, live music, fire-cooked damper and billy tea, a smoking ceremony, guided tours and more.

Photography

Meanwhile, photography project 'Barkly Captured!', which has involved more than 150 people documenting life across the Barkly region, will go on show in the main street of Tennant Creek.

Most events are free, and locals and visitors are invited to experience the culture of the Barkly through youth performances, music, films, a multi-cultural dinner show, circus workshops, a regional art market and other cultural festivities.

Check out the full festival program at www.barklyarts.com.au/newsevents.php

Program guides will be released soon.



Pack of Camp Dogs created by Aurukun sculptors. Full artwork credits see website.

CAIRNS INDIGENOUS ART FAIR 2011

19-21 August

Come along to the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, a unique marketplace for the sale of art by Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

There's deadly visual art, dance, music, artist talks and forums, as well as fantastic free art activities for the kids.

Opening Party

18 August

CIAF Symposium

19 August

Tickets: www.ticketlink.com.au ph 1300 855 835

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National

11 August-30 October: 28th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. The award is one of the premier national events in the Australian Indigenous arts calendar. All welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery, Conacher St, Fannie Bay, Darwin. Details: (08) 8999 8203 or (08) 8999 8264 or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

12-13 August: 6th National Indigenous Legal Conference – 'The Pursuit of Equality'. The aim is to bring Indigenous legal figures and Aboriginal lawyers and law students to discuss a range of matters. Free and all welcome. Held at Dock Side, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbor. Details: (0402) 549 781 or email directors.ngalaya@gmail.com or visit www.ngalaya.com

7 September: Indigenous Literacy Day aims to help raise funds to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions through funding books and literacy resources. Events and fundraisers are held across Australia. All welcome to register their event. Details: (02) 9319 2883 or email info@indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au

Until 9 September: Coloured Stone, national Black Boy tour featuring special guests, Indigenous hip-hop artists Young Warriors, Impossible Odds, Karnage & Darknis, Johnny Mac, Mr Morgz, Miss Hood. Cost for tickets involved, all welcome. Dates and locations: 26 August, Step Inn, 186 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley Brisbane; 2 September, Fowlers 68/70 North Tce, Adelaide; 3 September, The Evelyn Hotel, 351 Brunswick St, Fitzroy; 6 September, Tone Bar, 16 Wentworth Ave, Surry Hills, Sydney; 9 September, The Gap Hotel, Alice Springs. Details: (03) 9471 3524 or visit www.paybackrecords.com.au

NSW-ACT

Until 15 August: Celebrating 40th year in providing free legal advice and representation to the Aboriginal people, the Aboriginal Legal Services NSW/ACT are calling for entries for Indigenous artist to submit their artworks for their chance to win up to \$2000 in cash and their artwork will be used to create the 40th anniversary poster. Submitted works must reflect the Aboriginal Legal Service and their 40-year history and survival. Free and all welcome. Details: visit www.facebook.com/pages/Aboriginal-Legal-Service-NSWACT/135522603177840

Until 15 August: NSW Rural Doctors Network, on behalf of the NSW Department of Health, is offering three cadetships to Indigenous medical students wishing to undertake medical careers in rural NSW. Cadets received up to \$30,000 during their medical degree and in return work for two years in rural NSW base hospitals. All welcome to apply. Eligibility criteria and details on how to apply are available at details: (02) 4924 8000 or visit www.nswrdsn.com.au

Until 20 August: 'Belong', an Indigenous dance performance, showcased by 13 Bangarra dancers from Queensland and expressing the Torres Strait Islander environment combined into theatrical contemporary dance. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Sydney Opera House,

Tour takes in five cities

ESSENDON footballer Nathan Lovett-Murray has announced the Payback Records 'Black Boy National Tour', which will see two-time Aria nominated band Coloured Stone and hip-hop crew Yung Warriors, playing at five major centres across the country.

Coloured Stone have graced the stage at The Big Day Out and Woodford Folk Festival, and recently performed to more than 84,000 people at Melbourne's MCG along with Yung Warriors as a part of the annual Dreamtime at the 'G celebration of the Indigenous community's contribution to the AFL.

With a film crew documenting the tour, Indigenous home town support across all states, Indigenous comedian Kevin Kropinyeri hosting all shows and DJ Mr Duke Box playing Indigenous music hits, Lovett-Murray reckons it could be the first ever 100 per cent Indigenous-run tour in Australia.

He believes the tour will continue the long-held tradition of respecting Elders and embracing the youth.



Yung Warriors, who will tour with Coloured Stone.

Black Boy National Tour dates

- 26 August, Brisbane (with Impossible Odds)
- 2 September, Adelaide (with Karnage & Darknis)
- 3 September, Melbourne (with Johnny Mac, Mr Morgz and Miss Hood)
- 9 September, Alice Springs (with Karnage & Darknis)
- 16 September, Sydney (with The Last Kinection)

For more information go to www.paybackrecords.com.au

Sydney. Details: visit www.bangarra.com.au

Until 21 August: *Windmill Baby*, a play showcasing the story of Indigenous Australians in the service of white Australians. All welcome, cost involved. Held at Belvoir Theatre Company, Surry Hills. Details: (02) 9699 3444 or visit www.belvoir.com.au

Until 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. Eight sessions. Free and all welcome. Held at the Family Centre, Market St, Lismore. Details: (02) 6620 2999

Until 20 September: 'Circle of Security' Goori Parenting Group. The aim is to help build stronger relationships with our jarjums. Teaching new ways to understand our jarjums' needs and behaviour. Free and all welcome. Child minding available and light lunch provided. Held at Jumbunna Community Pre-school, 60 High St, Casino. Details: (02) 6662 2866 or email Doris@jumbunna.com.au

Until 20 November: Yellomundee Aboriginal Bushcare Group tree planting and weed pulling, also a fishing competition and more. Free BBQ lunch. Bring a coffee mug, a bottle of water and a fold-up chair, wear comfortable clothing and shoes. All welcome. Yellomundee Regional Park, Springwood Rd, Yarramundi. Details: (02) 4588 2400 or (02) 4588 5144.

11-12 August: Health Summit to address problems faced by people with disabilities and their carers. All welcome. Held at Queanbeyan City Council Hall, Queanbeyan. Details: (0433) 531 839 or email ngunnawal.lock@bigpond.com

17 August: MEND Group can help you make the choice between abusive and controlling relationships or warm, close and intimate relationships with others who are dealing with similar circumstances. Free and all welcome. Held at Community and Cultural Centre, 35 Walker St, Casino. Details: (02) 6622 6116 or email events@menandfamily.org.au

20 August: Community Planning Forum aims to identify local solutions to the

challenges Indigenous people face economically, environmentally and socially. Free and all welcome. Register now and have your say. Held at Lismore City Hall. Details: (02) 6621 3892 or visit www.futurelismore.rainbowregion.com

10-11 September: Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival, capped up to 16 teams from the Bundjalung Nation. Up to \$6000 of prizemoney. All welcome. \$7 admission, children under 12 years free. Held Red Devil Park, Byron Bay. Details: (0402) 309 582 or email creighton@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Victoria

8-12 August: Diversity Week. Featuring a keynote presentation by Professor Pat Dudgeon from the University of Western Australia called 'Mothers of Sin', which is about reclaiming women's power and status in Indigenous society. Free and all welcome. Held at the University of Melbourne, 801 Swanston St. Details: (03) 8344 4000 or email tomnm@unimelb.edu.au

Until 30 October: 'Ritual and Ceremony' Aboriginal art exhibition. Works by Indigenous artist Maree Clarke, showcasing mourning experienced by Victorian Koori communities due to their loss of family, land, language and cultural practices. All welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum. Details: 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Queensland

Until 23 October: Celebration showcasing the diverse arts and vibrant culture of Torres Strait Islanders, include 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

19-21 August: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair – a boutique art market for traditional and contemporary works by Queensland Indigenous artists. The three-day event also features a dance and music program,

academic symposium, artists' talks and children's art station. Free and all welcome. Held at Cruise Liner Terminal, Wharf St, Cairns. Details: (07) 4048 1414 or email info@ciaf.com.au or visit www.ciaf.com.au

12-13 November: Bush Tucker Day 2011, two fun days of bush tucker and cooking demonstration workshops, food sampling and more. Featuring guest chefs live entertainment and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Scarborough Rd, Redcliffe. Details: (07) 3880 1320 or email Kullilla@dreamtime.auz.net or visit www.dreamtime.au.net

Northern Territory

12-14 August: The Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair. Featuring more than 42 Aboriginal-owned-and-operated art centres from around the country. Public forums, workshops, guided tours and demonstrations from emerging artists, showcasing prints, paintings, carvings, sculptures, fabrics, ceramics and more for sale. All welcome. Held at Darwin Convention Centre, Waterfront Precinct. Details: (0407) 729 681 or visit www.darwinaboriginalartfair.com.au

12-21 August: 'Ngingawila Kurrujipini' Aboriginal art exhibition. Showcasing Indigenous artworks from the three art centres on the Tiwi Islands. Free and all welcome. Held at Holiday Inn Esplanade, 116 Esplanade, Darwin. Details: (08) 8941 3593 or email tiwart@tiwart.com or visit www.tiwart.com

26-28 August: 45th anniversary of the Walk-off Wave Hill Station – that led to the national land rights movement on 26 August 1975. Entertainment and activities. Free and all welcome. Held at Kalkaringi, 490km south-west of Katherine, on the edge of the Tamami Desert. Details: 0420 719 166 or visit www.gurindjifreedomday.com

26 August-4 September: Desert Harmony, Art and Culture Festival 2011. Anyinginyi Manu (Our Place) – street parade, the art and culture festival is held across ten days and features dance performances, photography, children activities and more. All welcome. Held at Tennant Creek, 525km north of Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8962 2799 or email karin.riederer@barklyarts.com.au or visit www.barklyarts.com.au/newsevents.php

Western Australia

13 August: Western Australia Indigenous Art Awards 2011. The 16 artists selected to exhibit in the awards will be judged. Live entertainment and guest speakers. Free and all welcome. Cost involved. Details: (08) 9492 6635 or email IndigenousArtAward@artgallery.wa.gov.au or visit www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

27 August: Yuyuya Nampitjinpa and Josephine Napurrula, an Aboriginal art exhibition showcasing Indigenous artworks that tells the story of strong leaders in the community cultural life of Kintore. Free and all welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay Street, Subiaco. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossenson galleries.com.au

South Australia

4 November: Nunga touch football carnival, bringing together the community to embrace and support youth development through healthy active sports participation of 16 school competing. Free and all welcome. Held at Henley Beach High School, Cudmore Tce, Henley Beach. Details: (0437) 919 957 or email rtanimu@centacare.org.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



The latest Rio Tinto Aboriginal Work Ready Employment Program graduates.

Ready for work



MORE Aboriginal people are now on the job following the latest graduation from mining company Rio Tinto's Aboriginal Work Ready Employment Program.

A total of 29 of the 30 program students who graduated at Wickham in the Pilbara region of Western Australia already have work. All received the Certificate 2 in Resource Infrastructure after completing the 20-week program run through TAFE. Areas covered included senior first aid, light vehicle servicing, elevated work platform (EWP) and business and finance training.

Outstanding achievement awards were presented to Cheyenne Simmons, Kody Ware, Sharon Aubrey and Anna Wailu.

Rio Tinto Coastal Operations employed 21 students, with others



Rio Tinto Aboriginal Work Ready Employment Program success stories, from left, Jaimee Ryder, Savannah Skeen, Anna Wailu, Cheyenne Simmons and Kody Ware.

taking up jobs in different areas. The Australian Defence Force's Pilbara Regiment also recruited

three graduates as part of the Army Reserve program. Rio Tinto general manager port

operations Nick Serle and general manager port services Marnie Finlayson took part in the

graduation ceremony and congratulated the students on their achievement.

"Over the last two years the Rio Tinto Work Ready Program has ramped up and we have seen over 90 students graduate and become successfully employed within the mining and resources industry," they said.

"This was the first course to include work experience placement and personal mentoring which was very popular with the students and really helped them to secure jobs they find interesting."

Rio Tinto's Aboriginal Work Ready Employment Program is run twice a year, with the next course planned for September.

For further information regarding Rio Tinto Work Ready programs, contact Justin Francesconi on 0488 321 902 or (02) 6213 1155.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the *Koori Mail's* Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish scores of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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Senior Lecturer Social Housing and Environmental Health

Position No: TBA

Fixed term appointment commencing Oct 2011 to Nov 2014 – Batchelor NT

Remuneration: Academic Level C - \$88,780 - \$102,371

The position provides an exciting and challenging opportunity in the community services field. The key responsibilities will include delivery of approved VET programs in social housing and environmental health; teaching, management and facilitation of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities; student assessments, maintenance of student records, supervision of students, and monitoring of student progression.

Applications close: Friday, 19th August 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.



Senior Worker Bundji Bundji Employment Program (BBEP) Full time based in Geelong



The Bundji Bundji Employment Program (BBEP) is a partnership program between Whitelion and Murrenda Aboriginal Community Care aimed at supporting disadvantaged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to secure stable employment.

We are seeking an experienced, qualified and motivated Senior Worker to join the employment team working specifically with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This position will be based at Narana Creations in Grovedale. The Bundji Bundji employment team's focus is on empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to achieve long term sustainable employment.

Salary on offer: \$46,930, plus salary packaging and meal entertainment benefit.

For a copy of the position description please go to www.whitelion.org.au or contact Raymond Walters on (03) 9389 4420

Please address the key selection criteria in your application.

**Applications close
5.00pm on the 15th of August 2011.**



GEGAC seeks applicants for the position of Personal Assistant to CEO (Full Time)

The position of Personal Assistant provides executive support to the CEO and the Executive Management Team by agreement. This role enables the CEO to focus on the key issues affecting GEGAC, by providing responsibility for the effective day-to-day operation of the office of the CEO.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception.

Applications must be addressed in writing to:
Personal Assistant CEO Role
GEGAC
P.O. Box 634 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

Applications will close by 5pm Friday 19th Aug 2011

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Internal Applicants are eligible to apply.



Strategic Project Officer

Permanent Part Time (4 Days per week) Negotiable
Hunter/ Central Coast Location

Bring your relevant qualifications and experience to develop, identify, design and manage projects that will promote the creation of caring and inclusive communities and a just society within the Hunter/ Central Coast. This exciting new role will involve assessing and reviewing the needs of the region, developing and maintaining strategic alliances with the community, and providing feedback with opportunities to enhance service development.

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The Benevolent Society has been caring for Australians and their communities for nearly 200 years. We are a non-religious, non-profit organisation working to bring about positive social change in response to community needs.

For further information on how to apply visit our website where you will find the position description. Applications must address the selection criteria found in the position description and close on **Friday 26th August 2011**.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

www.bensoc.org.au



Executive Manager Health Services

**Full-time position
Executive Leadership Role**

This position is responsible for operational control of the Health Services at the Co-operative.

The successful applicant will have:

- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or extensive experience.
- Successful management of a health services organisation and demonstrated experience in the supervision of staff and management reporting.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal culture and an understanding of the Social Determinant factors that influence Aboriginal Health.
- Ability to provide leadership, support and encouragement to the organisation and community.

Salary Packaging is available.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a Victorian Police check.

For a Position Description please contact Scherie Moulton on (03) 5820 0000 or email: scherie@racilimited.com.au

Applicants that fail to address the key selection criteria in the position description will not be considered.

Applications close 4.00pm 31 August 2011 and are to be addressed to:

Human Resources Dept
Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative
PO Box 614
Mooroopna Vic 3629

Members of the Aboriginal Community are encouraged to apply

Relationships Australia

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Relationships Australia NT (RANT) is part of one of Australia's largest community based organisations whose vision is to create communities where relationships are respectful, diversity is valued and all people have a true sense of connection and belonging.

Expressions of Interest

Male Indigenous Advisor

Full Time position in Alice Springs Office

An exciting opportunity exists to join the staff of Relationships Australia NT in the above position at the Family Relationship Centre (FRC), Alice Springs.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Providing effective, innovative and culturally appropriate Family Relationship Centre (FRC) services for Aboriginal people in the NT.
- Community development and networking with Aboriginal communities and relevant organisations and services.
- Assisting other FRC staff in providing services to Aboriginal clients in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Travel to Aboriginal Communities throughout Central Australia.

To discuss the positions further, please call
Ms Cheryl Ross on (08) 8950 4100 or
Mr Kimberley Hunter (08) 8923 1400

To express interest please forward your CV to
Jade at jade@ra-nt.org.au

Applications by:

5.00pm Friday 12th August 2011

Aboriginal people and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.



Native Title Services Victoria Ltd

CEO

*Readvertised
(previous applications will be considered
and need not apply)*

Indigenous rights focus

Scope for transformational impact

NTSV provides professional services to Victorian traditional owner groups seeking to achieve recognition as the first owners of the land. Its mission is to "facilitate sustainable native title and land justice outcomes" for these groups. Its vision is to "turn the tide of history" for traditional owners of Victoria.

Since its establishment in 2003 NTSV has gained a strong reputation for excellence in service delivery and has facilitated positive determinations of native title, as well as being integrally involved in the collaborative negotiation of ground-breaking alternative native title settlement legislation enacted in 2010 by the Victorian Parliament.

With NTSV's founding CEO stepping down, the Board is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced successor. The new CEO will lead the organisation through a new phase of growth and development.

Reporting to a seven member Board of highly-regarded Indigenous Victorians, the CEO has overall responsibility for the management of all NTSV's activities and for providing sound leadership to its team of lawyers, researchers, liaison officers and corporate services staff.

The role requires proven experience in corporate management, excellent strategic and leadership skills, familiarity with native title issues and strong commitment to the land justice aspirations of Indigenous Victorians.

An attractive salary package commensurate with experience will be negotiated, with the APS SES Band 1 range as a guide.

A commencement date will be negotiated with the successful appointee to allow for an effective handover period.

A copy of the Job Description is available on the NTSV website at www.nts.com.au For strictly confidential (and optional) discussion of the position contact Chris Marshall (current CEO) on 0412 479 701 or cmarsshall@nts.com.au

Applications are to include a CV, cover letter and written responses to the key selection criteria. The selection criteria can be found in the job description headed "Desired Qualifications, Experience and Skills". Responses should comprise no more than half a page per criterion.

Please submit all applications via e-mail to megan.fulford@bendelta.com Bendelta is the consulting firm assisting the NTSV Board with this appointment.

Indigenous people with requisite skills are encouraged to apply. NTSV is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications close Monday 22nd August 2011

FINANCE OFFICER – ALICE SPRINGS BASED



Ninti One Ltd (NOL) is an organisation which incorporates the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation and is devoted to the creation of benefit for remote Australian people, businesses and landscapes through research. Ninti and its 50+ partners collaborate to deliver excellent research, training, commercialisation, economic development and evidence for policy from its work.

Reporting to the Manager Corporate Services (MCS), this role is responsible for creditors, NOL payroll, banking and other various duties. Specific responsibilities include validating and coding creditors and entering details into the financial system, reconciling credit cards and raising invoices on behalf of NOL, managing NOL fleet vehicles and managing the day-to-day running of all telephone accounts, IT and other duties as directed by the MCS. Quickbooks experience is essential.

For a job and person specification, please visit www.hender.com.au

Applications in Word format only should be forwarded to Justin Hinora at Hender Consulting by email to 14131@hender.com.au Telephone enquiries are welcome to Justin on (08) 8100 8829.



Department of
Sustainability
and Environment

Seasonal Firefighters Indigenous Employment Opportunities



The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria have seasonal firefighter positions open to indigenous applicants.

An exciting opportunity awaits!

DSE and Parks Victoria employ field staff across metropolitan and regional Victoria to assist with the prevention and suppression of bushfires in parks and forests. 20 positions are available for Indigenous applicants at a variety of locations.

All training will be provided and positions are open to any applicant who:

- Has a high level of fitness
- Is a team player
- Holds a current manual drivers licence
- Is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background

Salaries range from \$765.32 - \$1084.81 per week plus 9% superannuation.

Successful candidates located at Parks Victoria work centres with Parks Victoria supervisors will be employed by Parks Victoria. All other successful candidates will be employed by DSE.

Apply online at www.dse.vic.gov.au/firejobs

For more information contact DSE on 136 186 or Parks Victoria on 131 963

Applications close Sunday 4 September 2011

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunities Act 1995 (No. A147/2011 and A126/2010). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply under this exemption.



Childcare Traineeship

Aboriginal Identified

- Hurstville location
- Local government position

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www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

For more information and to apply, visit our website.
Applications Close: 15 August 2011.

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TAFE WESTERN CHANGING LIVES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are sought from suitably qualified persons for the following permanent full time vacancy. This is an Aboriginal Identified position.

Teacher Aboriginal Studies

Job Ref No: W 11-89

Location: Dubbo

Salary: Total remuneration package of up to \$93,531 pa, including salary (\$71,469 – \$84,759) employer's contribution to superannuation

Inquiries: Richard Ingham 6393 2626/0428 161 232

Application Form:

Download from:

www.wit.tafensw.edu.au/jobs

Closing Date:

19 August 2011 (late applications will not accepted)



www.wit.tafensw.edu.au

GENERAL PRACTITIONER EXCITING OPPORTUNITY



Are you a Doctor who thrives on diverse clinical challenges?

Are you a Doctor that is passionate about Aboriginal Health and playing a part to close the gap in health between mainstream Australia and Aboriginal Australia?

Are you a Doctor interested in tailoring a remuneration package to suit you?

Are you a innovative thinker that can help guide the way?

If you are, then an opportunity exists in Australia's first Aboriginal general practice medical centre, 114 Family Practice, which is proudly exclusively funded, owned and controlled by Gandangara Health Services a proud subsidiary of Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council.

114 Family Practice offers:

- A convenient location in Liverpool City's CBD;
- Two consultation rooms with respective adjoined separate examination rooms;
- Treatment room;
- Experienced and professional practice manager, registered nurse, health workers and administration staff;
- Modern equipment;
- Paperless systems and the latest IT support and software;
- Transport for Aboriginal clients; and
- Onsite secure parking.

If you would like to know more about 114 Family Practice please contact Jennifer Weatherstone on (02) 9602 9677 or by email: jweatherstone@sasl.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctors are strongly encouraged to apply!

PARADE COLLEGE



KOORIE EDUCATION WORKER

Applications are invited for the following full time (FTE 1.0) position to be based at Parade College working 0.4 FTE at Parade College and 0.6 FTE across a cluster of Northern schools. The position will commence as soon as possible and conclude 23 December 2011. Ongoing employment will be dependent on Indigenous student enrolments in the Northern Region.

Role description/criteria

The successful applicant will be committed to the philosophy and ethos of Catholic Education, and will be required to:

- Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across the Northern Region
- Have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Provide educational/mentor support to Koorie students
- Support the development of partnerships between students, parents, community and school and other educational organisations to enhance positive working relationships
- Assist in the development of and promotion of Koorie student support initiatives and Koorie inclusive curriculum

Special Requirements: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position. Please note travel reimbursement will be provided for visits to cluster schools.

Further information and application details please refer to the school website: www.parade.vic.edu.au

Applications in writing with the names of three referees and forwarded via email, fax or post, to
The Principal
Parade College
1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora 3083.

Applications close Thursday August 19.

PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools. Contact the Principal for further information:

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Narromine High School - 02 6889 1499

This position has been readvertised and the closing date for applications is now **Friday 19 August 2011.**

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER

- Evans River Community School - 02 6682 6666

Closing date for applications for this position is **Friday 26 August 2011.**

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

AlfredHealth

Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO)

Patient and Family Services

Full time, 12 months.

Alfred Health invites applications from Aboriginal people who are interested in making a difference within a large health organisation. This is a designated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander position.

As part of a team of two workers supported by staff within Alfred Health, the community and an Alfred Health Aboriginal Advisory Committee, you will provide face to face secondary consultations with patients, families and health professionals, in order to improve access and care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

The role will also involve identifying opportunities for improving service delivery and contributing to building the capacity of Alfred Health staff to provide a culturally safe environment. Also includes staff training and support and working collaboratively with other health services. For further details, please visit our website Job ref: 757819. VCAT Exemption Number A225/2010.

Enquiries: Bridget Wall on Tel 03 9076 3026

Alfred Health incorporates The Alfred, Caulfield Hospital and Sandringham Hospital.

Apply online:
www.alfred.org.au

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Aboriginal Primary Health Care Manager

Port Pirie Regional Health Service
Job Ref: 497063

www.health.sa.gov.au/careers
1300 882 992

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MUSEUMVICTORIA

HEAD, INDIGENOUS CULTURES DEPARTMENT

Museum Victoria is seeking a leader for the Indigenous Cultures Department to ensure it continues to build on Museum Victoria's reputation in Indigenous research, collections and public engagement.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the management of a team producing high quality research, enhancing Museum Victoria's Indigenous cultures collection, and developing engaging learning experiences in the field of Indigenous cultures.

Key knowledge, skills and experience required:

- Strong people management skills
- Experience working with Indigenous communities.
- Leading complex projects.

Search 'employment' at www.museumvictoria.com.au for more information or contact Dr Robin Hirst on (03) 8341 7241. To apply, please send your resume and a covering letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria to jobs@museum.vic.gov.au quoting position number MV/6050 by COB Wednesday 24 August 2011.



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Northern Territory Aboriginal* Child, Youth and Families Peak Body

SEVERAL POSITIONS

The 2010 Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Child Protection System, Growing them strong, together, recommended the establishment of an Aboriginal Child, Youth and Families Peak Body on child, youth and family safety and wellbeing and child protection in the Northern Territory.

The task of the Peak Body is to provide:

- Representation
- Policy and capacity development
- Advocacy
- Research.

It will also lead the development of Aboriginal Child Care Agencies in the Northern Territory.

The Peak Body is seeking:

- a **Policy and Research Manager** to contribute specialist expertise and advice to the CEO and the Board on its development of policies, programs and initiatives on Aboriginal child, youth and family safety and wellbeing and child protection matters; and
- a **Partnerships and Strategy Manager** to build and manage its significant networks with its stakeholders: Aboriginal community organisations, NGOs and government agencies.
- a **Executive Assistant** to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to provide confidential and critical administrative and executive support, ensuring efficient processes to support the work of the CEO and executive staff to establish the new Peak Body. The Executive Assistant will have to have appropriate high level expertise.

Applicants for the Manager positions should have appropriate tertiary qualifications or equivalent and relevant experience in policy research, analysis and development. These are critical to building an evidence base for effective policy in this challenging context. As well as a deep appreciation of the specific issues of child, youth and family safety and wellbeing and child protection, all applicants should also have a broad understanding of the overall policy environment affecting Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory.

The successful applicants will have advanced research skills and both oral and written communication skills. He or she will be able to make a significant contribution to the Peak Body's ability to shape key services for Aboriginal children, youth and families in one of Australia's most diverse regions.

The successful candidates will be appointed initially for 12 months with an option to renew for a further 12 months subject to funding.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.


The positions are full-time and will be based in Darwin, although some travel will be required. A salary package, including salary sacrificing and six weeks' annual leave, will be offered to the successful applicants.

Before applying please obtain selection documentation from www.amsant.org.au or emailing bronwyn.netluch@amsant.org.au. Applications should be in writing, addressing the selection criteria and including contact details for three personal referees.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Josie Crawshaw on 08 8944 6668

Applications close COB Friday 19 August 2011

**AMSANT is the auspicing body for the establishment of the new Northern Territory Aboriginal Child, Youth and Families Peak Body.*



Queensland Government

Careers with Queensland Health

Nursing

Enrolled Nurse (Identified) – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heart Failure, Institute of Cardiac Services, The Townsville Hospital, Townsville Health Service District. Salary between \$48 597 – \$51 777 p.a. (Nurse Grade 3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H11TV07645.

Duties/Abilities: Assist in the provision of patient/client centred nursing care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers within the Institute of Cardiac Services. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Jerrie Hutchison (07) 4796 1837.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6778 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011.

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Advanced Health Workers – Chronic Disease, Community Health Services, Cherbourg or Murgon, Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$69 812 p.a., comprising salary between \$55 492 – \$61 187 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Several positions. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H11DD07580.

Duties/Abilities: Provide an advanced level of care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Cherbourg or Murgon Health Service to improve their health and well-being and promote self help care within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. 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: Daniel Kenafacke (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011.

Advanced Health Workers – Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Community Health Services, Rockhampton, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$61 632 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 108 – \$54 018 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Several positions. Future vacancies of a temporary, full time and part time nature may also be filled through this recruitment process. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H11RK07526.

Duties/Abilities: Demonstrate an advanced level of clinical practice in delivering high quality alcohol and other drug services to clients and the community. The position works collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team setting to deliver culturally-appropriate services to Indigenous clients and the community. 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: Elaine Williams (07) 4920 5500.

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011.

Allied Health Clinical Support continued...

Generalist Health Worker or Trainee Health Worker (Men's Business) – Central Highlands Community and Primary Health Service, Emerald, Central Queensland Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$53 768 p.a., comprising salary between \$44 902 – \$47 125 p.a., (003) or \$40 825 – \$44 683 p.a. (002), employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H11CH07637.

Duties/Abilities: Work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community providing a holistic culturally appropriate primary health care service that seeks to build capacity for self determination in health and well-being. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)*, it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community. Applicants without Certificate III qualification will be employed (temporary full-time) at 002 classification and required to complete a Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

Enquiries: Janette Dillon (07) 4983 9700

Application Kit: (07) 4920 7000 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 29 August 2011.

Advanced Health Worker – Hearing Health, Community Health Services, Cherbourg, Darling Downs Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$5136 p.m., comprising salary between \$1882.30 – \$2070.50 p.f., 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: H11DD07576.

Duties/Abilities: You will operate within the context of chronic otitis media and associated hearing loss with children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background in the South Burnett. Assist in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities focussing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health. These include: the development and delivery of culturally appropriate health promotion activities utilising health promotion frameworks to achieve the key performance indicators Deadly Ears Deadly Kids Deadly Communities: 2009-2013 and direct clinical service delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. 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: Cecil Brown (07) 4169 8900.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5616 or (07) 3121 1411 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 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.



General Administrative Support Officer - Aboriginal Targeted position

Chifley Local Area Command, Western Region, Field Operations

Clerk Grade 1/2
Permanent Full-Time
BATHURST, NSWPF 11/216

Salary Package:
\$62,507. **Salary:** \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:
Supports front line policing within the Local Area Command by providing quality administrative services and high level customer service to the public and NSW Police Force.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have further queries, after reading the information package, please contact the enquiries officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Ability to work in a team environment and work unsupervised.
- Understanding of the importance in maintaining confidentiality.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices and procedures.

Enquiries: Rachael Bailey on (02) 6332 8668 or bail1rac@police.nsw.gov.au

Information Pack: Karen Nixon on (02) 6332 8629 or nixo1kar@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: The Local Area Manager, Chifley Local Area Command, 139 Rankin Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

Applications can also be submitted via www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 19 August 2011
Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000J5W





Office of
Environment
& Heritage

Ranger (Aboriginal)

Cobar
Grade 1/2

Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: OEH 218-11

Total remuneration package to \$101,823 p.a.
including salary \$51,060 p.a. - \$78,866 p.a.

Provide effective management of natural, historic and Aboriginal cultural heritage values both on and off national park estate. This includes wildlife protection, ecological restoration, visitor management, community relations, weed and feral animal control, bushfire suppression, planning and implementing facility improvements and maintenance.

Selection Criteria: To apply for this position applicants must obtain the information pack which contains selection criteria that must be addressed in your application.

Progression through the scale is dependent upon achievement of identified competencies. The position of Ranger, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Rangers must meet the requirements of a specific medical with a clearance to undertake the fitness test to a moderate level, and task based physical assessment in order to undertake this position. The Position Holder will need to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties.

Notes: Applicants must address the selection criteria and apply online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Please do not submit copies of qualifications online. If you are invited to attend an interview you will be required to produce relevant documentation then. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. Late applications will not be accepted. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Sarah Carr 0419 281 906

Information Packages contact: (02) 6836 2692 or www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Applications are to be lodged online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. If you experience difficulties applying online please contact 02 9585 6018 during business hours for assistance.

Closing Date: Sunday 21 August 2011

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Community Connector: Get a career that matters.

**Aboriginal Identified Position, Mt Druitt
One Year Contract, 21 hours per week**

The Mt Druitt Children Matter Project aims to support families in particular Aboriginal families in the Mt Druitt area to increase the capacity of parents and carers to meet the developmental needs of their children 0-12 years of age, through providing knowledge of local services, developing information packages and running information sessions on positive parenting.

www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au

For more information and to apply, visit our website.

Applications Close: 22 August 2011.

In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to



The Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd (GEGAC) seek applicants for the positions of

Kinship Case Workers

(2 EFT available)

Kinship Care is the care provided to a child or sibling group by their extended family or friends, when they are unable to be cared for by their own parents. This Kinship arrangement may come about through informal family arrangement, Child Protection intervention, Permanent Care or Family Court involvement.

The Kinship Care Case Worker will be responsible for all facets of service delivery including case management and family services intervention, and interaction with Child Protection and other government program areas and local community services. Workers will also be expected to facilitate forums and provide community and professional education to service users.

Further information regarding these programs can be sought by contacting Alyson Ferguson, Manager Children Youth and Family Services Unit on 5150 0700

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception.

Applications must be addressed in writing to:

Children, Youth and Family Services Unit Roles
GEGAC

P.O. Box 634 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

Applications will close by 5pm Friday 19th August 2011

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

GEGAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Internal Applicants are eligible to apply.



Government of
Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Indigenous Counsellor Educator

Web Search No: 608178

Level/Salary: HSU Level G4 \$58,760 - \$63,007 p.a.

This is a Fixed Term Full Time appointment for 12 months.

Eligibility to Apply: Pursuant of Section 50(d) of the Equal Employment Act, 1984, the occupant of this position must be of Aboriginal descent.

We are seeking a number of enthusiastic, self-motivated and skilled persons to express their interest in joining the Pilbara Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Program Team for a period of twelve (12) months with possible option to extend.

This is an exiting opportunity for a person to operate as an integral part of this program. As a team member the successful applicant will provide assessment, counselling, education and referral services to Aboriginal people in relation to drug and alcohol use and related family violence and child abuse issues. There will also be a strong focus on working with people where AOD use is preventing them from finding or retaining work. Travel to outlying communities will also be required.

Ideally this person would have experience in AOD or related work.

Relevant training will be provided to the successful applicant.

To Access Detailed Information: Visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Jon Borkowski on Ph: (08) 9174 1256.

Location: Pilbara

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011 at 4.00pm.

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KOORI GRADUATE RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

MAKE A DIFFERENCE...



Are you a University graduate or completing a degree this year?
The Department of Justice has many diverse careers to choose from and we pride ourselves on working together to make a difference in the community.

Our 12 month graduate scheme offers professional development and training, rotations with other departments and permanent employment upon completion.

We are currently recruiting for our Koori graduate scheme which will start in January 2012. If you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and wish to find out more or how to apply, please contact the Koori Employment Team on (03) 8684 1753 or email koori.employment@justice.vic.gov.au

Applications close on Friday 28 October 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT, PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.JUSTICE.VIC.GOV.AU
VCAT HAS RULED THAT THESE POSITIONS BE FILLED BY ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE ONLY (VCAT EXEMPTION NUMBER: A293/2010)

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



Jobs that make a difference

Disability Development and Support Officer DDSO1/1Q Various Positions

Eastern Metropolitan Region -Various group homes

Disability Accommodation Services

DDSO 1 \$38,142-\$42,276

DDSO1Q \$42,677-\$46,902

Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self-discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to Community and influence change.

Are you:

- Interested in a career where you can help people?
- Do you have empathy and understanding for the needs of people with a disability?
- Do you want to make a positive difference in the life of a person with a disability?

To perform in this rewarding role you must be passionate about improving outcomes for people with a disability. The role involves supporting people with a disability. You will be required to work rostered shifts, including weekend work. Why not come and work for us, and obtain a Certificate IV in Disability Work at the same time.

Five positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under VCAT. Exemption numbers: **A067/A068/2010/0047, A067/A068/2010/0048, A067/A068/2010/0049, A067/A068/2010/0050 A067/A068/2010/0051**

For further information, please contact Kathryn Bright on (03) 9843 6730.

View the job description and complete the online application at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

Reference number: **DHS/EAS/CASONGDDSO1**

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email: aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 17 August 2011

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Department of
Human Services



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Your choice. Your future.

TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute prides itself on the quality and experience of our professional staff. The following employment opportunities are available.

Aboriginal Student Support Officer – Clerk Grade 3/4

Status: Permanent, Aboriginal Identified position
Location: Wollongong Campus JRN: II11/045
Salary: \$58,249 - \$63,781 per annum

Duties: Your role as Aboriginal Student Support Officer is to provide an Aboriginal student advisory and support service including appropriate referral to ensure high quality, timely and accurate service for the Aboriginal community, prospective and current students across Illawarra Institute.

Further information on the role and conditions are available from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au, or email illawarrarecruitment@det.nsw.edu.au or contact (02) 4221 8946.

Permanent Full-Time Teacher

Your role as a TAFE teacher includes delivery of educational programs using a range of delivery strategies, development of learner resources, administrative duties related to the role, and providing advice and assistance to students, employers, and the community in regard to educational programs.

Remuneration package up to \$ 93,531 pa including salary (\$71,469 - \$84,759), employer's contribution to superannuation, and leave loading.

Literacy & Numeracy (Aboriginal)

Status: Permanent, Aboriginal Identified position

Location: Nowra Campus JRN: II11/052

Duties: As listed in the Statement of Duties for teachers, available with Information Package.

Information Package: Download from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au, or email illawarrarecruitment@det.nsw.edu.au or contact (02) 4221 8946.

How to Apply

The information packages, including selection criteria and application forms, is available from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or telephone Recruitment on (02) 4221 8946

Applications close: Friday 24th August 2011

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy. Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.



Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hume Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

VPS Grade 5: \$76,424 - \$92,467 plus superannuation Position No DJ3697 Ongoing, Full-Time

The Koori Justice Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system. A major initiative of the AJA is the implementation and support of Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees (RAJAC) in each region.

The position of Executive Officer for the Hume RAJAC plays a major role in the operation of the respective RAJAC, involving development and maintenance of supportive linkages between justice agencies and community organisations, implementing the Regional Justice plan as well as providing secretariat services to the committee. You will also be a key member of the Hume Region Executive Committee that has overall responsibility for the management and direction of regional operations.

The successful candidate will need to have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community, both society and culture, and the issues affecting it. You will also have a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday, 21st August 2011.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Health

South Western Sydney
Local Health District

Male Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Ref: 24287

Salary: \$43,610-\$74,380 pa, F/T at Fairfield Hospital

Enq: Judith Minty

Ph: 8717 1717

Being male and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are genuine occupational qualifications for this position as described under Sections 31 and 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Dental Assistant (Grade 2) - Aboriginal Oral Health

Ref: 40466

Salary: \$969.20-\$1,067.10 pw. Temp P/T up to

September, 2012 at Sydney Dental Hospital

Enq: Yolima Ramirez

Ph: 9293 3345

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

FOR ALL POSITIONS:

Closing Date: 26 August 2011

Please apply online by visiting:

<http://nswhealth.erecruit.com.au>

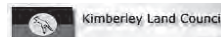
NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Training Coordinator

Broome or Derby, WA

* Unique multicultural experience!

* Enjoy a great range of benefits!



The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) is seeking a **Program Training Coordinator** to work in Broome or Derby, WA. You'll coordinate & assist in the delivery of appropriate training to Working on Country (WoC) and Developing Ranger groups within the Kimberley Ranger Program. In return, you'll receive a competitive salary circa \$61,915, plus 9% super, salary sacrificing options & capped Fringe Benefits Tax free. You'll also enjoy a range of benefits including district allowance, airfare, aircon & rent assistance!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ApplyNow.com.au/Job26518
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



Victoria Daly
SHIRE COUNCIL

Team Leader

Victoria Daly Shire Council has an exciting opportunity for a **Team Leader** to join their Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program in Yarralin. You will be responsible for supervising the day to day operations of the CDEP program, ensuring participants receive a high standard of employment and training to support community based projects and tasks. Enjoy a competitive salary circa \$48,690-\$57,348 + 9% super and relocation assistance, 6 weeks annual leave and more!



www.victoriadaly.applynow.com.au

If you have any further questions phone 1300 366 573

NSW Central West Division of General Practice



Delivering local health solutions
through General Practice

Aboriginal Chronic Disease Liaison Officer

Part-time

NSW Central West Division of General Practice works with general practice to support improved health outcomes in our communities.

We are looking for a Liaison Officer to join our Aboriginal Chronic Disease team. Our ideal candidate will be passionate about helping Aboriginal patients with chronic disease to better manage their condition, and will enjoy liaising with the patients, GP's and other health professionals to assist this to happen.

We offer attractive working conditions and an indicative salary in the range of \$50,000 - \$54,000 FTE plus superannuation and other benefits. For an information package that details the essential and desirable criteria please go to www.cwdgp.org.au or alternatively call Sharron Carter on 6332 6646.

Interested and suitably experienced people of Aboriginal background are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications close:

midnight, 21st August 2011

Jobs that make a difference

Disability Development & Support Officer DSS01-1Q Casual positions

Barwon South West Region - Various locations
Disability Accommodation Services

(Unqualified) \$19.24 - \$21.32 per hour + 25%

Casual Loading

(Cert IV) \$21.52 - \$23.65 per hour + 25%

Casual Loading

The Disability Development and Support Officer role involves supporting people with a disability living in group homes, other residential services or the community. This support encourages a person's participation and choice, enabling involvement at home and within the community irrespective of their ability.

- Do you enjoy working in an energetic and sometimes complex environments?
- Are you interested in a rewarding career where you can make a difference and where there are opportunities for advancement?
- Do you want to make a positive difference in the life of a person with a disability?

Two positions have been designated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under VCAT. Exemption numbers: A067/A068/2010/0016 & A067/A068/2010/0052

For further information please contact: Lana Formosa on (03)5226 4540 (Geelong region) or Dennis Melbourne (03) 5561 9407 (South Western region)

To apply online and view the job description visit: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

Vacancy reference number: **Geelong: DHS/BSW/00050670**
South Western: DHS/BSW/00051863

Aboriginal people seeking support in applying for these positions please contact the Aboriginal Employment Unit on 1300 092 406 or email at aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

Applications close 19 August 2011

www.careers.vic.gov.au



Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)

ABORIGINAL SPECIALIST WORKER

The WDVCAS Aboriginal Specialist Worker exercises a high degree of autonomy and provides high level expert advice on how to make WDVCAS services relevant, accessible and responsive to Aboriginal women and children.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification. An Aboriginal person is defined under s.4 (1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment Act 2001 as 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.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: WDVCAS Coordinator

Operational and Accountability Objectives:

The WDVCAS Aboriginal Specialist Worker is required to adhere to the principles, aims, objectives and policies of Sutherland Shire Family Services Inc.

The work of the WDVCAS Aboriginal Specialist Worker includes but is not limited to, the following duties:

- Attend court on AVO list days and other days as required, in particular, mentions, hearings, criminal charge matters to provide information, assistance and referral and court advocacy for WDVCAS clients and in particular Aboriginal women and children, as directed by the Co-ordinator;
- Provide high level expert advice and assist the WDVCAS Co-ordinator to develop and implement strategies aimed at making WDVCAS services relevant, accessible and responsive to the needs of Aboriginal women and children;
- Develop solid working relationships and referral networks with local services that respond to the particular needs of Aboriginal women and children;
- Develop links with local Aboriginal communities to promote the services of the WDVCAS and encourage women to use the services of the WDVCAS;
- Participate in NAIDOC Week and other local Aboriginal activities which help promote the services of the WDVCAS, subject to workload and resources of the WDVCAS
- Where appropriate and subject to the wishes of the client and the Aboriginal Specialist Worker herself, attend Circle Sentencing to provide support for Aboriginal women in domestic violence related matters;
- Provide feedback to the Co-ordinator about local issues affecting Aboriginal clients and access to WDVCAS services and legal processes.

Essential skills and knowledge:

- Understanding of domestic violence, its complexities and consequences, particularly as they affect Aboriginal women and children and sensitivity to their needs;
- Knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice response to domestic violence including ADVO applications and criminal prosecutions and related legal matters such as family law, care and protection, migration and victim's compensation issues;
- Knowledge and understanding of Legal Aid NSW policies in relation to grants of legal aid for people in domestic violence matters;
- Ability to deliver services in accordance with the WDVCAS Service Agreement, WDVCAP Principles, Policies and Standards and operational documents;
- Ability to work with local Aboriginal communities and the broader community to promote awareness of domestic violence and WDVCAS services;
- Good communication skills, particularly in negotiation, advocacy and conflict resolution;
- Good networking skills; and
- Good organisational and administrative skills.

Your application may be posted, faxed or emailed to:

Coordinator,
Southern Sydney WDVCAS
PO Box 384, Jannali, NSW 2226
Fax: (02) 9589 1211 - Ph: (02) 9528 2933 ext 100 or ext 113.
Email: sswdvcas@ssfs.org.au

Closing date has been extended to 17 August 2011.

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A bright future

Ergon Energy is committed to developing the communities in which we live and work, and this year we have identified opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to join us to begin a practical hands-on career, all while enjoying the perks of being paid from day one.

We're looking for enthusiastic team players to join us as Systems Electricians and Electrical Powerline Linespersons apprentices.

So don't wait! For location availability, further information and to apply, visit ergon.com.au

Applications close:

9am Monday 29 August 2011

ergon.com.au





QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, Fixed Term 12 Months
Salary \$71,857-\$80,656 +10% super—Based in Townsville

Applications are specifically sought from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Coalition is committed to attracting the best, brightest and most dedicated people to help us eliminate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander disadvantage. We have a fantastic opportunity for a passionate and hard working individual to join us as a Campaign Coordinator for the Access All areas Campaign based in our Townsville office.

Does this describe you?

- You are passionate about closing the gap in disadvantage for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
- You are a solutions focussed advocate with community campaign experience.
- You are tenacious and have a strong work ethic.
- You believe in teamwork and having fun in the workplace.

If it does, we'd love to hear from you.

Position description available at: <https://www.smartrecruiters.com/qj-bin/WebObjects/frontoffice?ip1=516249838p2=731238938>
For further information call Ana on 07 3004 6900 or visit www.qatsishsc.org.au
Closing Date: COB Monday 22 August 2011



QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

Policy Officer, Permanent Full-time \$71,857-\$80,656 +10% super
Based in West End Brisbane

Applications are specifically sought from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Coalition is committed to attracting the best, brightest and most dedicated people to help us eliminate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander disadvantage. We are currently seeking a creative and dedicated professional to join our team as a policy officer based in the West End office in Brisbane.

Does this describe you?

- You are passionate about closing the gap in disadvantage for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
- You are a talented and creative professional with social policy experience.
- You are tenacious and have a strong work ethic.
- You believe in teamwork and having fun in the workplace.

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Closing Date: COB Monday 22 August 2011



Government of Western Australia WA Country Health Service

Aboriginal Mental Health Coordinator

Web Search No: 614182

Level/Salary: HSU Level G7 \$82,223 - \$87,567 p.a. pro rata

This is a Fixed Term Part Time appointment for 32 months with possible extension at 38 hours per fortnight.

Eligibility to Apply: Pursuant of Section 50(d) of the Equal Employment Act, 1984, the occupant of this position must be of Aboriginal descent.

Position Profile: We are currently seeking to appoint an Aboriginal Mental Health Coordinator based within the Mental Health Service at Lower Great Southern.

In this role you will work with the Regional Mental Health Service management team in the development, planning and implementation of the Statewide Specialised Aboriginal Mental Health Service undertaking stakeholder consultation and liaison, providing mentoring and support to Aboriginal Mental Health professionals and workers. Provides cultural leadership to the MH service. Provides clinical input as part of the multidisciplinary team. A current 'C' class drivers licence is also required.

To Access Detailed Information: Visit jobs.health.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9480 9307 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Marcelle Cannon on Ph: 9892 2440.

Location: Albany, Katanning or Narrogin

Closing Date: Monday, 15 August 2011 at 4.00pm.

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Bubup Wilam for Early Learning are looking for an

Administration Officer

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

The Administration Officer is responsible for the effective and efficient provision of administrative support services.

MORE INFORMATION:

If you would like a position description send an email to admin@bubupwilam.org.au or call Alister Thorpe on 0448 107 434.

Applications close: Friday 19 August 2011 by 5.00pm



National Manager

Species, Terrestrial, and Indigenous Partnerships

Help WWF create a world in which humans live in harmony with nature.

- Location negotiable in a WWF Australia office (Sydney, Perth, Brisbane)
- Work life balance

WWF-Australia, the global conservation organisation, is seeking a highly skilled conservation manager with accomplishments in species conservation or recovery programs, landscape or ecoregion based terrestrial conservation, and working in partnership with Indigenous groups. Managing a small team of professionals throughout Australia the position will develop and implement species, terrestrial and Indigenous conservation strategies for WWF-Australia's priority biodiversity programs in Australia and the Asia Pacific region and contribute to biodiversity related fundraising strategies.

The successful candidate will need:

- Significant experience developing and maintaining Indigenous partnerships.
- High level species and conservation planning and delivery knowledge and experience, including management of complex on-ground projects and advocacy.
- Demonstrated track record in conservation fundraising.
- Experience managing technical professionals.
- The ability to build strong, credible relationships with senior stakeholders in a range of sectors.
- Spokesperson experience and credibility.

A full position description with selection criteria is available on our website www.wwf.org.au and enquiries may be directed to Dr Gilly Llewellyn on +61 (02) 8202 1227.

WWF values a diverse workforce and is an equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Please send applications, with covering letter, CV and statement addressing the selection criteria to:

People and Organisation Development WWF Australia, GPO Box 528, Sydney NSW 2001 or via email jobs-au@wwf.org.au

Close of business: Sunday 21 August 2011



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Associate Lecturer, Indigenous Health: Teaching and Student Support

Ref 11251 As part of a developing team, this position will contribute to Indigenous health-related teaching and curriculum development, as well as to recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying within the Faculty of Health Sciences programs at Flinders University.

- **The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health and Wellbeing (Adelaide), School of Medicine**
- **Available for two years on a full-time basis**
- **Salary (Level A): \$59 424 to \$72 374 pa**
- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**
- **Applications close: 11.00 am Monday, 29 August 2011**

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website: www.flinders.edu.au/employment

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Equal Opportunity is University Policy
CRICOS Provider Number: 00114 A



Paediatric Nurse Coordinator and Project Manager

P/T (19h/w)

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

P/T (19h/w)

Research Assistant

P/T (7.5h/w)

Southern health is commencing a new program to improve access to health care for Aboriginal children and their families. It is a time limited program, which will operate between September 2011 - June 2012.

This is an opportunity to:

- **Contribute to an important priority in our community**
- **Be rewarded by having a direct and positive impact on Aboriginal health**

Closing the gap in Aboriginal health is one of Southern Health's priorities. Imagine the satisfaction of improving children's health outcomes and quality of life, building cultural understanding and sensitivity while opening access to vital health services. Draw on your commitment to assist children, families and others to manage again and regain their hope for the future. Supporting the creation of a welcoming environment for our Aboriginal visitors, you will coach our people to provide the respect and support they need. Your work will result in improved health for Aboriginal children, providing the information needed by Aboriginal clients and overall help with the practical problems caused by ill health.

With us, you will be a member of a team with a wide range of experiences and skills.

We cover many disciplines and we will take your development seriously, offering opportunities to build your professional and personal growth.

This is your chance to step into a role that is addressing one of today's most important issues. We look to you for your understanding of Aboriginal kinship and culture, plus insight to associated health issues, along with knowledge of systems and policies at local and state level. You are already accepted by the Aboriginal community. Your driver's licence and ability to maintain a statistical database will also open the doors to this rare opportunity.

ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS: Leanne Sumner, Aboriginal Hospital Liaison on (03) 9594 2290. To apply please visit the 'Careers' link on our website www.southernhealth.org.au

Applications close: 22 August 2011.

Southern Health



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Jobs that make a difference

Project Officer - Aboriginal Outcomes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only may apply for this position.

\$66,235 to \$75,151 plus superannuation

Full time - 2 Years

The Department of Human Services funds and delivers services for children, youth and families, housing, disability, concessions and bushfire recovery. This position sits within the Sector Capacity Building Unit, Aboriginal Outcomes Branch which leads departmental initiatives to support the ongoing capacity of Aboriginal organisations to deliver community services.

This Project Officer position has a key role in working with Aboriginal organisations, departmental staff and government agencies to support improved sector capacity and improvements in planning, service delivery and reporting.

This is an exciting opportunity to work with Aboriginal organisations and government departments to support and implement key reforms including Positioning Aboriginal Services for the Future initiative and the Simplifying Funding and Reporting for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) initiative.

Are you an excellent communicator?

Are you interested in how to bring about change successfully?

Are you interested in working with Aboriginal organisations?

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Debra Axelby on [03] 90968716. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/koori and click on Vacancies.

Please quote position no DHS/IWS/331008.

Closes: midnight Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Police Checks form part of the Department of Human Services recruitment process.

Aboriginal Australians are encouraged to apply. For information and support contact 1300 092 406 or aboriginal.employment@dhs.vic.gov.au

To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/koori
For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



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Byron Shire Council

Are you looking for professional challenges and a great lifestyle on NSW's beautiful North Coast?

Byron Shire offers fine beaches, a diverse lifestyle, a magnificent natural environment and a sub-tropical climate. Council is recognised for its environmental initiatives and commitment to sustainable development.

Applications for the following employment opportunity close 19th August 2011:

Position	Term	Salary	Enquiries
Aboriginal Project Officer	14 hpw Temporary (12 mths) P/T	\$48K - \$56K (Pro rata rate and conditions apply)	Greg Ironfield 02 6626 7316

Other benefits include 9% superannuation, education and training support and an attractive salary packaging scheme.

The **Job Information Package** is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au or by contacting 02 6626 7145.

Byron Shire Council is an EEO employer and committed to the principles of workplace diversity



Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation



Do you have a passion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, culture and current affairs?

Production Coordinator (Events)

Artist Development Program - \$56K basic salary
12 month contract

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Production Coordinator (Events). This position is responsible for preparation, planning and implementation of events with the Artist Development Team, to include: Gadigal Music, Young, Black & Deadly, Klub Koori and Yabun, reporting to the Artist Development Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated experience in major event production management and in the provision of high level operational support within a dynamic and challenging environment.
- Ability to read, interpret and cost technical drawings and designs.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills, combined with proven ability to negotiate and interact on key activities and sensitive issues.
- Budget and contract management experience.
- Experience in dealing with a wide range of stakeholders including representatives of external organisations, contractors, suppliers, volunteers and staff.
- Maturity, discretion, sound judgement and the capacity to act autonomously in the execution of daily administration and co-ordination of multiple projects.
- Experience in using project management, scheduling, spread sheet and word processing software packages.
- Experience in management of staff, contractors and suppliers.
- Demonstrated commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, and Cultural Diversity principles.

DESIRABLE:

- Strong industry contacts • Current driver's license

Gadigal Music/Studio Coordinator

Artist Development Program - \$54K basic salary
12 month contract

A fantastic opportunity exists to join Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation as Gadigal Music/Studio Coordinator. This position is responsible for coordinating Gadigal Music Label, Kameyagal Recording Studio and implementing the Gadigal Music artist development program as directed by the Artist Development Manager & General Manager.

This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday.

Essential Skills are:

- Aboriginality
- Experience in project planning and implementation
- Working to multiple deadlines and managing budgets
- Time management and project management skills
- Coordinating all associated production requirements e.g. graphic design, liner notes, distribution timetable to budget and deadline
- Ability to make operational decisions and remain calm under pressure
- Highly developed oral and written communication, negotiation and presentation skills
- Understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- Experience of working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Knowledge and understanding of the Australian recording industry, with particular relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians
- Microsoft Office 7 skills: word; outlook; spreadsheet
- NSW Driver's license
- Working with Children check

DESIRABLE:

- Strong industry contacts
- Understanding of marketing, branding and publicity

Volunteer Broadcasters

Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND broadcasts across metropolitan Sydney and has an estimated audience of 100,000 people a week.

We are currently seeking past and new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander broadcasters to be trained as volunteer Broadcasters with our deadly organisation.

If you think you are deadly enough and want to volunteer for a community radio station like Koori Radio 93.7 FM 2LND, and you live in the Sydney metropolitan area, and then please email your details to: info@gadigal.org.au and we will send you a program proposal and membership form.

For further information, including position description, please contact Lily Shearer, General Manager on (02) 9384 4000 by COB on Friday, 26th August 2011.

Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation is home to Koori Radio 93.7FM 2LND, Gadigal Music and Recording Studio, Young Black and Deadly, Klub Koori and Yabun Festival.

GIS is a not-for-profit, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community media and arts organisation operating from state-of-the-art premises in Redfern, Sydney on the site of the Old Black Theatre.



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Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator

Executive Level 1 (Several) – \$88,015 to \$97,275

Position Number: 11/0971

Contact Officer: Jeff Dzodz on (08) 9485 3417

Closing Date: 11/08/2011 23:30 (AEDT)

To apply, visit www.deewr.gov.au/jobs

Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations

WA Branch / Several Regional Locations

Education, Skills and Jobs Coordinator

Executive Level 2 (Several) – \$103,571 to \$124,325

Position Number: 11/0972

Contact Officer: Jeff Dzodz on (08) 9485 3417

Closing Date: 11/08/2011 23:30 (AEDT)

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Indigenous Land Corporation

OPERATIONS MANAGER LAND ACQUISITION

- Exciting opportunity based in Perth
- Interesting, challenging and rewarding work with regional travel
- Salary Range \$86K to \$95K (plus 15.4% Super)

The ILC assists Indigenous Australians to acquire and manage land to provide cultural, social, economic or environmental benefits for themselves and future generations. We are looking for an energetic, highly focused strategic thinker to work in a challenging, and rewarding team environment. The Operations Manager will lead a small multi-disciplinary team which:

- develops, reviews, monitors and reports on the ILC's land acquisition and land grant program and project outcomes,
- contributes to, implements, monitors and reports on the Divisional Operational Plan to ensure that objectives are met in a timely and efficient manner
- provides advice to clients, stakeholders and Management on issues relating to the ILC's programs.

The successful candidate will have well developed project management and, preferably, business development skills. Excellent leadership, management and communication skills are also required to be able to facilitate high quality outcomes through your team. You should also have a well developed knowledge of Indigenous social and economic issues across urban, rural and remote communities with the skills and knowledge to be able to deal with a range of land management and/or built environment issues.

Completion or significant progress towards an appropriate tertiary qualification in Land Management, Project Management or similar is required.

The commencing salary will be within the range above depending on your skills and experience. You will also have access to other excellent conditions including the opportunity to further develop your skills through our Studies Assistance program.

For further information, please contact **Len Boladeras, Operations Manager on (08) 9420 6300 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation.

Applications are to include a covering letter, a detailed current CV and an ILC Cover Note (located on the ILC website). Further information may be requested if you are selected for interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 19 August 2011. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652, ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

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opportunity



Indigenous Music Manager (Identified) Whichway – a Project of MusicNSW

(Identified – Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Salary: Part-time (22.5 hours per week) pro-rata of \$50,000 p.a.
Location: Sydney

Key Duties: Delivery of the Whichway project – a program designed to assist in the development of the Indigenous contemporary music industry in NSW:

- Development and delivery of multi-staged workshop programs and new initiatives to support the growth of the Indigenous contemporary music industry in NSW.
- Assisting NSW Indigenous musicians and industry in their own career development.
- Effective administration of the project to support the delivery of the project's objectives.

Closing Date: 15 August 2011

To apply and for full role description: www.musicnsw.com

The Rations Exchange Technical Resource Unit Incorporated (a Social Business of the NSWALC Northern Region Local Aboriginal Land Councils)

BUSINESS MANAGER

In this position, an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Business Manager to take the lead role in our newly established social business. This innovative and challenging senior position is created to lay the foundation for, and assertively grow, long term sustainable operations of TRETRU as an Aboriginal-owned professional consultancy with a practice focus on economic development. The position is based in Armidale.

Salary is in the range \$102,382 - \$114,100 per annum, excluding employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Selection criteria

- Demonstrated experience at senior level in managing and growing the business of a commercial enterprise;
- Demonstrated understanding and experience of contemporary economic issues, including barriers, facing Aboriginal people and communities, preferably within NSWALC Northern Region;
- Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective working relationships with a range of private and public sector partners with diverse needs, with the Land Councils and with their communities;
- High level of initiative and ability to innovate, manage and deliver work on time and budget, and to a high standard;
- Ability to lead and facilitate solution-brokering in a climate of complexity, ambiguity and competing interests;
- Knowledge and understanding of Federal Government, NSW Government and NSWALC legislative, policy and programme objectives and service delivery in relation to services to Aboriginal people; and
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and experience in economic development at regional scale.

Enquiries: Cliff Chenery (02 6772 0863)

Closing Date: 26th August 2011



Come and join the arts

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts division is looking for an

Indigenous Administration officer

You will be communicating with artists, arts organisations and communities to assist them to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance through arts projects from music, dance, theatre, literature, visual arts and craft, community cultural development and international activity. You will be attending events and engaging with artists and communities.

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

You will be responsible for providing general administration services, database management for our Grants Management System and booking travel arrangements. You will have good communication skills, both written and verbal and have a good eye for detail. You will demonstrate excellent time management skills and be able to manage many tasks with competing deadlines. You will be working in an enjoyable team environment.

SALARY

Commencement salary of \$42,124 per annum, plus 15.4% superannuation.
Location: Central Sydney office.

MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.australialcouncil.gov.au/employment>

Applications close: Friday 19 August 2011 by 5.00pm

Any questions contact:

Mark Stapleton
Divisional Administrator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts
Tel: (02) 9215 9014 or toll free on 1800226912 or 0417 238 158
Email: m.stapleton@australialcouncil.gov.au

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Assistant Community Corrections Officer

Community and Youth Justice

Web Search No: 011656

Level/Salary: L2, PSGA, \$50,557 - \$54,900 pa

As an Assistant Community Corrections Officer (ACCO) you will work within a case management team to ensure offender compliance with Orders, the monitoring and reporting on attendance at community work and program activities and, management and oversight of selected offenders subject to various Orders.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Susan Senior on (08) 9264 9300.

Location: Mirrabooka

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011 at 4.30pm.



Dandenong and District
Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd

MANAGER Social and Community Services

A great opportunity to work with the Aboriginal community. Based in Dandenong, the catchment area includes the Cities of Knox to Bayside, Frankston and Mornington Peninsula to Casey and Cardinia.

Reporting to the CEO this full time position is responsible for the management of 8 social and community programs including HACC, Aboriginal Best Start, Family and Youth Services with a strong mentoring role for the staff.

If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding position, have formal qualifications in social work or similar discipline and experience managing programs and people then this may be the job for you.

An attractive salary including generous salary packaging will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Please ring or email Kathy Walker on 03 9794 5933 for a copy of the Position Description.

Applications close 26th August 2011



Senior Clinician VACCA / Family Coaching



Part time (0.5 EFT); Eaglemont location

Take Two, an integral part of Berry Street, is a statewide service established to provide high quality therapeutic services to children and young people who have suffered significant abuse or neglect and are clients of Child Protection.

This is a specialist role designed to provide consultancy, clinical assessment, tailored action plans and therapy to Aboriginal children, young people and their families who are referred to the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) Integrated Placement Prevention and Reunification Services, known as Family Coaching Victoria.

This service aims to provide a therapeutic model of assessment and intervention for children and their families to prevent their first time placement in out of home care or to reunify families within a short time frame where they have entered care for the first time.

The successful applicant will have an appropriate tertiary qualification in Psychology, Social Work or a related discipline and Post Graduate training in a relevant child, adolescent and family clinical practice is strongly preferred.

Queries to Toni Heron on (03) 9450 4700.

Applications addressing the Key Selection Criteria contained in the Position Descriptions (available on our website: www.berrystreet.org.au/employment) should be emailed to recruitment@berrystreet.org.au by COB 15 August 2011.



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ARE YOU AN ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WHO HAS:

- An appropriate degree or diploma at AQF level or equivalent and appropriate experience.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and issues relating to Aboriginal communities.
- Understanding of current national and state vocational educational issues relating to Aboriginal people.

If so, we are looking for people interested in being considered for temporary appointments to fill short term future vacancies in our Aboriginal Education & Training Unit at various locations throughout the Institute.

⇒ **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2011**

- **HI11/142E** Salary: \$39.13 - \$46.41 ph

Applicants must apply online by logging onto the JobsNSW website at <http://jobsnsw.taleo.com/careersection/hunter>

This position is targeted to the employment of an Aboriginal person and is authorised by the Department's EEO management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Equality of Employment Opportunity & appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

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www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au



Learning Assistance Officer GUMURRII Student Support Unit

Salary range: \$61,745 - \$66,011 per annum plus 17% superannuation

Gold Coast campus

This is an identified position and the occupant must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent under sections 25 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991.

Closes: 24 August 2011

Reference: 492704

When applying:

Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4011 if you do not have internet access.

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STRATEGIC PROJECT MANAGER ADVANCING COUNTRY TOWNS

- **Salary Package 100K plus!**
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Robinvale District Health Services is seeking an experienced Project Manager to develop, deliver and lead the *Advancing Country Towns Initiative* for the Robinvale community.

Robinvale has been identified as experiencing disproportionate levels of disadvantage while also having opportunities for growth and prosperity. The *Advancing Country Towns Initiative* aims to revitalise the community through improved coordination of investment in order to enhance prosperity and quality of life. RDHS has been selected to auspice the *Advancing Country Towns* project and be responsible for achieving the outcomes defined in project funding agreements over the next four years.

This senior position has overall responsibility for the strategic planning and management of this project. The role will establish strategic partnerships across business, community and government to focus on a range of challenges such as improved access to early childhood services, educational attainment, employment opportunities and economic participation.

The successful candidate will have a proven track-record of building collaborative working relationships with key stakeholders and providing strong leadership to the community. Highly developed communication, analytical, planning and reporting skills are therefore essential. The ideal candidate will also possess the ability to provide timely and accurate project reports and documentation as well as the ability to manage conflicting priorities and deliver project objectives.

Applications close: 19 August 2011

For further information or to apply for this position please contact:
Mr Laurence Burt - Chief Executive Officer
Email lburt@rdhs.com.au
Phone 03 5051 8101 Fax 03 5051 8100

Robinvale District Health Services fully subscribes to the Public Sector employment principles and core values. Successful applicants must be an Australian resident or able to meet sponsored Immigration requirements of the Australian Government, satisfactory Police Check.



Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Case Manager Level 1 - Aboriginal

Clerk Grade 3/4
Lismore Community Access
Northern Region
Permanent Full-Time

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,382 pa (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$63,781 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The purpose of the position is to provide case management support to people with a disability, their families or carers to enable them to improve their quality of life and participation in the community.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and capacity to apply culturally appropriate case management practices with Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- Current understanding of the issues trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Experience in case management or the ability to provide case management services to people with a disability with a range of needs.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem solving skills.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of multidisciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- Diploma in a relevant field or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. An Eligibility list may be created to fill future vacancies. Applicants must address the selection criteria.

Enquiries: Charelle Giobatti – A/Manager Community Access (02) 6621 1461

Information Package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference No: 00000J1M

Closing Date: 19 August 2011

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Policy Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8
Home & Community Care Unit
Central Office, Clarence Street, Sydney
Temporary Full-Time
Job Reference No. 00000JC3

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:

To provide policy analysis and program support for innovative approaches in government that reflect the contemporary needs of older people, people with a disability and their carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Contribute to the development of strategic policies which guide service development to address the needs of agency client group.
- Undertake research and consult stakeholders to contribute to improving policy application and measuring business outcomes.
- Undertake aspects of reform or review projects to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of service delivery and inform policy development.
- Research and prepare advice in the form of briefs, policy and discussion papers to contribute to responses to Ministerial, Cabinet or departmental requests.
- Provide advice and information to other government agencies on departmental policies and procedures.
- Liaise and work with other divisions and non-government stakeholders to ensure effective interface between program development, planning and policy implementation.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002*. Further information about this position is available online and applicants must address the selection criteria. This position is targeted for employment of an Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander and is authorised in accordance with Part 9A of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977*.

Enquiries: Wendy Noller (02) 8270 2409.

Information Packages and to apply: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 00000JC3

Closing date: Friday, 19 August 2011

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Project Officer (ATSI Identified)

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Home Care Service of NSW
Ngangana Branch
Location: Walgett
Position No. 00000J01

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,899 pa (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$64,249 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Full-Time salary quoted. Hourly rate: \$31.90 ph - \$35.18 ph

Job Description:

Provide case management support to Aboriginal people who are frail aged, younger with a disability and their carers who are eligible for a Community Options Package or a Compacts package.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Nursing and/or Social Science qualifications or demonstrated experience, case management (including comprehensive assessment) and brokerage experience in a community-based organisation.
- Facilitation skills, including coordination, training and development of staff, contract management and liaising with brokeraged service providers.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including negotiation skills and the ability to prepare reports and submissions.
- Sound conflict-resolution and problem-solving skills and a basic knowledge of accounting practices.
- Ability to acquire a good working knowledge of ADHC, ComPacks, HACC and Community Options policies and procedures.
- Knowledge of current community care issues, access, equity and multicultural issues, community services and their availability to ensure clients receive appropriate services.
- A current NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Part-Time position (21 hours per week) for a period of up to 12 months. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. The successful applicant will be required to travel in this role. 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 & Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Pam Wells Ph (02) 6841 1570

Closing date: 26 August 2011

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care



Aboriginal Service Coordinator

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Home Care Service of NSW
Ngangana Branch
Location: Walgett
Position No.: 00000J00

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,899 pa (Salary: \$58,249 pa - \$64,249 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

This position co-ordinates resources to provide client-centred services and provides leadership and support to a team of Care Workers.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the home and community care context and service provider network, community care and welfare system, health, aged care and disability care systems.
- Demonstrated knowledge of the support needs of frail aged people, people with a disability and their carers and specific cultural groups.
- Demonstrated knowledge of client rights issues, including confidentiality, privacy, advocacy and complaints mechanisms.
- Demonstrated ability to support, train and supervise staff and volunteers.
- Demonstrated effective oral and written communication, conflict resolution, liaison and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated experience in information technology to support client service delivery, creation and maintenance of client and staff records, writing of reports, extracting database information and ensuring accurate records and billing processes.
- A current NSW Class C Driver's Licence and ability to travel (including overnight stays).

Job Notes: This is a **Permanent Full-Time** position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*. The successful applicant will be required to travel in this role. 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 & Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au or contact Pam Wells Ph (02) 6841 1570.

Closing Date: 26 August 2011

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Senior Research Officer

The Parenting Research Centre is seeking a F/T or P/T **Senior Research Officer** in its Melbourne Head Office. **You'll conduct program development, implementation & evaluation activities.** This will involve delivering parenting programs & supporting professional training for health, education & community service organisations in NT. In return, you will receive an **attractive remuneration \$73,987 - \$82,313 + super** (pro rata for part time). You'll also enjoy **flexible working arrangements & great benefits!**

www.parentingrc.applynow.net.au



PIUS X ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

POSITIONS VACANT

Pius X Aboriginal Corporation has a new program called **Protecting Aboriginal Children Together (PACT) program, (Keeping Them Safe).** Pius X is looking for **motivated, determined and community-minded people** to join us in this new program.

Pius X is seeking to fill the following 4 newly created full-time positions under the PACT program. Aboriginality is a necessary requirement for these positions. Exemption is claimed under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

The 4 positions are:

- **PACT Manager**
- **2 x PACT Advisors**
- **Administration Officer**

To obtain an information package with the criteria and position description please contact: Mrs Kim Connors Administration Officer on 0267521099 or; email: admin@piusx.com.au Written applications including detailed resume and references should be marked "Confidential" and be addressed to CEO, Pius X Aboriginal Corporation PO Box 363, MOREE NSW 2400

Applications will be received until Friday 2nd September 2011

GENERAL MANAGER

MUSIC OUTBACK FOUNDATION



Music Outback Foundation (MOF) is a non-profit organisation working in remote Indigenous communities across the NT, SA, and NSW. MOF employs musicians and creative artists to deliver in-school music & arts-based education programs and festivals, servicing over 19 participating remote Indigenous schools.

MOF is looking for a full-time general manager with the talent and experience needed to grow MOF's financial security and public profile, while increasing the organisation's influence and credibility within the non-profit, philanthropic, Government, arts and Indigenous sectors.

The successful candidate will also have experience managing project delivery and will be able to effectively direct and inspire a small management team.

This position is based out of our North Melbourne office, reports to the Music Outback Foundation Board of Directors and is based on a fixed term contract until Dec 31, 2012, with opportunities for renewal based on performance.

Salary \$80,001 - \$90,000 plus superannuation

Applications including your resume and contacts for at least two professional referees should be forwarded via email to the Music Outback Foundation Board of Directors at: Directors@musicoutback.com.au

A job description including selection criteria and detailed information about Music Outback Foundation activities can be found on our website: www.musicoutback.com.au.

Applications close at 5pm, August 26th, 2011



Grants Officer Aboriginal Identified

CLERK GRADE 3/4, GRANTS DIVISION,
CENTRAL SYDNEY OFFICE
JOB REFERENCE: GR11/088

Process, assess, determine and administer applications/ extensions for grants of aid within policy, guidelines and delegations to meet client service and Legal Aid NSW standards and benchmarks.

Close Date: 21 August 2011

Inquires: Kate Jolliffe on (02) 9219 6322

Applications/Package: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Notes:

- There is 1 x temporary vacancy under Section 27 or 86 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*, for a period up to 30 June 2012.
- Your application may also be considered for the purposes of creating an eligibility list for the filling of temporary and permanent positions within the next 12 months in the Grants Division at Central Sydney Office.



2010 Regional Health Service of the Year

ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER

An exciting opportunity exists for a skilled and enthusiastic person to undertake the running of the Aboriginal Health Promotion program. This full time position is based at the Warrnambool Community Health Centre and also works across our partner agencies at Kirrae Health Service (Framlingham) and Gunditjmarra Health Service.

This position aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in the Moyne, Warrnambool and Corangamite communities through providing health promotion program planning and delivery.

A position description is available from our website under careers or by contacting the Human Resources Department on (03) 5564 4155 or humanresources@swh.net.au

For further information regarding the role please contact Lee-Anne Green (Manager Aboriginal Health) on (03) 5564 4192 or lgreen@swh.net.au

Applicants will be required to consent to and undergo a police record check.

Written applications stating full personal particulars, qualifications and experience: together with the names of three (3) referees; should be forwarded to the Human Resources department at the address below or via email to humanresources@swh.net.au

Closing date: Friday 12 August 2011

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www.southwesthealthcare.com.au



Trade & Investment

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER CAMDEN

Clerk General Scale, Permanent full-time.

Total remuneration package valued to \$54,495 pa (\$25,229 - \$49,384).

Implement the day-to-day activities of EMAL ensuring that contact is maintained between the Department and its clients. It is the function of this position to provide administrative and clerical support to the staff based at this office.

For further information, including the essential selection criteria, position description and to apply on-line, applicants should go to <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au> and search for Job Reference No: 00000JMS

This position is targeted for employment of an aboriginal person with funding by NSW Department of Education & Communities through The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program, which has been granted an exemption under Section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Inquiries: Amy Parish (02) 4640 6462 or amy.parish@industry.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 26 August 2011



Advancing the sustainability of Indigenous languages & increasing the participation of Indigenous peoples in all aspects of language documentation & revitalization

Administrative officer

The Resource Network for Linguistic Diversity (RNLD) is looking for a part-time administrative officer. RNLD is a Melbourne-based non-profit organisation committed to advancing the sustainability of indigenous languages. Previous experience with administrative duties is required, along with computer proficiency. Duties will include basic office tasks, making travel and accommodation arrangements, communication with relevant organisations and managing the RNLD's online profile. Police clearance is required. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Hours: 0.4 FTE

Salary: \$47,326 - \$51,222 FTE p.a. + 9% superannuation

The successful applicant will be offered a contract to June 30 2014, with an initial three month probationary period. Position description can be downloaded at www.rnld.org/employment

Contact Margaret Florey for further details: email contact.rnld@gmail.com, phone 0488 086 031.

Applications close Monday 29 August

Bookkeeper

RNLD is also looking for a casual bookkeeper. Previous experience with bookkeeping is required, along with proficiency in Quickbooks and MS Office applications. Duties will include full payroll service, accounts payment, quarterly BAS and preparation for financial audits. The successful applicant will possess the ability to communicate and work well in a multicultural environment. Police clearance is required. *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

Pay rate: \$30/hour plus 9% superannuation

Initial 12 month contract with possibility of extension. Position description can be downloaded at www.rnld.org/employment

Contact Margaret Florey for further details: email contact.rnld@gmail.com, phone 0488 086 031.

Applications close Monday 22 August



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Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Melbourne

George Wright Shelter

Assistant Hostel Manager

APS Level 2

\$321.81 - \$341.50 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time, 15.20 hours per week.
- Operation of the hostel.
- Provide a quality service to our residents.
- Supervise staff.
- Manage a budget.
- Provide reports to Regional Manager.
- The successful applicant will be required to hold a current Victorian Working With Children Check card.

Want to know more?

Contact Leah Garling on (03) 9419 8648.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Robert Rudnew on (03) 9642 2775.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm, 26 August 2011.

This is a Homeless for Men Shelter.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

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Family & Community Services Housing NSW

Contact Centre Operator

Clerk Grade 2/4
Housing Contact Centre
Liverpool
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 000001I5

Total remuneration package valued up to \$70,382 per annum (Salary: \$55,131 pa - \$63,781 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Working within a fast paced and demanding environment. Responsive telephone based services to our tenants, primarily diagnosing maintenance problems and organising repairs.

Selection Criteria:

- Well developed communication, negotiation and interviewing skills over the telephone.
- Experience working in a high pressure and high volume, client service environment independently and also in a team.
- Computer literacy, knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and experience in the use of computerised information and management systems.
- Demonstrated experience with problem solving in a diverse service related environment.
- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including those with complex needs.
- Skilled in managing customer expectations and applying discretion in dealing with sensitive issues and environments.
- Ability to work in a 24 hour, 7 day a week environment with a rotating roster.

Job Notes: There are multiple Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period up to December 2011 under the terms of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*. Further information about these positions is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Amanda Davis (02) 9612 6278 or amanda.davis@dhs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday, 12 August 2011

Thank you for your interest in this position. (**Requisition No.** 000001I5 - Contact Centre Operator)

APPLY ONLINE

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Customer Service Representative (Aboriginal targeted position)

PoliceLink, Operational Communications and Information Command,
Specialist Operations
Clerk Grade 1/2, Permanent Full-Time
TUGGERAH, NSWPF 11/229

Salary Package:

\$62,507. **Salary:** \$52,104 - \$56,644. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Overtime, shifts, penalties and allowances may also be payable.

Job Description:

Customer Service Representatives will be required to answer calls from the emergency Triple Zero (000) and non-emergency (131 444, Crime Stoppers, Customer Assistance, Special Operations and Injury Management Notification) call queues, provide accurate, timely information to police, provide information and advice on a range of police issues as well as perform all activities within PoliceLink guidelines.

Job Notes:

- Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for Aboriginal employment and only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can apply. This is in accordance with *Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.
- Applicants **must** obtain an information package between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday by calling (02) 4032 7304.
- Applicants **must** then undertake an initial call centre simulation test. Suitable applicants will then undertake a telephone screen.
- If you have any further enquiries after reading the information package please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applications must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not, the application may be rejected.
- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Effective oral/written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to and capacity to deliver quality customer service assistance.
- Ability to work independently and part of a team.
- Ability to identify and interpret appropriate sources of information.
- Demonstrated high level keyboard skills and experience in windows applications.
- Commitment to perform rotational shiftwork to cover 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- The initial 12 months employment will require successful applicants to mainly work shifts scheduled between Wednesday and Sunday.
- Applicants must be prepared to undertake and successfully complete training in all PoliceLink business streams and Certificate III in Customer Contact.

Enquiries/Information Pack: Hayley Gersch on (02) 4032 7304 or nswpolice@randstad.com.au

Applications are to be submitted online at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 26 August 2011

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Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Assistant Community Corrections Officer

Community and Youth Justice

Web Search No: 002125

Level/Salary: Level 2, PSGA, \$50,557 - \$54,900 pa

As an Assistant Community Corrections Officer (ACCO) you will work within a case management team to ensure offender compliance with Orders, the monitoring and reporting on attendance at community work and program activities and, management and oversight of selected offenders subject to various Orders.

To Access Detailed Information: Please visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. or Ph: (08) 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Susan Senior on (08) 9264 9300.

Location: North West Metro Adult Centre - Mirrabooka

Closing Date: Monday, 22 August 2011 at 4.30pm.



Project Coordinator- Platform 70

Bridge Housing Ltd, based in Redfern, is seeking to recruit a Project Coordinator to coordinate a new high profile initiative. "Platform 70" aims to address homelessness in the inner city area by helping 70 chronically homeless people living on the streets in Woolloomooloo to access safe and secure housing.

Funding for the project comes from the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and has been awarded to Bridge Housing so that it can provide housing from the private rental sector in its own areas of operation, and to also broker housing from other community housing providers in other locations that meet the clients' needs.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a real difference to those in housing need, whilst showing that you have what it takes to successfully deliver a high profile project. This role will be an initial fixed term contract of 18 months.

You will have extensive experience of working in the Community Services or Housing Sector with excellent project management skills. You will have the ability to work closely with, and maintain strong relationships with, a diverse range of stakeholders from support providers to government, from clients to the private rented sector. You will also have experience of data collection and the ability to report effectively on project outcomes.

To apply for this position you will be required to submit an up to date resume and no more than two sides of A4 addressing the essential and desirable criteria. To apply or find out more about this opportunity, contact Dan Evans at BRC Recruitment on 02 9299 2399 or dan@brcrecruitment.com.au.

BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE



Biripi Aboriginal Medical Service is seeking applications from suitable people for the following positions. All positions are Aboriginal Designated and authorised under section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act. Attractive Salary Packages with a \$16,000.00 per annum tax free component will be negotiated with the successful applicant and will be based on qualifications and experience.

Co-ordinator Great Lakes/Manning Aboriginal Children's Service

Full-time Permanent (salary commencing \$75,000k)

The successful person will be responsible for the Co-ordination of our Out of Home Care Service. This includes the supervision and support of all staff, foster carers, natural parents and children who are in our program.

Foster Care Caseworker

Full-time permanent (salary commencing \$50,000k)

The successful applicant will be Recruiting, Assessing, Reviewing and Training Potential and Approved Foster Carers. They will also be required to facilitate carers meetings and support group.

Out of Home Caseworker

Full-time permanent (salary commencing \$50,000k)

The successful person will be a part of the Out of Home Care Team with the aim of supporting and case-managing children in our foster care program. This will involve the supervision and support of foster carers and keeping children connected with their natural family.

All applicants need to contact Cheryl Holden on (02) 6551 2088 or email cheryl.holden@glmacs.org.au for an application package and must address the essential criteria outlined. If you have any enquiries please contact Amanda Bridge on the same phone number.

Applications Close:

3pm Friday 19th August 2011

Registered Nurses Brewarrina, NSW

*Contribute to Closing The Gap in Indigenous Health
*Relocation assistance to make the move easier

Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service Ltd (BAHSL) is seeking a Registered Nurse in Brewarrina. Working within the Health For Life program, you will be **planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating Enhanced Primary Health Care plans** for clients, in collaboration with BAHSL Aboriginal Health Workers. In return, you'll receive an **excellent base salary + salary sacrificing options up to \$15K + relocation assistance** and a range of fantastic benefits including RDOs!



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Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Closing Date: 21 August 2011

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Worker

Temporary Full Time

Wollongong Hospital, Wollongong

Ref No: 41217

Enquiries: Glenn Krone, 0412 129 017

Apply online at:
nswhealth.erecruit.com.au

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EARTHMOVING PLANT OPERATORS (FIFO)

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We have a number of Clients in the Mining Industry currently looking for Indigenous Mobile plant / Earthmoving operators to fill roles in the Pilbara Region of WA on various FIFO rosters flying in and out of Perth.

You will need experience on –

- Excavators – EX 1900 / EX 2500 / PC 3000
- Dozers – CAT D10 / D11
- Grader – CAT 16H & 16M
- Loader – CAT 992
- Truck – CAT 777 & 785

Essential Criteria for these roles must include:

- Minimum 2 years of experience in a Mining Production environment
- Australian HR driver's license or better
- 5 years employment history with contactable referees
- must be able to pass a medical exam and drug test

These roles will become permanent after a 3 month trial period. To apply for these roles please forward a copy of your CV to recruitment@ochrepersonnel.com.au or call Craig or Cheyne (08) 9472 4001 for more details.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER (FULL TIME)

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service currently has a vacancy in their Community Programs Unit and is looking to employ an Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW).

We are a Community Controlled Organisation operating since 1973. At the VAHS we use a holistic approach to healthcare, providing primary and preventative health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal Community.

This is a newly created position where the AHW will be providing clinical support to patients in conjunction with Allied Health Professionals. The role is also responsible for advocating on behalf of the patient with internal and external health professionals and organisations.

The successful applicant will possess the following:

- Certificate 3 or 4 in Aboriginal Health Work.
- Current first aid certificate with CPR qualifications.
- Demonstrated competency in health screening and wound management.
- Good liaison and communications skills with the Aboriginal community and the wider community.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge and commitment to occupational health & safety legislation.

A current Victorian Drivers Licence would be an advantage

Salary Packaging benefits are available.

For a copy of the Position Description and Key Selection Criteria please contact Narelle Carter or Lesley Day on (03) 9419 3000 and if you wish to find out more about the position please contact Denise McGuinness on (03) 9419 3000.

Closing Date: Friday 19th August 2011

Applicants should address the key selection criteria and state full details of qualifications and experience including referees to:

Mr Rod Jackson, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065.

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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HUNTERS HILL

Founded in 1881, St Joseph's is an independent Catholic boarding and day secondary school for boys, under the care of the Marist Brothers.

In 2011 enrolment is approximately 980 boys from Years 7 to 12.

Academic Support Teacher for Indigenous Students

Full time contracted position to commence 29 August, 2011 or by mutual agreement

St Joseph's College has an established Indigenous education program that supports students from both rural and urban areas of NSW. The College is seeking to appoint a qualified teacher whose role will be to provide individualised academic support to these Indigenous students. The teacher would also have some shared responsibility for the coordination of additional tutoring support programs. This will require some flexibility in working hours which will be negotiated within the framework of a full time teaching load equivalent.

Further information including essential criteria, a comprehensive Role Description, as well as details regarding the application process and contact information, are available on the College website www.joeys.org

Applications should reach the College by
Wednesday 17 August 2011

Child Protection screening procedures apply.



Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment,
Water, Population and Communities

■ EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Register of Cultural Heritage Management Training Providers

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities is compiling a publicly-accessible register of cultural heritage management training providers and registered training organisations for use by Indigenous land and sea management organisations. A number of these organisations are supported through the departments' Working on Country, Indigenous Protected Areas and Indigenous Heritage programs.

The Register will be available on the Department's website www.environment.gov.au to assist Indigenous organisations who wish to source cultural heritage management training. It is provided for information only.

If you would like to be included on this register, please visit our website and download an expression of interest form: www.environment.gov.au/workingoncountry.

Closing date: 2 September 2011

For more information visit our website or contact:

Stu Jordan

Phone – (02) 6274 2561

Email – stuart.jordan@environment.gov.au

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Family &
Community Services
Aboriginal Housing Office

Assistant Project Officer AHO - ATSI Identified Position

Clerk Grade 5/6
Regional Services – Coffs Harbour
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 0000J1T

Total remuneration package valued up \$83,723 per annum (Salary: \$68,761 pa - \$75,870 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Assistant Project Officer undertakes a range of assignments to develop the Aboriginal housing sector at a regional level. This role involves extensive liaison with the Aboriginal community.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people within Australian society, and of their impact in relation to housing and related assistance with a demonstrated commitment to client service.
- Well developed communication, interpersonal skills and judgement to communicate with Aboriginal community members and Aboriginal organisations and to consult and liaise with stakeholders.
- Understanding of the complex issues related to the delivery of community housing and services at the local level and ability to provide related advice.
- Implement and monitor administrative systems and procedures to support the regional delivery of Aboriginal housing programs and services.
- Capacity to work independently, and in a team environment, and to manage a high workload and competing priorities.
- Well developed coordination, organising and administration skills including ability to prepare reports, correspondence and related project documentation.
- Experience in using PC based software packages, including databases.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Travel within NSW is a requirement of this position and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Ken Craig 0409 398 090

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Position Number: 0000J1T

Closing Date: 19th August 2011

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
09/1697	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	373392	99.94ha	160km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°53' Long 116°14'	Upper Gascoyne
15/756	HRM Resources Australia Ltd	333394	199.86ha	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°21' Long 122°20'	Coolgardie
		333395	199.86ha	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°21' Long 122°21'	Coolgardie
		333396	199.85ha	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°22'	Coolgardie
		333397	199.87ha	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°21'	Coolgardie
		333398	199.86ha	62km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°20'	Coolgardie
37/1075	Enterprise Metals Limited	374331	84.26ha	46km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°45' Long 121°00'	Leonora
38/2137	Holdfast Exploration Pty Ltd	374319	167.86ha	34km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°22' Long 122°35'	Laverton
59/1642	Aurox Resources Ltd	375500	1084.35ha	9km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°17' Long 116°47'	Yalgoo

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 10 August 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 **10 November 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. 10 December 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 Ave, Perth, WA 6000, 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

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/2117	Canning Basin Coal Pty Ltd	286.08km ²	61km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°20' Long 125°02'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1889	Douglas Eric Kennedy	36.63km ²	166km NE'ly of Kalbarri	Lat 27°02' Long 115°40'	Murchison
57/738 & 57/756	Leonard Geoffrey Haworth FMG Resources Pty Ltd	207.43km ²	104km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°52' Long 119°38'	Sandstone
70/3758	Black Peak Holdings Pty Ltd	31.06km ²	27km E'ly of Merkanooka	Lat 29°14' Long 116°17'	Morawa/Perenjori
70/4059	Lake Moore Gypsum Pty Ltd	14.85km ²	72km S'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°54' Long 117°38'	Dalwallinu/ Mount Marshall
70/4083	NBX Pty Ltd	568km ²	29km S'ly of Jerramungup	Lat 34°12' Long 118°54'	Jerramungup
70/4084	NBX Pty Ltd	566.8km ²	52km SW'ly of Jerramungup	Lat 34°19' Long 118°35'	Gnowangerup/ Jerramungup
70/4085	NBX Pty Ltd	198.79km ²	36KM SE'ly of Jerramungup	Lat 34°13' Long 119°08'	Jerramungup
70/4093	Iluka Resources Ltd	8.56km ²	24km E'ly of Busseton	Lat 33°40' Long 115°36'	Busseton/Capel
74/505	Graphite Australia Pty Ltd	5.71km ²	5km N'ly of Munglinup	Lat 33°40' Long 120°51'	Esperance/ Ravensthorpe
77/1865	Western Areas NL	5.79km ²	77km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°30' Long 119°40'	Kondinin

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: 10 August 2011

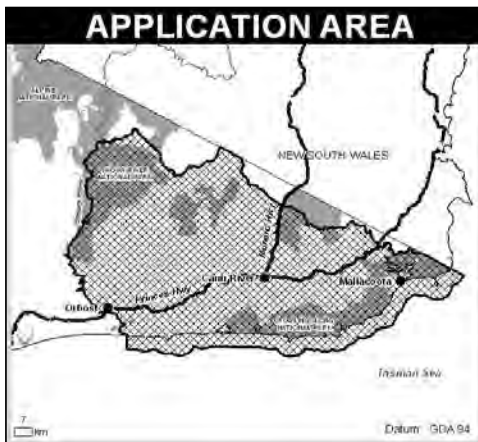
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Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 10 December 2011**), a native 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 Ave, Perth, WA 6000, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council



Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party

Name of applicant: East Gippsland Indigenous Aquaculture Co-operative

Date received: 14 July 2011

Public comments due: 30 September 2011

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by East Gippsland Indigenous Aquaculture Co-operative for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map.

If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area; and
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:
Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001

Email: vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au, **Phone:** 9208 3243 or **Fax:** 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia

Notification day: 24 August 2011

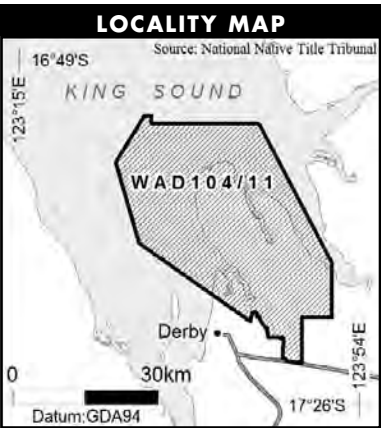


National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837 **on or before 23 November 2011**. After 23 November 2011, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Harry Lennard & Ors v State of Western Australia (Mawadjala Gadjidgar)

Federal Court File No: WAD104/11

Date filed: 7 April 2011

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 1,250 square kilometres and is located in the vicinity of Derby as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Derby-West Kimberley.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information about this application, call Stacey Scott on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5644	Janet Mears	146.12ha	10km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
24/4586	Metaliko Resources Ltd	108.78ha	62km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 121°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4588-91	Kalgoorlie Mining Company (Bullant) Pty Ltd	749.85ha	60km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°24' Long 120°58'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4592-3	Kalgoorlie Mining Company (Bullant) Pty Ltd	244.43ha	58km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 120°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4594	Kalgoorlie Mining Company (Bullant) Pty Ltd	137.81ha	58km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2215	Copley Pty Ltd	44.52ha	41km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2216	Copley Pty Ltd	116.07ha	41km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/8023	Trevor John Dixon	98.72ha	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°30'	Leonora
37/8024 & 37/8026	Trevor John Dixon	217.82ha	18km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°30'	Leonora
37/8056	Kazoo Nominees Pty Ltd	72.76ha	40km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°44'	Leonora
37/8060	Iron Wheel Pty Ltd	194.54ha	53km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/8062	Ryan Robert Baker	100.89ha	52km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°54' Long 121°13'	Leonora
37/8063	Ryan Robert Baker	142.42ha	53km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°14'	Leonora
37/8064	Stefan Colagiuri	7.73ha	11km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°16'	Leonora
37/8072	Leeanne Caroline Gallop	199.13ha	10km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°49' Long 121°24'	Leonora
38/3958	Glenmurrin Pty Ltd	3.04ha	20km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°31'	Laverton
39/5180	Kazoo Nominees Pty Ltd	120.92ha	49km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°50'	Leonora
46/1651-8	Nullagine Resources Pty Ltd	1552.18ha	6km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°56' Long 120°05'	East Pilbara
46/1659-60	Nullagine Resources Pty Ltd	376.65ha	4km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°06'	East Pilbara
46/1661	Nullagine Resources Pty Ltd	62.96ha	3km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
46/1670-3	Northwest Resources Ltd	636.63ha	22km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°50' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
46/1674-5	Northwest Resources Ltd	306.18ha	26km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°21'	East Pilbara
46/1676	Northwest Resources Ltd	33.9ha	24km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°20'	East Pilbara
46/1677-80	Northwest Resources Ltd	771.48ha	7km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
46/1669 & 46/1681-4	Northwest Resources Ltd	669.15ha	26km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°48' Long 120°21'	East Pilbara
46/1707	Millennium Minerals Ltd	32.59ha	33km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°48' Long 120°25'	East Pilbara
46/1747	Welcome Stranger Mining Ltd	134.58ha	3km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 120°05'	East Pilbara
46/1752	Blenheim Resources Limited	88.23ha	26km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°39' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
46/1753	Blenheim Resources Limited	2.34ha	24km N'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°40' Long 120°11'	East Pilbara
46/1754	Blenheim Resources Limited	36.01ha	26km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°40' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara
47/1611	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	56.17ha	81km NW'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°02' Long 119°01'	East Pilbara
52/1392	Maximus Pedri	10ha	131km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°37' Long 119°16'	Meekatharra
52/1394	Barrick (Plutonic) Limited	104.07ha	174km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°16' Long 119°27'	Meekatharra
52/1415	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	25.61ha	60km E'ly of Mount Newman	Lat 23°29' Long 120°18'	Meekatharra
53/1544	Gold & Mineral Resources Pty Ltd	23.92ha	92km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°09' Long 119°26'	Wiluna
53/1545	Gold & Mineral Resources Pty Ltd	16.09ha	93km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°56' Long 119°20'	Wiluna
53/1546	Gold & Mineral Resources Pty Ltd	24.2ha	92km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°56' Long 119°20'	Wiluna
63/1882	Clinton Dean Hood	7.04ha	13km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°06' Long 121°52'	Dundas
63/1883	Clinton Dean Hood	72.15ha	12km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°07' Long 121°52'	Dundas

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: 10 August 2011

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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. 10 December 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 Ave, Perth, WA 6000, 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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Should you require any further information please contact Gino Tota from Aplus on (03) 9481 9104. Applications are to be forwarded to gino.t@aplus.org.au

Applications close: 21 August 2011

The VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program has received a VCAT exemption (number A153/2009) under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995, to advertise the above named opportunities for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander candidates only.



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) State Coordinator

Operational Programs, Major Events and Incidents Group, Field Operations

Clerk Grade 9/10

Permanent Full-Time

PARRAMATTA

NSWPF 11/222

Salary Package:

\$108,318. **Salary:** \$89,076 - \$98,159. Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) State Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Program. The ACLO State Coordinator provides support, professional development and assistance to ACLO's throughout the state. This position must ensure that crime management programs and advice are integrated and responsive to the complexities of police and community relations.

Job Notes:

• **Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.**

- Applicants may be required to establish their Aboriginality to the satisfaction of the committee.
- Applicants must obtain an information package for full job details. If you have any further queries, after reading the information package, please contact the Enquiries Officer.
- Applicants must address all Selection Criteria in writing, as outlined in the advertisement. If not the application may be rejected.

- Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous National Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships with people at various levels of the organisation.
- Demonstrated knowledge of issues confronting Aboriginal people within a criminal justice context.
- Demonstrated high level written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to design, develop, implement and monitor programs and projects.
- Knowledge of staff training and development practices within the context of cost effectiveness and staff working in remote locations.
- A current driver's licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months and willingness to travel within NSW.

Enquiries: Ken Jurotte on (02) 8835 9129

Information Pack: Rajandra Nath on (02) 8835 9126 or nath1raj@police.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "Confidential" to: The Commander, Operational Programs, Locked Bag 5102, Parramatta NSW 2124

CLOSING DATE: Friday 19 August 2011

Jobs.NSW Requisition Number: 00000JAL

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GEGAC seeks applicants for the position of
Customer Services Worker – Administration Building
(Full Time)

Customer Services is the front position of the organisation and the role of the Customer Services Worker is to ensure the smooth running of the reception area as well as provide various administrative support to program areas and staff within the organisation during core business hours, which are between the hours of 9.00 to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Successful candidates must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. Copies of Position Descriptions and other relevant material can be obtained from GEGAC reception. Telephone Contact 51500700

Applications must be addressed in writing to:

Customer Services Worker – Admin Role
GEGAC
P.O. Box 634 BAIRNSDALE, VIC 3875

Applications will close by 5pm Friday 19th Aug 2011

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
are encouraged to apply.*

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Department of Human Services
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TEAM LEADER

Indigenous, Regional and Remote Servicing, ACT

Executive Level 1, (Identified Position)

Salary Level: \$84,361 - \$97,860

Position Number: 88-201112

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ISB is seeking motivated and committed applicants who are team focused and possess a genuine interest or background in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

ISB requires excellent program management, stake holder liaison, analytical and corporate policy skills to assist with service delivery improvements for Indigenous customers and communities. The ability to co-ordinate, prepare and finalise complex written material efficiently including familiarity with the Cabinet consultation processes is a definite advantage.

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Director

Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH)

EL 2 \$103,406 - \$122,427

WA State Office Ref Number: 11-1317

The Director of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) will provide strategic leadership to the Branch. The Director is required to liaise effectively at a senior level with a range of key stakeholders which may include State Government agencies, Aboriginal and mainstream community-controlled health sector organisation, health peak bodies and stakeholders in the broader health system.

Reporting to the State Manager, the Director, as a member of the State Office Executive, will have an important role in the strategic planning and management of the State Office.

Contact officer: Cassandra Gordon (08) 9346 5494 Cassandra.Gordon@health.gov.au

Applications close 25 August 2011, 7pm AEST.

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: **<http://www.health.gov.au>**

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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
40/1278	Anthony Gerald Pilkington	9.96ha	40km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°24' Long 121°18'	Menzies

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 3 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 10 August 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 **10 November 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. 10 December 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 Ave, Perth, WA 6000, 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: 24 August 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2011/030 Kalkadoon People and Ergon Energy ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 38,700 square kilometres and is surrounding Mount Isa as shown on the locality map; being all the lands and waters within the external boundary of native title determination application QUD579/2005—Kalkadoon People #4—(QC10/4) as accepted for registration on 15 March 2011.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Burke, Boulia, Carpentaria, Cloncurry, McKinlay Shire Councils and Mount Isa City Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

Douglas Bruce, Lawrence "Sonny" Condren,
Cornelia "Connie" Craigie, Noeleen Dempsey,
William Doyle, Patricia Kyle, Hazel Munro, Illona
Parter and Sue Sarmardin Jr. on their own behalf
and on behalf of the Kalkadoon People
c/- Queensland South Native Title Services
PO Box 10832
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited
c/- MacDonnells Law
Level 9
120 Edward Street
BRISBANE QLD 4001

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.2 The Kalkadoon People consent to Ergon Energy performing any of the following:

- Minor Works subject to the conditions in Schedule 2;
- access to, and remain on, the Agreement Area for the purpose of the activities in clause 5.2(a);
- use of all land siting Electricity Infrastructure in existence at the execution date ("relevant Electricity Infrastructure") and of any adjacent land required for operational use and maintenance of relevant Electricity Infrastructure;
- where the relevant Electricity Infrastructure referred to in clause 5.2(c) is a powerline or other Electricity Infrastructure located in airspace, Ergon Energy's use of an area of 10 metres on each side of the line on the ground falling beneath the relevant Electricity Infrastructure for any purpose necessary or incidental to the operation, use, maintenance or repair of the relevant Electricity Infrastructure;
- access to all land referred to in clause 5.2(c) by way of access tracks in existence at the execution date ("relevant access tracks");
- where Ergon Energy uses relevant access tracks, other than dedicated roads, within the Agreement Area which are for the purpose of accessing the relevant Electricity Infrastructure:
 - use the relevant access tracks for access purposes; and
 - maintain and repair the relevant access tracks.

"Electricity Infrastructure" means "Works" as defined in section 12(1) of the *Electricity Act, 1994* and includes "Operating works" as defined in section 12(3) of that Act;

"Minor Works" are described in Schedule 2 [Schedule 2 is attached to the agreement. Details of the schedule can be obtained by contacting the case manager, Mick Rodd, on the number below].

"Agreement Area" means the Agreement area described in Schedule 1 [Which includes, amongst other things, that the agreement area covers all the lands and waters within the external boundary of native title determination application QUD579/2005 Kalkadoon People #4 (QC10/4) as accepted for registration on 15 March 2011']

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, Qld, 4001 by 24 November 2011.**

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management (QLD). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
20/515	Kerry Raymond Wark Robert William Grinham	58.93ha	72km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°13'	Murchison
20/516	Kerry Raymond Wark Robert William Grinham	415.01ha	67km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°17'	Cue/Murchison
38/1256	Valleybrook Investments Pty Ltd	58.46ha	18km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°30'	Laverton
45/1217	Cameco Australia Pty Ltd	2330.27ha	72km S'ly of Telfer	Lat 22°20' Long 122°04'	East Pilbara
45/1218	Pilbara Manganese Pty Ltd	242.81ha	107km W'ly of Telfer	Lat 21°36' Long 121°12'	East Pilbara
58/358	Silver Lake Resources Ltd	389.74ha	33km S'ly of Cue	Lat 27°43' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet

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: 10 August 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 **10 November 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. 10 December 2011**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

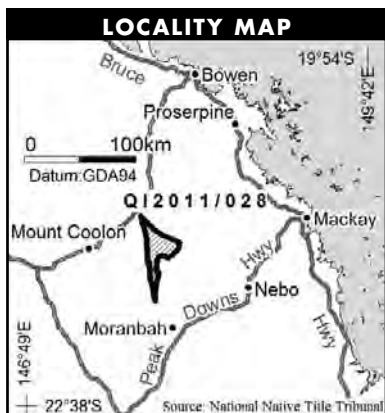
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Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland
Notification day: 24 August 2011



National
Native Title
Tribunal



QI2011/028 Arrow Jangga LNG Project ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 750 square kilometres, located about 115 kilometres west of Mackay as shown on the locality map.

This agreement falls within the Local Government Authorities of Isaac and Whitsunday Regional Councils.

Parties to the agreements and their contact addresses:

Arrow Energy Pty Ltd
C/- Gilkerson Legal
PO Box 12543
BRISBANE QLD 4003

Colin McLennan, James Gaston, Thomas Brown, Tyrone Tiers,
Dorothy Hustler and Marie McLennan on their own behalf and
on behalf of the Jangga People
C/- Dillon Lawyers
62 Blackwood Street
TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

5.2 Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*... does not apply to any Project Activities covered by the Agreement.

7.1 For Native Title purposes, the Parties consent to all Project Activities included in the class specified as follows:-

Exploration and Production Related Project Activities

[This is defined to include all Future Acts which are necessary, desirable for or incidental to the exploration, extraction, collection, processing or production of natural gas or the water derived from the extraction process for natural gas, agricultural activities that use the extracted water, and anything permitting or requiring any of these things. It includes grants and other dealings with tenements, tenures, statutory or regulatory approvals.]

Gas Transmission Related Project Activities

[This is defined to include Future Acts which are necessary or desirable for, or incidental to the collection, distribution, transmission or transportation of natural gas or the water derived from the extraction process for natural gas, any Looping Project or anything permitting or requiring any of these things. It includes grants and other dealings with tenements, tenures, statutory or regulatory approvals.]

[A further explanation of defined terms can be obtained by contacting the case manager on the number below].

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 24 November 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, BRISBANE, QLD, 4001 by 24 November 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 based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management (QLD). Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Case Manager Ann Stokes on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Penrith Women's Health Centre
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Aboriginal Specialist Worker

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Family &
Community Services
Ageing, Disability & Home Care

Therapy Assistant

Southern Region
Queanbeyan

Permanent Full-Time

Job Reference No. 00000IJQ

Total remuneration package valued up to \$54,495 pa (Salary: \$44,320 pa - \$49,384 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description:

Provide therapy services to achieve positive therapeutic outcomes for people with a disability, their families and carers.

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to assist therapists in developing resources and implementing intervention plans to assist clients in meeting their individual goals.
- Relevant work experience and willingness to obtain a relevant Certificate III or IV.
- Capacity to work with people with a disability and to participate in information networks with internal and external stake holders.
- Well developed written communication skills to prepare assessment reports, support plans and other documentation as required.
- Good conceptual, analytical, problem solving skills and ability to collect and utilise clinical and performance data.
- Competency in keyboard skills and the ability to use standard computer systems.
- Demonstrated commitment to implement practices which promote ethical and fair workplace practices, employment equity, cultural diversity and occupational health and safety.
- Current driver's licence.

Job Notes: As part of the Department's Aboriginal employment strategy we are targeting to employ an Aboriginal person to this position. Applicants should note that the position works with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients of the Department. Further information about this position is available online and you must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries: Deborah Heath on (02) 6128 9200 or 0438 613 707

Information Packages: www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Job Reference Number: 00000IJQ

Closing Date: Friday 26 August 2011

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- Excellent opportunity based in Adelaide
- Accounts Payable/Receivable Experience
- Salary Range \$52 – \$55K (plus 15.4% Super)

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Reporting to the Manager, Finance, specifically, you will be required to:

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- Prepare financial reports for a variety of projects;
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The successful applicant will need well developed interpersonal skills, very clear and concise communication skills (including written and verbal) and experience in the provision of effective financial services.

Experience within an agriculture/pastoral setting would be an advantage. Knowledge of GST and experience with Technology One Financials would be highly advantageous.

You must be an Australian resident and your application must demonstrate that you have knowledge of the role and functions of the Indigenous Land Corporation. Completion or near completion in accounting studies to TAFE Certificate or near completion of tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience would be desirable.

Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience.

For further information, please contact **Hanne Damgaard, Manager Finance on (08) 8100 7100 or Freecall 1800 818 490.** (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at www.ilc.gov.au)

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the ILC website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 19 August 2011. Applications should be emailed to vacancies@ilc.gov.au or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Human Resources, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KALKADOON PEOPLE MEETING TO AUTHORISE AN INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

THE **KALKADOON PEOPLE** are currently described as the descendants of the following persons:

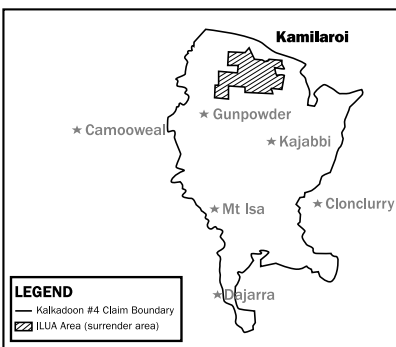
Lardie Roberts (Moonlight)	Charlie Caldwell (Snr)	Dolly Prosser
Ida (aka Ada) Elston	Nellie Monkira	Leichardt Toby
Carbine	Kitty Frogg	Polly Wilson (nee Hopkins) Marajundu
Jack Elston	Willy Malcolm	Jessie Frogg (Snr)
Nancy Daniels	Nobie Clay	Polly Alroy (George)
Spider	Maggie Sautelle	Fanny (Nellie) McLennan
Daisy Barton (nee McLean)	Sophie MacDonald	Mundi MacDonald (King Mundie)
Gypsy Reid (Gypsy Ryan)		
Annie Whip (mother of Martin Connelly Snr)		
Julie (mother of Eulie and Lizzie Hickson)		
Rosie Waddibungera (mother of George Thorpe)		
Jimmy Rolleston and Louisa Muni (parents of Bessie Mowbray)		
Nellie and Jimmy (parents of Topsy Harry, Annie Sam and Jack Kippen)		
Maryann (mother of Annie Reid and Eva Patterson)		

This Notice invites all members of the Kalkadoon People (as described above) to a meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Friday 2 September 2011
Venue of Meeting: QSNTS (CLCAC Building), 31 – 33 Commercial Rd MT ISA
Time of Meeting: 9.30 – 10.30am (Registration 9.00am)

The Purpose of the Authorisation Meeting: to authorise an **Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)** between the **Kalkadoon People (Kalkadoon)**, **Stanbrooke Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (Stanbrooke)** and the **State of Queensland (the State)**. The ILUA gives effect to the Stanbrooke settlement proposal. The proposal was accepted by the Kalkadoon at a meeting held on 20 February 2011 and the ILUA was originally authorised by the Kalkadoon people at a meeting held on 5 June 2011. A further authorisation meeting is required as the State has since become a party to the agreement.

Kalkadoon/Stanbrooke/State ILUA area



The ILUA area is depicted in the map at left. Members of the Kalkadoon People intending to attend the meeting should contact Nelson Stacey, QSNTS on **1800 663 693** to register. Any persons who claim to hold native title over the area subject to the ILUA **other than as a member of the Kalkadoon People** should contact Nelson Stacey, QSNTS on **1800 663 693**.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting or with accommodation costs. However, morning tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.



Sport

Amanda shines again in the pool



FOURTEEN-year-old Amanda Fowler scooped the pool in her multi-class category at the

School Sport Australia swimming championships in Melbourne last week.

She left her rivals in her wake in all her six individual events – the 50m and 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, and the 200m individual medley.

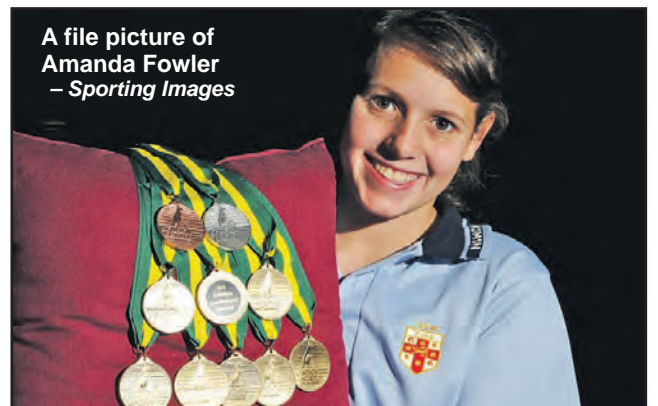
In winning seven gold medals, she also broke five records.

Amanda is the national champion in the multi-class division for swimmers 13-15 years.

Amanda is the fastest swimmer in School Sports Australia national championships in seven individual events where the ages range from 13 years to 19 years.

Following the championships, four swimmers were named as overall champions – two in able-body events and two in the multi-class division. Amanda was the girls' multi-class champion.

Last May she attended the Arafura Games and Oceania Paralympics in Darwin, where



A file picture of Amanda Fowler – *Sporting Images*

she won ten gold medals.

Next month she is off to Italy to represent Australia at the Global Games.

Amanda also has qualified to swim in trials for the Australian Paralympic swimming team for London 2012.

The Paralympics follow soon after the Olympic Games.

It is also understood another Aboriginal girl – Mariah Jones, 17 – excelled in able-body events at the School Sport Australia championships, and won several medals.

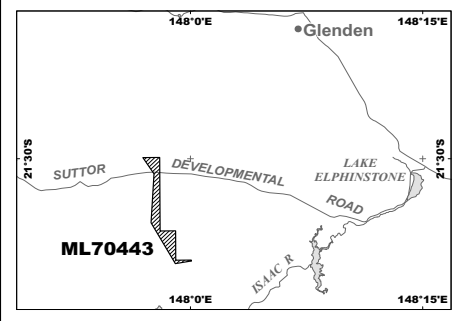
Mariah is from Tweed Heads, on the NSW-Queensland border.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 70443 sought by BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd, over an area of 1351 ha, centred approximately 28km South West of Glenden in the locality of Isaac Regional Council.



Queensland Government

Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty one (21) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, QLD 4720 Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

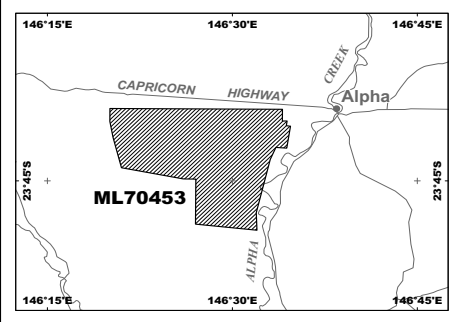
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 70453 sought by Alpha Coal Pty Ltd, over an area of 30822 ha, centred approximately 20km South West of Alpha in the locality of Barcaldine Regional Council.



Queensland Government

Nature of Act(s): The grant of Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) for a term not exceeding thirty five (35) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding thirty five (35) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, QLD 4720 Telephone: (07) 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 31 August 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 & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/99 Search for groundwater	Jupiter Mines Ltd	64550.49ha	84km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 120°28'	Leonora/Menzies

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: 10 August 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 **10 November 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. 10 December 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 Ave, Perth, WA 6000, 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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Sport

Walker joins rugby 7s

Former Titan eyes Olympics



SHANNON Walker has been released by the Gold Coast Titans National Rugby League (NRL) club and signed by the Australian Rugby Union on a sevens contract.

In a dramatic day at the Titans, Preston Campbell announced his retirement while Walker, and fellow rugby-bound Titans player Joseph Tomane were given releases.

Tomane has signed with the ACT Brumbies.

Walker was to join his new sevens team-mates at a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport last Monday and will not take any further part in the Tweed Seagulls' Queensland Cup campaign.

The Seagulls are a feeder club to the Titans and Walker has played most of his football with them, being unable to cement a place in the Titans' line-up.

"I really enjoyed my time at the Titans and I learned a lot, but when I looked at sevens and looked at the opportunities it provides to tour the world and represent Australia at the Olympics, I couldn't really turn down the idea," Walker said.

"The time was right for me to make a decision and I thank the Titans for their support and ARU and the sevens coaching staff for showing faith in me and giving me an opportunity to prove I deserve an Australian sevens jersey.

"I know there is a lot of hard work ahead, but I am looking forward to the challenge and hopefully realising the dream of securing that sevens jersey and hopefully in 2016 a gold medal when the game returns to the Olympics."

Coincidentally, the first time Walker could appear for the Australian sevens team would be on the Gold Coast for the Australian leg of the Sevens World Series on 25-26 November.

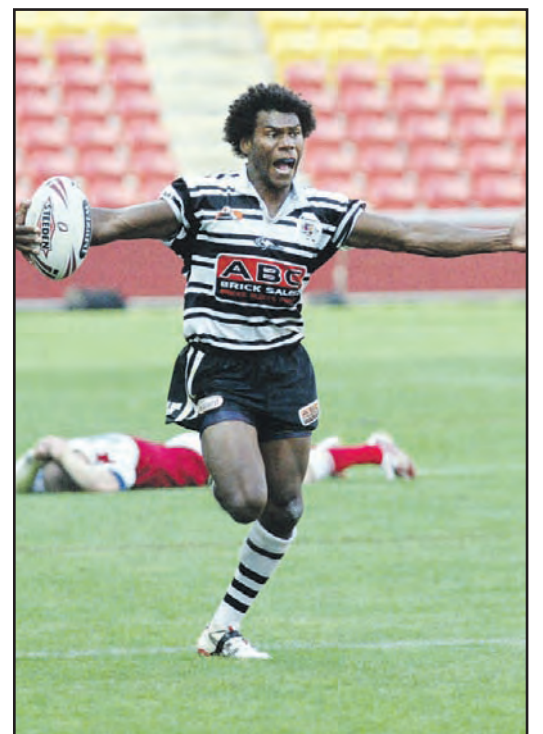
Australian sevens coach and former rugby league convert Michael O'Connor welcomed Walker into his squad.

"Shannon has shown great potential in his short time with the Titans, potential I am sure will translate well to rugby sevens," he said.

"It is very exciting to see him want to further his sporting career in an Australian sevens jersey.

"He is now the second NRL convert to join us this year after Denan (Kemp – former Broncos player) came across in April and is a testament to the game to think players from other codes are looking at sevens and liking what they see."

It's understood Walker was keen to move on from the Titans after being frustrated at the lack of opportunity at the club behind incumbent William Zillman and Preston Campbell. – AAP



Excitement machine Shannon Walker playing for Gold Coast Titans feeder club the Tweed Heads Seagulls.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR EXPLORATION PERMIT 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 variation of the approved work program for the Exploration Permit shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to vary the conditions of EPM 10783 which was granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Cth) using the expedited procedure of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), by adding trenching to the approved work program of exploration permit pursuant to s141C of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Cth).

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the application to vary the work program of EPM 10783 will be granted under s141c of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining or his delegate, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed variation of the work program of the Exploration Permit, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Exploration Permit may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737.

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 variation of the work program of the Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 31 August 2011



Queensland Government

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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Nature of Act(s): The grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years with the possibility of renewals for a term not exceeding twenty (20) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland 4002.

Further Information: Further Information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, Mount Isa, 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa, Qld 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747 2041.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of a Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

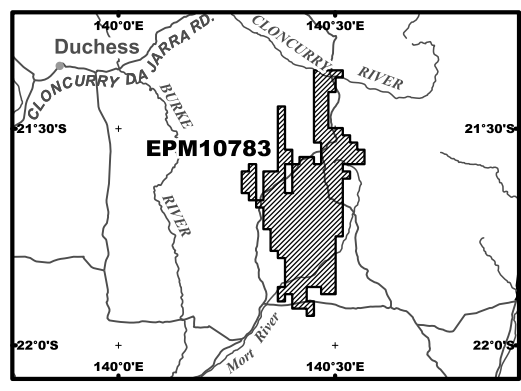
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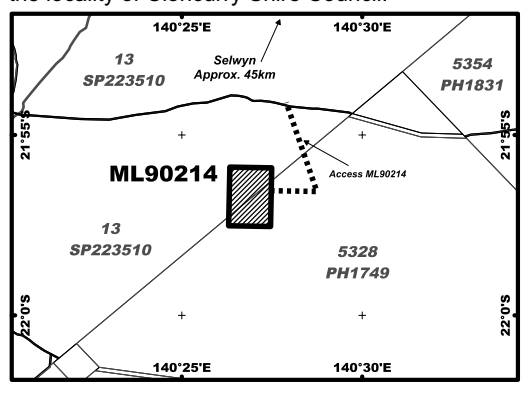


Queensland Government

EPM 10783 Ivanhoe Cloncurry Mines Pty Limited ABN 22 106 255 216, over an area of 238 sub-blocks, centred 150km South East of Mount Isa in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



Mining Lease 90214 sought by Ivanhoe (Osborne) Pty Limited, over an area of 600 ha, centred approximately 175km South East of Mount Isa in the locality of Cloncurry Shire Council.



Mills weighs options



AUSTRALIAN Boomers basketballer Patty Mills has put to rest rumours that he has signed a

contract to play in Turkey, saying he is weighing up all his options as the US National Basketball Association (NBA) remains deadlocked over a labour dispute.

A number of media outlets had reported that Mills, after finishing his second season with the Portland Trail Blazers in the NBA, had inked a one-year deal with the Anadolu Efes team in Istanbul.

Mills, 22, said his agent was in talks with a number of European clubs, including Anadolu Efes, but denied a deal had been signed.

"I want to make it clear that I have not signed with any team in Turkey," Mills said on Friday.

"I have received offers from teams, but I have not come to any agreements with any of the teams there."

He said he was also looking at potential offers from the NBL while the NBA season remained on hold over an industrial disagreement.

The NBA locked out its players in early July when a collective bargaining agreement ended, throwing the league into labour strife.

"My intention during this lockout is to look at offers from Europe and Australia," he said.

"I've made no decision where I'm going to play during the lockout as of yet, but I'm looking to come close to making a decision in the next few weeks."

Any contract signed would have to have an out-clause so there was still the option to return to the NBA when the lockout ended, Mills said.

While the lockout was a

distraction, Mills said his main focus was on the Boomers and their upcoming Olympic qualification series against New Zealand in September.

"All these rumours with the lockout are obviously going on, but my main focus at the moment is with the Boomers and in preparation for the New Zealand series," Mills said.

Training back home

Meanwhile, Mills is training with the Canberra Gunners and told *The Canberra Times* it was the perfect way to prepare for his first game in three months.

He is preparing for the Australian Boomers trip to London for an Olympics test event from 16-21 August.

To ensure he's ready to hit the court for the first time since the Portland Trail Blazers were knocked out of the NBA finals in April, Mills has enlisted the help of his former cross-town rivals the Gunners.

The Canberra Times reported the 22-year-old last week trained with the Gunners at Belconnen for the second time, and had been working out by himself in the capital three times a day to return to peak fitness.

"It's good. It gives me a chance to still be involved in a team practice, scrimmage, and Monday was my first ever practice with the Gunners," Mills said.

"But I played with a lot of the guys as a junior and it's fun to come back and practise with them."

"It is a different environment, but that's the thing about coming home."

"The Gunners are always going to be here and I'm lucky enough to be able to come home and play with my friends. That's something I'm proud of and it's fun." – AAP



PATRICK MILLS

Entries open for Brisbane carnival

INDIGENOUS teams from throughout Australia are invited to nominate for the second annual Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival on 15-16 October. It will be held at the Easts

Carina Junior Rugby League Football Club, Creek Road, Brisbane.

Registrations close on 7 October. Details: info@murrvibrations.com.au or call 0412 459 027.

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 24 August 2011



National Native Title Tribunal



QI2011/029 Woorabinda Social Housing and Home Ownership ILUA

Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to this agreement covers about 9 hectares and is located in the vicinity of the Town of Woorabinda as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

State of Queensland
c/- Crown Law
State Law Building
Level 11, 50 Ann Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Patricia Leisha, Lynette Blucher,
Pamela Hegarty and Lillian Harrison
(the Gangulu Parties). Steven Freeman,
Sharyn Blair, Diane Evans and Edgar
Freeman (the Wadja Parties).
PO Box 10832 Adelaide Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Woorabinda Aboriginal
Shire Council
WOORABINDA QLD 4702

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 5.1: The parties:

- (a) consent to the doing of the Agreed Acts to the extent they are Future Acts;
- (b) agree to the validation of:

- i) any acts that comprise or are necessarily incidental to the provision of Social Housing that are or may be invalid for Native Title purposes that were done on the Agreement Area by the State or the Council prior to Registration; and
- ii) any Agreed Acts done by the State or Council after the Execution Date and prior to Registration.

Clause 5.5: Subdivision P, Part 2, Division 3 of the [Native Title Act 1993] is not intended to apply to the doing of the Agreed Acts.

Clause 1 defines:

'Agreed Acts' as any acts done as part of, or in relation to:

- (a) the Construction Acts;
- (b) the operation and maintenance of the Infrastructure established in the Agreement Area;
- (c) the operation and maintenance of the Social Housing in the Agreement Area during the term of any Social Housing Lease;
- (d) the grant of any Social Housing Lease in the Lease Area;
- (e) the grant of any Residential Leases in the Lease Area and any other leases under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1994* (Qld); and
- (f) any land dealings required to perfect:
 - a. the surrender of part of any Social Housing Lease; and
 - b. the grant of a Residential Lease corresponding to the surrendered area pursuant to s. 40D(1)(a) or 40D(2) of the [Aboriginal Land Act 1991 (Qld)], to the intent that any part of the Social Housing Lease that is not, or has not been, surrendered remains subject to that Social Housing Lease.

'Construction Acts' as any act done as part of, or in relation to, the construction of the Social Housing and the Infrastructure in the Agreement Area including, but not limited to, survey activities, geotechnical investigations and the grant of any licences, permits or authorities.

[The terms 'Infrastructure', 'Lease Area', 'Social Housing' and 'Social Housing Lease' are also defined in clause 1 of the agreement. Details of these defined terms can be obtained by contacting the case manager on the number below.]

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified:

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by Queensland South Native Title Services Limited, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, QLD, 4001** by **24 November 2011**.

Generally, procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of Environment & Resource Management (QLD). Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, call Case Manager Mick Rodd on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.

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Fists fly at Mt Isa

Story and pictures by
ALF WILSON



IT was dubbed the 'Wild West Punch-Up' and boxers came from Woorabinda, Cloncurry, Mareeba, Palm Island and the host town of Mt Isa to compete.

The Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament was part of the bi-annual Xstrata Western Games and was held at Buchanan Park Hall, Mt Isa, on 30 July.

The Western Games featured 20 sports.

A majority of the boxers were Aboriginal and there were 16 bouts – most of which featured plenty of action.

The tournament was organised by BB's Club from Mount Isa and spokesman Bob Burrow said it was a top night.

"There were some really good fights, with a heavyweight bout featuring a fighter who was 115kg," Burrow said.

Dr Andrew Korinichona, from Gordonvale, near Cairns, checked the boxers before the bouts.

Glen Illes of BB's, won the 31kg event on points over Palm Island's Rashaun Creed, and in the next bout, Palm's Jerome Walsh beat his Mareeba opponent in the 35kg class.

Brutal puncher Isaac Bulsey, of Palm Island, scored a first round TKO win over Cloncurry's Lincoln Quackawoot in a 43kg fight.

Ralented Woorabinda youngster Charlie Huskic beat Walter Richards (Palm Island) on points in the 43kg. BB's Vijay Wilson beat Clarence Mitchell (Cloncurry) in the 44.5kg division.

Mareeba's Renzi Cater beat Kane Thorley (BB's) in the 48kg class.

Mareeba boxer Ashton

Cater had a points win over BB's Glen Illes.

Tiny 12-year-old Joey Geia (Palm Island) won on points from Brandon Dempsey (BB's) in a 41kg event.

In what was for both their second bouts of the night, Clarence Mitchell had a win over Drew Cater.

In one of the best events, Palm Island nine-year-old Chris Evers and BB's Jaydon Dempsey fought an exhibition bout that ended in a draw.

A decided reach advantage enabled Elijah Lawrence (BB's) to outpoint William Palm Island in a 48kg bout.

Classy Palm Islander Dennis Haines Jr won on points over Fabian Riley (Mareeba) in the 57kg bout and a feature was some vicious right-hand body punches.

Popular fight

In the second exhibition bout, Clinton Elliott and Palm Island's Chris Gundy battled it out to generous appreciation.

BB's star Kolby Johnston won on points over Palm Island's Patrick Clarke in a 67kg slugfest.

Johnston is the son of former top boxer Glenn Johnston, who fought more than 1000 bouts in the Fred Brophy boxing tent under the title of the 'Friendly Mauler'.

Dan Schonknecht (Cloncurry) beat BB's Shane Garling in the 115kg heavyweight bout.

In the main event, Jake Webster (BB's) scored a win over Mitchell Hudson (Cloncurry) in a bout that had the crowd rising from their chairs.

Many of the boxers will compete at Palm Island's big tournament on 27 August.

Boxers from Emerald, Rockhampton, Charters Towers, Townsville, Mackay, Mount Isa and Cairns district will also compete.



Young Charlie Huskic, from Woorabinda, with Levi Savuro.



Renzi Cater (Mareeba) after his bout.



Elizah Lawrence (BB's, Mt Isa) after his win.



Chris Evers (green) against Jaydon Dempsey in the 26kg exhibition bout.



● ABOVE: Glen Illes, of BB's (Mt Isa), left, on his way to a win over Rashaun Creed, of Palm Island.



● LEFT: The Woorabinda contingent, from left, Stewart Major, Charlie Huskic, Gary Huskic and John Anderson.

● BELOW: BB's (Mt Isa) boxers and officials, from left: Kane Thorley, Jake Webster, tournament organiser Bob Burrow, Brandon Dempsey, Elizah Lawrence, trainer Pinky Csomo, Glen Illes and Jayden Dempsey.



Palm Island boxers, back from left, Walter Richards, Jerome Walsh, Steen Walsh, Joey Geia; front, Isaac Bulsey, Rashaun Creed and Chris Evers.



Bunbury to host 12th annual football carnival



THE 12th annual Indigenous football carnival will be held on 22 October at Bunbury, in Western Australia's south-west.

The carnival has grown to become one of the State's premier Indigenous events, and this year is expected to draw 12 teams from places like Bunbury, Geraldton, Mullewa, Kalgoorlie, Perth, Albany and communities in between.

Spokeswoman Lera Bennell said many players at previous carnivals had gone on to AFL and WAFL levels.

"Many existing WAFL and AFL players will make their annual sojourn to Bunbury to support the carnival and to witness the young Indigenous talent," she said.

"Indigenous communities, families and individuals have found this is the place to be. It brings out the best in us as sportspeople, and promotes the family unit and youth and encourages them to achieve as sportspeople.

"It also bridges the gap between the elderly and youth and with the wider community."

League split in far north

By ALF WILSON



JUST three men's teams will contest the remainder of the Kaiwalagal Rugby League season on Thursday Island following the withdrawal of four Northern Peninsula Area sides.

The seven-club combined men's KRL/NPA competition started the 2011 season in a blaze of glory, with home and away games played at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island, and at Bamaga on the NPA.

A KRL spokesperson told *Koori Mail* that the four NPA teams which started the season – Alau Eagles, Bamaga Roos, Injunoo Crocs and New Mapoon – had withdrawn because of funding concerns and would run their own competition.

A new KRL draw was made for the last two rounds.

Reigning premiers Roosters and another Thursday Island-based side – Suburbs – will battle it out for the rest of the season, with Badu team Mulga being the third team.

"We have done a new draw for the KRL because NPA have withdrawn from our competition due to funding. At present Mulga is leading the KRL comp with Suburbs close behind and Roosters third," the KRL spokesperson said.

September grand final

In the qualifying semi-final on 27 August, first and second-placed sides will clash, with the winning advancing to the grand final.

The loser will meet the third-placed team in the preliminary final, with the winner earning the second grand final berth.

A big crowd is expected at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on 10 September for the climax to the KRL season.

KRL president Marsat Ketchell said the concept of a combined league had

been a good one, but one which was difficult to maintain.

"Some financial setbacks meant the teams were unable to continue to travel to the island for the competition. So the three men's teams will continue playing, with one team having a bye each week, to maintain fitness for the upcoming Zenadth Kes carnival," Mr Ketchell said.

That carnival, also known as the Torres Cup, will be played on Thursday Island from 6-9 October.

Mr Ketchell said the KRL was looking to having junior league matches played on Saturday mornings on Thursday Island.

It also looks certain that no KRL women's football competition will be held on Thursday Island following the withdrawal of two NPA sides.

There is great anticipation in the Torres Strait and the NPA region over the annual Zenadth Kes carnival.

Along with the Island of Origin series that was held on Badu Island in June, it is one of the most prestigious sporting events in the region.

On target for title

By ALF WILSON



REIGNING premiers Kowanyama Wallabies were on target to win the 2011 Cape Cluster rugby league competition after round two games played at Aurukun on 30 July.

Seven sides from remote communities are in the competition – Kowanyama Wallabies, Pormpuraaw Crocs, Aurukun Kang Kang, Coen Colts, Weipa Raiders, Mapoon Brumbies and Lockhart River's East Coast Balas.

The majority of players are Aboriginal and there has been some great talent on show this season in a competition organised by Queensland Rugby League (QRL) development officer Cameron Miller.

In the 2010 grand final last October, Kowanyama narrowly beat Napranum, which didn't field a side this year. Many of their players are lining up with Mapoon.

Kowanyama Wallabies coach Dave Kennedy, who also co-coached the Remote Area side at the Foley Shield carnival in May, said all the teams had shown great improvement.

"There are some very strong sides and I was particularly impressed with Aurukun and Mapoon. After two rounds, we remain undefeated," Kennedy said.

Great day at Aurukun

A large crowd turned out for round two games at Aurukun and Miller said it was a great day and praised the Aboriginal community.

"Aurukun were outstanding hosts and went beyond their call of duty and made everybody feel welcome," Miller said.

In game one, Weipa Raiders defeated Pormpuraaw Crocs 38-10.

Miller rated Yapelli Jacksonia, former Foley Shield player Reece McLaughlin and Cameron Jawai as Weipa's best, and Trevor Bramwell, Shannon Norman and Hare Coakley as the standouts for the Crocs.

Kowanyama rolled home favourites Aurukun 48-18 in game two in which fullback Fitzroy Lawrence, Elron Lawrence and Quinton Dick shone for the Wallabies.

Miller rated Miles Kerridan, Bulu Davui and Dan Gibson as Aurukun's best.

Mapoon scored a 40-14 win over Pormpuraaw

in game three, with best players being captain Eli Tabuai, Kareem Tabuai and Les Hall.

For the Crocs, Trevor Bramwell and Dion Baillie tried hard.

Game four saw the Weipa Raiders defeat East Coast Balas 32-4.

Best for the Raiders were Karl Adams, Yapelli Jacksonia and Freddy Clermont, while Steve Giblet, Steve Miskin and Willie Manukootcha were stars for East Coast.

In game five, Kowanyama showed their class by beating Mapoon 56-18.

Tough forward John Kennedy and Raymond Googleye shone for Kowanyama, and veteran Jason Nixon, Eli Tabuai and Les Hall were hard workers for Mapoon.

In the final game, Aurukun Kang Kang showed they are a big chance to qualify for the grand final with a 48-12 win over East Coast Balas.

"They played a great attacking brand of football and best were Jack Bedford, Byron Gotema and Miles Kerridan. Nathan Barkly stood out for East Coast," Miller said.

Benchmark team

Kennedy was reluctant to declare Kowanyama good things to defend their title, but admitted they were the benchmark team.

"It was a good day at Aurukun and my best players overall were Fitzroy Lawrence, Dale Brumby, five eighth Stanley David, John Kennedy, Quinton Dick and Raymond Googleye," he said.

The ladder after round two saw Kowanyama leading on eight points, followed by Mapoon on six, Weipa and Aurukun on four, East Coast and Coen on two and Pormpuraaw zero.

Kowanyama have a handsome percentage of +68 points on for and against, compared with +20 for Mapoon and Aurukun's +24.

In round one matches played at Weipa a few weeks earlier, Mapoon beat Weipa 44-26, Kowanyama downed East Coast Balas 26-16, Coen hammered Pormpuraaw 54-4, East Coast Balas overcame Pormpuraaw 44-10, Aurukun defeated Weipa Raiders 32-18, Kowanyama outlasted Coen 24-16 and Mapoon got the points 24-20 over Aurukun in the closest game.

Another round of games will be played at Coen in August, with the finals in Weipa on 4 September.



The Aurukun Kang Kang side.



The Kowanyama Wallabies.



The Mapoon Brumbies.

Dawn breaks and runners prepare for the Australian Outback Marathon in the vicinity of Uluru.



From the Aust desert to New York City, Indigenous runners are one step closer to competing in the world famous marathon

Run at Uluru



FIVE Indigenous Marathon Project (IMP) runners selected from the squad of 18 had an

opportunity to run in the vicinity of Australia's most recognisable natural landmark – Uluru – as part of their quest to be selected in the team to compete in the New York City Marathon in November.

"It was an unbelievable experience to have a group of Indigenous runners representing their team-mates and communities at this iconic Indigenous landmark," IMP director Robert de Castella said.

The runners lined up against about 40 others at the 11km start line as a part of the Australian Outback Marathon.

A little over 40 minutes later, Nathan Sutherland (Orange, NSW) crossed the finish line in first place, with team-mate Patrick Keain (Adelaide) close behind.

Bianca Graham (Weipa, Queensland) and Bridgette Williams (Mt Gravatt, Brisbane) finished first and second in the female category, giving the runners

a huge confidence boost going into this month's Sydney's City to Surf race.

Kiwa Schilling (Kamantoo, South Australia) was the other runner.

The City to Surf will be a stark contrast to the Australian Outback Marathon.

The Indigenous runners will line up alongside 80,000 others in the largest running event in the world.

Grassroots support

IMP provides grassroots support to aspiring runners who have the ambition to make a change in their communities and use their leadership skills to promote healthy, active, smoke-free lifestyles.

de Castella said the community-based initiative promoted running and walking at the local level.

He hopes that by taking ten Indigenous men and women to the New York City Marathon that others will realise that they too can get involved.

"I want to see running as a regular part of Indigenous life," de Castella said.



Bianca Graham taking out the winning female category in the 11km run.



Nathan Sutherland finishing the Australian Outback Marathon.



Bridgette Williams competing in the Australian Outback Marathon.



Indigenous Marathon Project runners at the Olgers, from left, team coach and manager Tim Rowe, Patrick Keain, Nathan Sutherland, Indigenous Marathon Project director Robert de Castella, Kiwa Schilling, Bridgette Williams and Bianca Graham.

SA rules supreme

By PETER ARGENT



SOUTH Australia remained undefeated to win the Australian

Football League's under 16 championships in Sydney.

The next day, Queensland clinched the second division title at the same venue – Blacktown International Sports Park – home of new AFL club Greater Western Sydney.

South Australia won all three of its matches and one of the dominant players for the Croweaters was Sturt footballer Dwayne Wilson.

Like expected top three draft selection this year Chad Wingard, Wilson is from the Imperials Football Club at Murray Bridge, an hour up the highway from Adelaide.

"Dwayne (Wilson) is extremely skilful on both sides of his body," SANFL high-performance manager Brenton Phillips said.

"In our middle game on the Tuesday against Victorian, he produced a very good game and was one of our best players.

"He is a smooth mover and has good pace."

Another standout at the carnival was Victorian Metro player Jay Kennedy-Harris.

He is from the Kew Comets and is aligned to the Oakleigh Chargers.

He played in all three matches at the Sydney carnival.

High-class traits

"Jay showed many high-class traits you would expect from a footballer at this level," his coach Andrew Nichol said.

"His speed and defensive pressure, along with his willingness to take the game on, were attributes that stood out.

"He is a Trinity College student in Melbourne and his leadership at school is highly respected. He's an impressive young man."

While Western Australian was winless, they were competitive in all matches.

One of their outright stars was Broome lad Jack Martin, now living in Geraldton.

He was strong through the middle of the ground.

Wesley College lad Dylan Loo, in his on-ball role, and half back Herman Humphries, from the Carey Park football nursery, were consistent performers as well.

"Jack has a massive X-factor and an amazing vertical leap, along with being quick and clean when he uses the ball," WA coach

Jon Sharp said.

"Playing through the middle and across half, Jack was high among our best players at the championships.

"Herman played mainly across half back and we noted his strong evasive and finishing skills.

"Dylan was a great reader of the play and had an impact in each match."

Victoria Country had four Aboriginal lads, including utility Nathan Drummond and forward Jarman Impey, from Shepparton Bears.

Wingman Aaron Christensen, the brother of the Geelong footballer Allen, and on-baller Clayton McCartney, from Cranbourne, in the Dandenong region, were they other two

"At different times each excelled," Victorian Country coach and former Essendon star Scott Lucas said.

"Jarman kicked six goals in the final trial against Vic Metro and despite being given plenty of attention, still kicked a number of goals during the carnival.

"Clayton McCartney worked hard on the defensive elements of his game and his improvement was clearly evident. He also has tremendous visions.

"Nathan Drummond played an unfamiliar role across half back, and his versatility was evident.

"Aaron Christensen is along very small and light, but has all the skills."

The division two competition was won by Queensland.

Ray Windsor's troops went one better than their 2010 campaign, beating Tasmania in the final game to clinch the crown.

Isaac Rokeby, who already plays senior football in Cairns with North, was a leading performer of the Scorpions and also had an impact on the scoreboard as a small forward.

"Isaac was very good in our opening game against the NT and is lightning quick," Windsor said.

"He also kicked the game and championship sealer in the last match against the Tassie Tigers.

"James Wardle was something of a game-breaker for us, and the difference in the last game."

For the NSW side, Yarran Jaffer-Williams, from Glebe, played, while Batemans Bay lad Elijah Edwards missed out due to injury.

Jaffer-Williams, off a wing or up forward, produced strong performances.

More than half the 30-man Thunder squad had Indigenous heritage.

The Northern Territory combination was winless over its

four-game program, but coach

Cameron Roberts said the development of the playing group was a paramount importance.

"Willie Rioli was our most skilled and dangerous player, kicking four goals in the first half of our final game," Roberts said.

"If he can improve his conditioning, he could be a very special talent.

"He is boarding at Xavier College in Melbourne and despite just being in Year Ten, is already playing first XVIII football

"Tiwi Islander Alistair Darcy displayed glimpses of his huge potential, being tall, lean and quick.

"Leonard 'Diesel' Gordon is originally from Beagle Bay, in Western Australia, and is boarding in Darwin.

Newcomer

"He's new to the game, but has a lot of the attributes the AFL recruiters like.

"Leonard and Alistair have plenty of upside."

For the second year, the carnival featured a World XVIII and a South Pacific side.

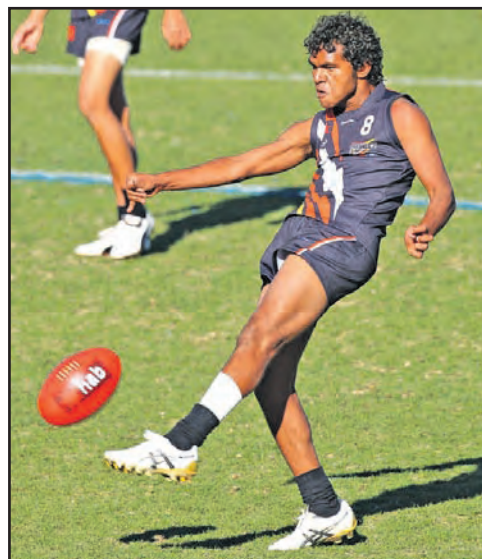
Triple premiership champion at Brisbane and 264-game Aboriginal star Chris Johnson coached the World XVIII.

"We had football talent from all over the world in this side," Johnson said.

"The boys enjoyed a good victory over the Northern Territory and a great come-from-behind win against the South Pacific."



● **ABOVE:** The Northern Territory's Willie Rioli kicks in action against the World XVIII at Blacktown Olympic Park, Sydney.



● **LEFT:** Shane McAuliffe, of the Northern Territory, kicks during the AFL under 16 carnival against the World XVIII.

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Dwayne Wilson from the title-winning South Australian side.



Jay Kennedy-Harris (Vic Metro) is tackled while playing against South Australia.

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Croweaters too strong

By PETER ARGENT



KOONIBBA'S Waylon Johncock and Harry Miller Jnr, from Mallee Park, were important members of the South Australia Country team that reclaimed State football pride,

collecting an initial victory over WA Country in the Challenge Cup match at AAMI Stadium on Sunday 31 July.

The game was a precursor to the Crows v Power AFL showdown.

It proved to be a tight contest in the opening two quarters, with the scores level at half-time.

Strong finish

But with ten goals to four in the second half, the Croweaters boys earned a comfortable 31-point victory.

The final score was SA 16.9 (105) to 10.14 (74).

Johncock played on a wing, while Miller was a part of the vital mid field rotations.

"We are building up to next year's national country championships and we saw this game an important part of this," victorious coach Barry Pilmore said.



HARRY MILLER JNR

"I felt our defence was the underlying strength.

"I was very impressed with Waylon and Harry.

"We used Harry as an impact player and he set up a lot of movement.

"Both have awesome skills and each understands the nuances of the game.

"Waylon did take a little time to adjust to the pace, but I was impressed with his second half.

Miller, who played 18 senior games

with Hawthorn in the 2005-06 seasons, was creative, especially with his handball, while Johncock started slowly, but worked himself into the contest in the second half.

Miller was mentioned among the best players and kicked a goal.

"It was good quality football all game and in the end we were run over," WA coach Paul Pannell said.

"We had 13 footballers who had played WAFL senior football in our side.

Positive signs

"There were some positive signs and we prepare for next year's nationals.

"We are looking forward to hosting the South Aussies for this match in two years."

From the Garlett clan at the Carey Park Football Club, Glen played for the West Australian side.

While not one of the

best players, nevertheless Garlett still won plenty of touches and used the ball constructively.

In a function at the Crows Tavern at half-time of the showdown, South Australia captain Josh Vick and coach Barry Pilmore were presented the cup from SA football icon and AFL Hall of Famer Neil 'Knuckles' Kerley.

The Croweaters have the annual City verses Country match next April and the 2012 SA Country Championships as further hit-outs before the national country football titles, which is expected to be in rural New South Wales.



GLEN GARLETT



WAYLON JOHNCOCK

Campbell invites Lockyer to bow out in All Stars



WORK has already been lined up for Darren Lockyer by the National Rugby League (NRL) in 2012, but the retiring Australian captain may yet play one final match next year – the All Stars showdown.

Preston Campbell, the inspiration behind the annual pre-season All Stars match, extended an invitation for Lockyer to bow out in next year's clash, which could be the festival game's last hurrah on the Gold Coast before a move to a bigger stadium.

Not that Lockyer will be short of things to do, if the NRL has its way.

NRL boss David Gallop said last week that talks had already begun to use record-breaking Test skipper Lockyer as an ambassador to promote the Test program.

"He has worn the Kangaroos jersey with great pride over a long period and that is certainly one area we have talked to him about, an ongoing role helping us promote international football," Gallop said.

"His profile can help us promote Test footy and remind everyone from the players to our commercial partners that the Kangaroo jersey is the epitome of this game.

"I think you will see him involved in that over the next few years.

"I think there will be a range of other things open to Darren once he finally hangs the boots up, possibly with a premiership come October."

Sailor precedent

Wendell Sailor came out of retirement to play one last game for the first Indigenous All Stars team – and Campbell did not rule out Lockyer running out for possibly the last All Stars game on the tourist strip.

"It's up to him but he will always be welcome," Campbell said of Lockyer.

"It would be great to see him out there.

"If he wants to play in it, he is more than welcome to come along."

Gallop said the NRL was considering moving the All Stars game from the 27,480-capacity Skilled Park to a bigger stadium.

"It is something that we are going to have to look at," he said.

"We go into the last year of the arrangement (at Skilled Park) next year. Certainly there is potential that it will outgrow that stadium," he said.

Lockyer has already been guaranteed a fitting farewell at home ground Suncorp Stadium after the NRL confirmed Brisbane's final round clash against Manly would be scheduled on Sunday 4 September.

There were fears television ratings would determine the schedule and make it a Friday night clash.

Gallop was gushing in his praise of Lockyer, saying he hoped the match was a stepping stone to a 'fairytale' finish for the Queensland State of Origin captain.

"We have got the last home game on a Sunday afternoon now so families can say goodbye to him," he said.

"Legend gets thrown around a bit in sport, but this is a genuine legend – on and off the field he is a champion.

"And the Broncos are genuine contenders. There is a lot to look forward with a potential fairytale for Darren Lockyer."

Lockyer equalled the NRL record for games played (349) on Saturday night against the Warriors. – AAP

Coach the fall guy

THERE is a saying in sport that winning starts in the front office. In what probably applies to any organisation or business, what this means is that is hard for a footy team to succeed if the administration is not doing its job.

As important as a coach is to establishing the culture of the team, he needs a strong and well-resourced organisation behind him to succeed.

A coach also needs the players to buy in, and more often than not, he has limited influence on the players' performance once they take the field.

Strategically, the coach can make substitutions and tactical changes, but he cannot ensure each player performs at his optimum.

That comes down to the individual.

That is why it never ceases to amaze me how football history continually repeats itself and the coach becomes the fall guy for a team or club's poor performance.

Last third of the season, a coach with an uncertain future whose team suffers a 100-point plus thrashing followed by the senior coaching position changing hands.

Over the past weeks, the

Crows and Neil Craig, and Melbourne and Dean Bailey have proved the theory.

There might be very different issues in play at the two clubs, but the end result follows the precedent that has been well set over the years.

Only one position changes – the senior coach.

This is not a shot at either of these two great clubs – it just happens to be their turn.

Every senior coach knows that his position is where the buck stops and nothing will ever change that fact, but the reality is the role of the coach is very different to what it was even a decade ago.

Whole departments

Where coaches were once the authority figure, now large football departments and player leadership groups have forced a much more collaborative decision-making process.

However, while each group needs to help each other, concentrating on your core role and having faith in others to do theirs is the most important building block to being a good team.

The senior coach is now less hands-on responsible for the end performance of his team

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than he was.

With the growth of the off-field coaching operation and the delegation to assistant coaches, conditioning coaches and the like, the senior coach is largely now head of an off-field operation of ten to 20 people.

At the same time we've seen a trend towards more powerful and more organised leadership groups, with senior players encouraged and empowered to be heavily involved in decisions that affect the playing group.

While this is great in theory, it only works with greater ownership and responsibility.

But with ownership and responsibility should also come accountability.

And while all coaches understand that final accountability will eventually and inevitably end with them, it seems that they are the only ones to feel the pain.

It proves that it's not whose fault it is that matters; what counts is who gets the blame.

The coaching support staff members and the senior players who are happy to enjoy the delegated empowerment should share in this accountability.

Partly the lack of accountability of players in general comes partly from the myth perpetuated by some commentators that game plan rather than player performance is why games are won and lost. The problem is that players, board members and fans can become convinced that the coach's game plan is responsible

for the failures – not the players' execution of it.

While an effective game plan is important, it will be useless without players executing well their basic skills, working as a cohesive team and pressuring the opposition into error.

Bad matches happen, but I've always believed that a complete annihilation comes from a lack of on-field leadership.

Strong effective on-field leadership is the fabric that holds teams together in tough times.

The concept of empowering player leadership groups to help run their own teams is justified if they are capable of the responsibility and it does not adversely affecting their core role as on-field performers.

If they cannot the results can be disastrous.

Similarly, such a scenario makes it easy for a club administration to sack the coach to give the impression that they are taking decisive action in a perceived time of crisis.

True leadership requires a model that holds all accountable.

It is the concept of 'team' that brings on-field success.

It is the concept of 'club' that allows the team to perform.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



The famous picture of St Kilda's Nicky Winmar pointing to his skin colour after the game against Collingwood at Victoria Park in 1993.

Australian football's greatest warriors feature in video

ALMOST two decades have passed since Neil Elvis 'Nicky' Winmar raised his St Kilda jumper and pointed to his skin following a game against Collingwood at Victoria Park in 1993.

Yet Winmar's action remains one of the most extraordinary moments in the history of Australian football, and it continues to resonate with past and present Indigenous footballers.

A brilliantly skilled midfielder, Winmar, then aged 27, had suffered a barrage of racial abuse on that afternoon as he led the Saints to a famous 22-point victory at the Magpies' old home ground.

It was St Kilda's first win over Collingwood at Victoria Park since 1976 (the two clubs actually never met there again), the Saints' 12 consecutive floggings at the venue having included a 178-point thrashing in 1979.

Not long after the final siren, Winmar, who had been one of the best players on the ground, lifted his guernsey in a show of pride in his Aboriginal heritage.

Winmar was later awarded two Brownlow Medal votes for his deeds during the match, while his Indigenous team-mate, Gilbert McAdam, was given three votes for his dominant performance.

Along with a photograph of

his iconic moment, one of Winmar's superbly executed running goals – one against Adelaide at Football Park – features in a compilation of football's greatest Indigenous warriors.

The video was put together to coincide with the AFL Indigenous Round, which each year celebrates the great contribution that Indigenous players have made to the game.

The five best Indigenous warriors – Winmar, Adam Goodes, Andrew McLeod, Byron Pickett and Gavin Wanganeen – were nominated by three-time Brisbane Lions premiership

player Chris Johnson.

"That symbol of Winmar pointing to the colour of his skin is something that will stick in a lot of people's minds for a very long time," Johnson said.

"He brought a lot of awareness to Indigenous culture and made people aware that treating people differently because of the colour of their skin is not acceptable.

"Without him, people probably would not have become so aware of the things that happened to indigenous players on and off the field.

"It was a really significant thing to do." – AFL BigPond Network

Lovett on GWS radar

GREATER Western Sydney chief executive Dale Holmes has confirmed the club will discuss the merits of drafting returning footballer Andrew Lovett but says its far from a priority at the fledgling club.

Lovett was acquitted of two counts of rape and is expected to attempt to return to the AFL via the draft after being sacked by St Kilda in early 2010.

"We haven't even thought

about it," Holmes told the Herald Sun.

"Previously listed players is probably the second-last piece of the jigsaw puzzle, the rookies is the last part. (Lovett) will come up at the footy subcommittee when we next meet.

"It's not a CEO decision, it's a sub-committee vote on those sort of decisions."

"There's a lot of considerations when you're looking at players," Holmes said. – AFL BigPond Network

Preston calls it quits



DAYS after admitting to doubts about a 2012 farewell, Gold Coast Titans veteran Preston Campbell announced on Friday he would draw the curtain on his National Rugby League (NRL) career at the end of the season.

Campbell had already changed his mind – twice – about his playing future.

And the 34-year-old sounded like a man having another change of heart when he attended the NRL's All Stars launch in last Wednesday.

Asked about helping the lowly Titans rebuild in 2012, Campbell admitted he was having second thoughts.

"If there are any doubts, it was the fact that we have a new-look team with younger blokes next year," he said.

Close friend, Titans boss Michael Searle, also sensed a change in Campbell.

"We are pretty close and I had a rough feeling that he was (about to change his mind)," Searle said.

"He is the sort of bloke who takes every day as it comes.

Next phase

"And he has made up his mind that the time is right to move on to the next phase of his life.

"There was no sense in me trying to persuade him to do anything different.

"I will support whatever decision he makes.

"I am very proud that he has been able to do it on his own terms – it's very rare in professional sport these days."

The Titans are set to pick up the 2011 wooden spoon but won't be lacking firepower next season with the likes of

Campbell at a glance

Name: Preston Campbell

Born: Inverell, NSW, June 7, 1977

Height: 167cm

Weight: 76kg

Junior club: Inverell Hawks

NRL games (to date): 263

Tries (to date): 86

Goals (to date): 270

Field Goals (to date): 1

Points (to date): 885

NRL debut: 1998 (Rd 1 for Gold Coast Chargers v Balmain, Leichhardt)

NRL clubs: (Chargers 1998, Cronulla 1999-2002, Penrith 2003-06, Titans 2007-present)

Rep honours: NSW Country (2005-07) Indigenous All Stars 2010

Other honours: 2001 Dally M Medal; Halfback of the Year 2003; NRL premiership (Penrith) 2008; Ken Stephen Medal (for community work); 2008 Paul Broughton Medal (Titans player of year). – AAP

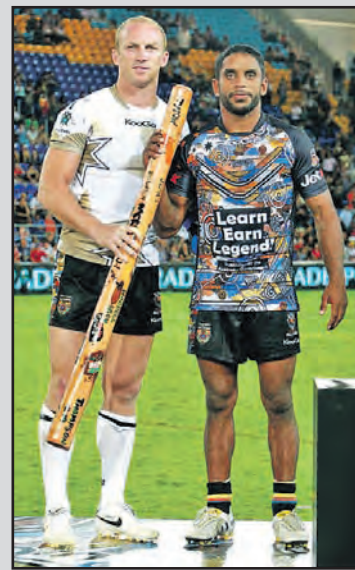
Jamal Idris, Nate Myles, Luke Douglas and Beau Champion arriving.

The lure of helping the newcomers had initially made Campbell change his mind about retiring at the end of 2011.

"They are footballers but they have never been Titans," he said of the new arrivals.

"They have to learn about our structure and our culture – it is more than just playing football."

But Campbell will be grooming the prized recruits from the sidelines after telling his teammates on Friday morning he would take up an off-field role with the Titans



● LEFT: Preston Campbell with Darren Lockyer.

● ABOVE: Preston and kids.

● RIGHT: In his days at the Panthers.



next year.

Ending his glittering 14-year playing career will also help him concentrate on his community work with Indigenous youth.

Campbell and Searle were the inspiration behind the All Stars concept which has grown into much more than the traditional NRL season opener.

NRL boss David Gallop said on Wednesday money raised by the 2011 game alone had helped clubs take education, reading, mentoring, leadership, goal-setting, health and welfare programs to more than 24,000 students of all cultural backgrounds.

"It's life changing, it's history changing – it's something I will tell my kids about and stress how important it is for them to carry on what I was doing," Campbell said when

asked about the All Stars concept.

Searle hoped his 'warrior' received a fitting farewell in the Titans' final five games of 2011.

"What he has been able to achieve in rugby league has been phenomenal," Searle said.

"He's a warrior, there is no other way to describe him."

Campbell has played 262 NRL matches, including 98 for the Titans.

The 34-year-old has won a premiership, Dally M Medal, Paul Broughton Medal as the Titans' best and fairest and Ken Stephen Medal for outstanding community service during his glittering career.

He made his first grade debut in 1998 for the now defunct Gold Coast Chargers.

– AAP

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DURING your life, you receive a lot of advice from a lot of people. Most of the time it is well-intentioned and you take it in the spirit that is given.

Sometimes, it is from people

who are trying to convince you to make a decision that suits them rather than you.

Occasionally, it is advice that comes as a shock as people shake you out of a false state of mind and bring you back to reality.

They can also open your eyes to a new reality that can change your perspective on life.

I have always tried to give everybody respect and listen to them.

But there are a few people whose opinion I always seek: My wife and my parents have always been the foundation on which I base my really important decisions.

Coaches like John Lang and John Cartwright have always played an important part in my life, as has Titans' boss Michael Searle.

But there are certain times that there is only one voice that you need to listen to.

And that is your inner voice that remains true to the way you feel.

And it was my inner-voice that convinced me it was time to retire.

It was not my body, or the fact that we are struggling on the field – it was just a feeling that it was time to move on to the next

phase of my life.

It was difficult telling Carty and Searley that I wanted to hang up the boots as they had shown so much faith in me by offering me the contract to play on next year.

But I should never have worried as they have always been there to support me.

The fact that I will be staying with the club and working on our Indigenous programs and other community initiatives was probably the driving force in my decision.

True meaning

The true meaning of the All Stars match is captured in the programs it has helped create – particularly the Learn Earn Legend! initiatives created in partnership with the Federal Government.

I am excited by the prospect of working alongside Dean Widders, who will join me in our community work at the Titans once he finishes the Super League season in England.

Deano was part of the Dreamtime team that played New Zealand Maori as part of the opening of the World Cup in 2008.

We should never forget the importance of that team in

establishing the platform for All Stars.

Deano also worked tirelessly during his time in the NRL promoting and supporting programs that helped give Indigenous kids better opportunities in education, sport and employment.

He will be a great asset to the Titans and the game in general when he returns.

I only wish he could have been made eligible for the All Stars given his incredible service to the game.

I must admit that the lure of playing All Stars was coursing through my blood when voting for the team was announced as part of the launch of the Close the Gap round last week.

The genuine passion and excitement of the game was evident at the launch, but what made it particularly powerful was to hear about and see the impact the 16 clubs were having in the community as a result of the game.

It made me proud to be a rugby league player.

That is why I made a light-hearted invitation to Darren Lockyer to play one extra game and retire after the All Stars game (see P80).

I have always acknowledged

the importance of not only his support, but also the support of the other non-Indigenous players to the success of the All Stars concept.

Benji Marshall, Cameron Smith and others went out of their way to ensure the concept got off the ground.

The way the clubs are also supporting the Close the Gap campaign shows me how far the game has progressed since I was a young kid from Tingha trying to make his way in the big game.

Easier

The fact that I could link the announcement of my retirement to the promotion of the round made it a little easier for me to front the players and then the media.

If I had my own way, I would have preferred to play the last round and literally hang up my boots for the last time.

Now that the news is out there, I hope to use the last few games to thank all the fans and people who have supported me over my career.

Although I will still be involved in the game, I am looking forward to the next phase of my life.

My inner voice tells me I have made the right decision.

Forgettable landmark



By PETER ARGENT



IT wasn't the script Adelaide Crows' Graham Johncock was hoping for – celebrating his 200th Australian Football League (AFL) game with a victory.

Quite the opposite, in fact. The Crows were thumped 19.13 (127) to 3.6 (24) by St Kilda in their round 18 game.

It was the lowest score by the Crows in their 20 years in the AFL.

The embarrassing scoreline led to the demise of club coach Neil Craig.

Johncock probably wished he didn't play. He almost didn't.

A week earlier, his trademark kamakaze style resulted in him being assisted from the ground after he sacrificed his body in a contest on the grandstand side half back flank of AAMI Stadium, Adelaide.

Until leaving the field with a hip injury after landing heavily, he was best on ground for the Crows, who were playing Essendon.

While the Crows have had better days, Johncock has no doubt his future remains there. The 180cm, 87kg defender is still only 28 and has just signed a two-year deal to stay with the Crows until the end of the 2013 season.

His 200th appearance was one of the few positives in a dirty Friday night for the Crows.

"It wasn't a big day for the club," Johncock said.

"From a personal perspective, it was good to get to this milestone, and playing 200 games for the Crows is something special to reflect on.

"My father Jack, my brother Barry and two sisters Kym and Felicity, in their first trip to Melbourne, came to watch me play."

Johncock lost his mother Joylene two years ago.

The small defender suggested his size came from his mother's side of the family. She was a member of the Betts clan.

Carlton's livewire small forward Eddie Betts, a direct opponent of Johncock on a number of occasions, is actually a second cousin of Johncock's.

Recollections

Johncock has fond recollections of his youth on the Eyre Peninsula of South Australia and playing at what has become a famed Aboriginal AFL football nursery – Mallee Park.

"I always like giving something back to the club where I started," he said. "It is important for the lads who aspire to make it at the top level see us around the club.

"Even if it is just the little things like running water or just being involved at some level.

"Lindsay Thomas (North Melbourne's small forward) and I try and get back when we can."

Back in 1999, before he came across to Adelaide, Johncock had the distinction of playing in an under 17 and an A grade premiership for Mallee Park in the Port Lincoln competition on the same day.

He played SANFL football for the Port Adelaide Magpies in his teens before being collected by the Crows at selection number 67 at the 2000 national draft.

An Adelaide fan in his youth, he idolised Andrew McLeod.

He made his AFL debut in round one of the 2002 season.

Johncock said his toughest opponents included West Coast small forward Phil Mather and Power-Essendon champion Gavin Wanganeen earlier in his career, while over the past few years he's had good battles with Stephen Mile and Mark LeCras.

Johncock, who just wants to be remembered as a 'good honest competitor', has already achieved so more.

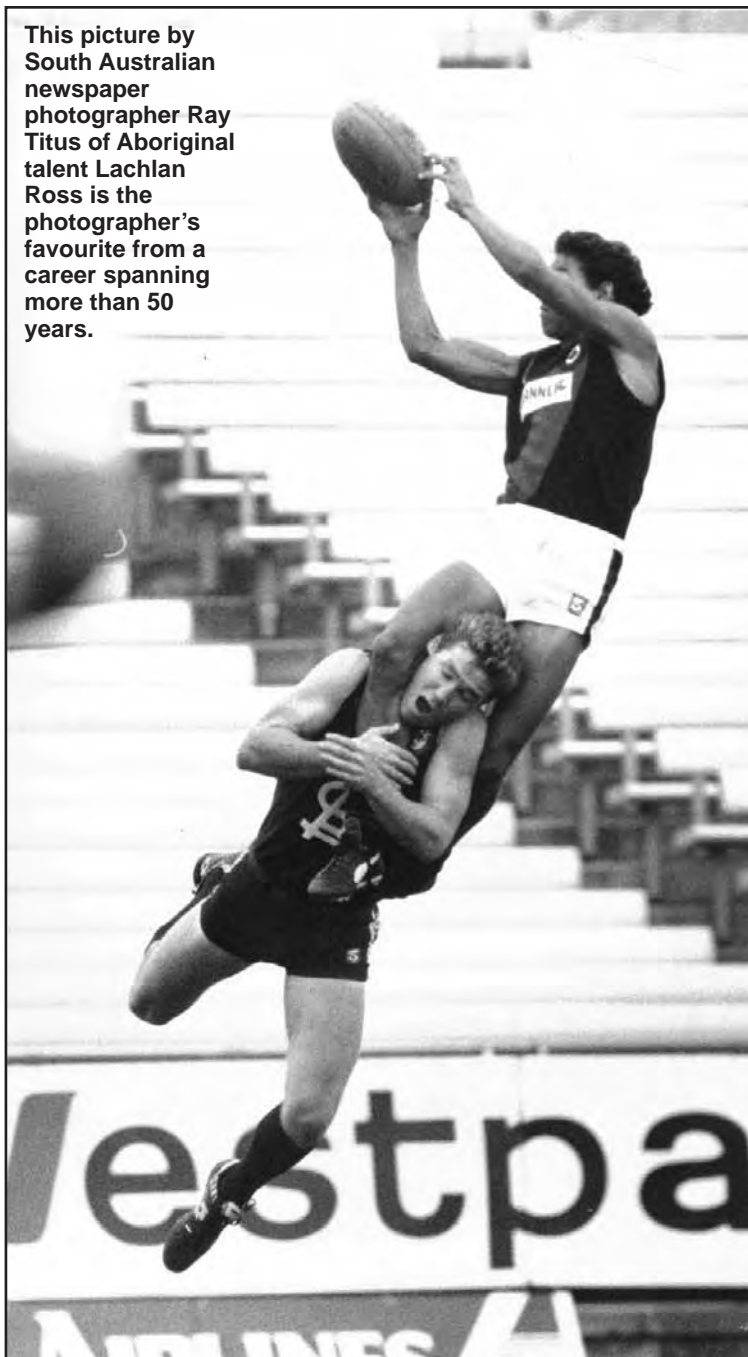
He's proud of representing his country in the International Rules campaign in Ireland in 2006, and also represented the Dream Team in the AFL's 150th year showcase game in 2008.

A defender for the majority of his career, he can also play up forward and actually won the club's goal kicking award in 2003.

From a family with a strong heritage in the game, Graham Johncock has added chapters to the family's proud history.

Photographer recalls 'special' moment

This picture by South Australian newspaper photographer Ray Titus of Aboriginal talent Lachlan Ross is the photographer's favourite from a career spanning more than 50 years.



By PETER ARGENT



NEWSPAPER sports photographer Ray Titus' favourite shot from more than five decades of work shows West Adelaide Aboriginal player

Lachlan Ross taking a 'screamer' mark.

Titus, regarded as a doyen of his craft, captured the shot at Football Park (now called AAMI Stadium) in a clash between the Bloods and South Adelaide.

"Capturing the Ross image was pretty special," Titus said.

"It was in a game in the early 1990s at Footy Park.

"It is a (powerful) shot that shows all the athletic traits of an Australian rules footballer."

Since the SANFL media awards began, Titus has dominated the photography section of the event with upwards of 20 trophies, along with a host of accolades, including a Walkley Award.

But the Lachlan Ross image reigns as being his best among his many 'best action photo' victories.

For the Bloods, the enigmatic

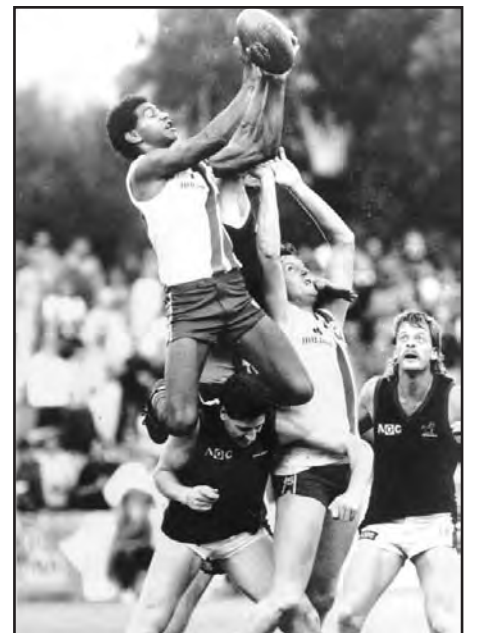
Ross, who first played senior South Australian League football in his mid-teens, collected 31 senior games over three years from 1990-1992 and when he returned for the 1996 season.

He was drafted the Essendon Football Club in the 1993 pre-season draft as their second selection at pick number 28.

Making his AFL debut as a 20-year-old in 1994 against the Sydney Swans, Ross kicked a goal in his first match.

He would play just one more AFL match two weeks later against the West Coast Eagles.

During his stellar career behind the lens, one of Titus' other famous images of Aboriginal footballers is 1989 Central District Magarey Medallist Gilbert McAdam's great mark against Norwood at The Parade, where the Bulldogs' football magician, who was originally from Alice Springs, is on the shoulders of



Another great Ray Titus shot, this time of Gilbert McAdam.

Redleg Tom Warhurst.

Titus said the late trio of Bert Stansbury, Mike Conroy and Bill Taubner, the last being the man who captured the famous Ian McKay mark in the early 1950s, were early mentors.

He said there was an element of luck to capturing a good image, along with the photographer needing a knowledge and awareness of what was happening in the sport.

Along with his commitments to Australian football, Titus has worked at 50 cricket tests at the Adelaide Oval, and was sent by his employer on two tours of the West Indies.

He has captured images in nearly every major event in South Australia over an astounding career as South Australia's best sports photographer.



Ray Titus today.

Tickets on sale for All Stars 2012



TICKETS have gone on sale for the 2012 Harvey Norman All Stars rugby league match on the Gold Coast next Saturday 4 February.

Indigenous, political, sporting and social leaders gathered in Brisbane last Wednesday to unveil the launch of ticket sales and acknowledge the impact of rugby league-based school-to-work programs in Indigenous communities.

In a week where the Telstra Premiership also launched its Close the Gap Indigenous Round, the year-round impact of the Harvey Norman All Stars was evidenced by an unrivalled 85 per cent success rate in school-to-work transition programs.

NRL Chief Executive David Gallop was joined in Brisbane by Federal Sport and Indigenous Employment Minister Mark Arbib, Queensland Sports Minister Phil Reeves, ARL Indigenous Council Chairman William 'Smiley' Johnstone, Indigenous All Stars coach Laurie Daley, Close the Gap campaign co-chairman Tom Calma, Reconciliation Queensland co-chair Auntie Heather Castledine, and players from the Broncos, Cowboys and Titans.

The gathering underlined the NRL's commitment to supporting Indigenous communities through initiatives such as the Federal Government's Learn. Earn Legend! Program, regional tours, youth summits, the State of Origin Job Experience, One Community Ambassadors and Australian sport's first formal Reconciliation Action Plan.

Money raised through the 2011 Harvey Norman All Stars have assisted NRL clubs in taking education, reading, mentoring, leadership, goal-setting, health and welfare

programs to more than 24,000 students of all cultural backgrounds.

NRL boss David Gallop said rugby league would continue to make a positive difference in Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across the country.

"Just as the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations was more than a set of words, the Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars has always been much more than a game of football," Mr Gallop said.

"Success rates of 85 per cent in the work to school programs are pretty much unheard of. It can be a life-changing statistic for the young men and women involved and it underlines the connection that rugby league has with Indigenous communities.

Core values

"A lot of people like to talk about what can be done – this is a case of clubs getting and doing something and they are doing so in a way that reflects our core values of innovation, community spirit, opportunity, inclusiveness, pride and decency."

Last week's Close the Gap Round highlighted rugby league's commitment to helping reduce the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The All Stars remains the only representative match in Australian sport in which the public selects the teams that feature the game's leading Indigenous talent and players from each NRL club.

Meanwhile, tickets for the 2012 Harvey Norman Indigenous All Stars v NRL All Stars match on Saturday, February 4, at Skilled Park are available through Ticketek outlets, on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au



● ABOVE: Gold Coast Titans player and Koori Mail columnist Preston Campbell with NRL boss David Gallop.



● LEFT: Sol Bellear with former rugby league star Ricky Walford.

● BELOW: The Brisbane Broncos' Sam Thaiday and William 'Smiley' Johnstone share a light moment.

Pictures: Action Photographics



Four of our mob in Wallaby squad



● ABOVE: The Faingaa twins, Saia, left, and Anthony.

● FAR LEFT: Kurtley Beale.

● LEFT: Matt Hodgson



FOUR Indigenous players were in the 24-man Australian rugby union squad sent to New Zealand last week for the crucial Test match against the New Zealand All Blacks.

They are Kurtley Beale (NSW Waratahs), Queensland Reds twins Anthony and Saia Faingaa, and the Western Force's Matt Hodgson.

The match against the All Blacks was for the Bledisloe Cup and part of the Tri-Nations series also involving South Africa.

The game was to be played last Saturday night at Eden Park, Auckland.

A week earlier, Australia beat South Africa 39-20 in the opening Tri-Nations game in Sydney.

The 24-man Qantas Wallabies travelling party to New Zealand included 20 of the players who formed the squad that beat South Africa on 23 July.

Fullback Beale was named in the starting line-up for the Auckland Test, while the Faingaa brothers were amongst the run-on reserves.

The All Blacks went into last Saturday's Test, having been undefeated for 17 years at Eden Park. Before the game, Australia and New Zealand

were tied on five points after both gained Tri-Nations bonus-point victories over South Africa in their respective opening matches.

The Australian squad was to head to South Africa after the Auckland match, with the travelling squad for the team's assignment in Durban on Saturday extended to 26 players. The extra players were to be collected en-route last Sunday.

The extra players for that trip were to be confirmed after last weekend's Test.

Australia and New Zealand will square off again in front of a sellout crowd at Brisbane's Suncorp Stadium on 27 August.

Before last Saturday's Test, fullback Beale, 22, had played 16 times for the Wallabies.

He has signed with the new Melbourne franchise for next season's Super Rugby series.

Anthony Faingaa, 24, is an inside centre. Before last weekend, he had five Wallaby caps.

Twin brother Saia Fangaa is a hooker for the Queensland Reds. Before last weekend, he had played 12 times for Australia.

Matt Hodgson, 30, is the 'senior citizen' of the Indigenous component in the Wallaby squad.

He is a loose forward and has played six times for the Wallabies.

Football at Byron Bay



THE annual *Koori Mail*-Northern United Rugby League Knockout carnival will be held at Byron Bay on 10-11 September.

The carnival is used by teams tuning up for the big NSW Rugby League Knockout the following month.

The NSW Knockout this year will be held at Bathurst.

The Byron Bay knockout carnival will be held at Red Devil Park and will be capped at 16 teams.

The team entry fee is \$750.

Admission to the ground will be \$7. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Contact: Grantley Creighton 0402 309 582.

Bowen stays a Cowboy

Touch footy in Adelaide



SIXTEEN school teams will compete in the round-robin Nunga touch football carnival at Henley Beach High School, Adelaide, on 4 November.

The Nunga Touch carnival is presented by the School Assertive Outreach Program. The action will start at 9.30am and conclude at 2.45pm. There also will be a big cultural feast and a 'big mob' group photo.

Indigenous communities are invited to be involved. Details: Ross 0437 919 957.

New boss for League



NEW Queensland Rugby League boss Rob Moore says he's as committed to servicing rugby league's grassroots as he is ensuring Queensland maintains its State of Origin dominance over NSW.

Moore took over the QRL reins last week from long-serving managing director Ross Livermore, who stepped down at the end of July after 30 years in the job.

While securing a new full-time deal with record-breaking Queensland coach Mal Meninga was high on his agenda, he said he was also ready to pack a suitcase and head bush to discuss any concerns about the state of the game at grassroots level. — AAP



Matt Bowen, who has signed on for another two seasons with the Cowboys.



HE almost gave up the game, but the North Queensland Cowboys never gave up on Matt Bowen.

In the end, Bowen, 29, admitted the National Rugby League (NRL) club's faith in him during two career-threatening knee injuries proved the difference when he signed on for another two seasons.

"The past couple of years what the Cowboys did for me injury-wise – they kept the faith," said Bowen, who made his first grade debut for North Queensland in 2001.

The former Queensland fullback conceded he was tempted to retire after being forced to undergo radical knee surgery in 2009 – for the second time in his career.

He faced yet another ten-month rehabilitation, and Bowen's belief wavered – but not the Cowboys' faith during his time of need.

All the hard work paid off when Bowen returned to his form of old in 2011 to guide the revitalised Cowboys toward a top four finish, only to attract lucrative rival offers along the way.

Cashed-up UK Super League club Widnes were among his suitors and rugby union reportedly had also shown interest.

The north Queensland native said he was tempted, but knew his heart lay in the faithful Cowboys.

"Yeah, it (leaving for another club)

crossed my mind a few times," he said.

"There were a few offers, but I always said the Cowboys were my first priority.

"I wanted to play here for as long as I can.

"I look forward to finishing my career here."

Cowboys boss Peter Parr claimed Bowen had signed until 'at least' the end of the 2013 season, saying he did not believe it was Bowen's final contract.

"We aren't resolved to thinking this is the last contract Matthew signs," Parr said.

"We have an open mind.

"If Matthew is still motivated and injury free and playing well, we will have no hesitation in re-signing him again."

Bowen added: "I will play the next two years and see what happens.

"I obviously want to play after that, but I will see how the body holds up."

Bowen has helped the once maligned North Queensland move to third spot on the ladder with at least their first finals berth since 2007 in sight.

"All I am worrying about now is playing in the semis and playing well for the Cowboys," he said.

"We have shown in the past few weeks what we are capable of doing – hopefully we are there come October."

Earlier this year, Bowen broke life member Paul Bowman's record for most NRL games played for the Cowboys and on Friday night against Canterbury, he played his 220th game for the club. — AAP

Kaidyn Lane on track to be an Olympian

● From back page

division, winning the individual competition by a clear six points and being the only competitor to win by such a large margin.

His parents were told that it didn't matter what age group Kaidyn competed in – he still would have won.

Kaidyn's mother and little brother Kobe were in America to watch him compete at the 'Nationals', and spent five weeks with him. Kaidyn will remain in America until Christmas. He will return home to spend time with his family before heading back to Texas to follow his dreams of making the Olympics.

Hard at first

His mum said that at first, Kaidyn found it hard being away from his family, but was coping better thanks to the support of Sherry and Randy Mulkey and the lifestyle on the ranch and daily phone calls from home.

Littlefield is about 50km from Levelland, where Kaidyn attends secondary school. The nearest city is Lubbock (population 230,000, making it the 86th most populous city in the US, according to Wikipedia), about 80km south-east of Littlefield.



An upside-down Kaidyn on the trampoline

Tracie Lane said there were no great expectations on Kaidyn 'as long as he gives 100 per cent in anything he attempts'.

"Kaidyn will now trial in August for the US Olympic development squad, which I am certain he will make," she said.

His dream is to compete in the Olympics.

His next hurdle is an international trampolining event in Spain next month, where Kaidyn will represent the US.

Money always an issue

But as always, money is an issue for the Lane family.

"I am trying raise money for that, but it is extremely hard," Tracie said.

"If I'm not working, I go to the monthly markets to raise money so Kaidyn can go to Spain.

"There is no funding for children out here in the bush.

"My community has been fabulous, especially the Moree Shire Council, but that still only goes so far."

Kaidyn is part of the Northern Inland Academy of Sport in Tamworth as a 'lone star' athlete, and they strive to help where they can.

Tracie said Kaidyn's trip to Spain would cost \$3500. That would cover airfares, accommodation, and competition and coaching fees and meals.

"The sad thing is Kaidyn has no idea I can't come up with this sort of money, but I will keep on trying," Tracie said.

"I hope that somehow, someone will help us."

Hodges can go up another gear



BRISBANE centre Justin Hodges celebrated a return to

his attacking best with a hat-trick of tries against Cronulla, before warning he could still take it up another gear.

Hodges made an amazing 15 tackle breaks in Brisbane's impressive 46-16 thumping of the Sharks who were helpless to stop a rampant Broncos in the opening 40 minutes.

Hodges signalled he was back to his vintage best following a harrowing 18

months battling achilles and hamstring injuries.

Asked if he thought he had another level to go to, the 29 year-old said: "I think so.

"I'm going to try and build every week and hopefully by finals time I'll

be at my best."

Hodges has changed his eating and training habits and has worked hard on building up his core to strengthen his back and limit his hamstring problems.

He lost 3kg last week to drop from 101kg to 98kg.

"I'm almost back to my playing weight so I feel a lot fitter and a lot lighter on my feet," he said.



JUSTIN HODGES

"I've been wanting to get out there and do stuff, but the body wouldn't let me.

"The body is starting to work with me now and not against me and I'm starting to feel good."

Broncos skipper Darren Lockyer said at his best, Hodges was one of the game's most genuine game-breakers.

"He's a real strike weapon and when he is in that form in tight games, he can be the difference," said Lockyer. — AAP

Museum proposed

Queensland bid to preserve Indigenous sporting past

By GRAHAM HUNT



A QUEENSLAND Indigenous sports museum could become a reality if preliminary groundwork gains traction. Indigenous Sport Queensland (ISQ), headed by chairman Wayne Coolwell, is behind the concept.

"It's something that's been spoken about for some time, and we think it's time we did something about it," Mr Coolwell told *Koori Mail*.

ISQ has formed a reference group consisting of people with an interest in the project and the committee held its first meeting a fortnight ago.

The reference group includes representatives from the Queensland Museum, the State Library of Queensland, the University of Queensland, a couple of historians, the Brisbane City Council, the State Government and ISQ.

"Indigenous Sport Queensland is excited at the prospect of negotiating an Indigenous sports museum here in Queensland," Mr Coolwell said.

"We have anecdotal evidence of a lot of archival material which is kept by Indigenous families across the State.

"That material highlights many great stories of sporting honours and even tragedies – all of which could form part of this repository of knowledge, history, political triumph and adversity, glory and cultural pride from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"We are calling on people to help us store this precious history.

"This material is at great risk of being lost forever.

"I can just see some of the material stored under a bed or stashed in a closet.

"We need to protect it and keep it alive

WAYNE COOLWELL



would need to gauge the community, government and industry support for the project to make sure that it was a worthy project.

"Ultimately, we want it to be owned by the community because it's people's stories and history," he said.

"There's no doubt that this can become a tourist attraction and also help enormously with economic development and build a sense of pride and cultural strength for the community across Queensland.

Powerful stories

"It also has capacity to create educational awareness in schools and elsewhere and help us all – black and white – breathe new life in these powerful stories from the 1800s to the present day.

Indigenous Sport Queensland would like to hear from people who have material that may be suitable for the museum, and from people who would like to be part of the Queensland Indigenous Sports Museum project.

ISQ can be contacted as info@indigenoussportqueensland.com.au

and well for generations to come.

"It may be a newspaper article from decades ago, a trophy, a pennant, medal, something physical which people have kept which relates to some sporting story, traditional games material, and of course, photos and anything else.

"ISQ would like to set up a keeping place for this archival material on behalf of those people to protect it and eventually display it for all to see."

Mr Coolwell said the reference group

Olympic Games on the radar of young gymnast



THIRTY-ONE hours a week of training is beginning to pay off for 11-year-old

Victorian gymnast Mikayla George.

The Wurundjeri girl from Narre Warren, south-east of Melbourne, has just returned from Perth, where she finished 17th overall while competing for Victoria in International 6 level at the Australian artistic championships.

Her biggest achievement was finishing third on the vault, thus winning a bronze medal.

She also was named in Gymnastics Australia's Team Future Squad for 2011.

The squad was selected by national junior development co-ordinator Jo Richards and national coach Peggy Liddick.

Mikayla has been into gymnastics for nine years.

Last November, she competed in the national clubs championships in International 5 level at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

There, she competed in four apparatus. Her best achievement was second overall on the bars.

That competition gave her the drive to continue her dream of one day representing Australia as an Olympian, and becoming the first Indigenous gymnast to do so.

Given the young age of most of our female gymnasts, that may not be too far away if she is good enough.

The sport plays a huge part in Mikayla's life.

She is out of bed at 5am three mornings a week for training.

From there, she goes straight to Year 6 at a Stonnington Primary School in Prahran, where she is in Year 6. It's a 45-minute drive from home to school.

After school it's back to the gym for more training.

Elite level

She's now at an elite level.

This year, at the age of 11, she was accepted into the elite gymnastics program at the Victorian Women's High Performance Centre in Prahran.

That's proof enough that she is doing extremely well and that her hard work is paying off.

Her parents say it has been very hard to pay for all of the fees, travel and uniform, but they say it's all worth it.

Even so, it is unlikely Mikayla may not have made it to Perth had it not been for her grandmother Jessie George and the Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative. At the urging of Jessie, the co-operative weighed in to help cover Makayla's costs.



● ABOVE: Mikayla George.



● RIGHT and BELOW: Mikayla in action on the beam and the vault.



Voice for players

AFL Indigenous advisory board is launched



SOME of the Australian Football League's (AFL's) best-known Indigenous players

have been named on a new advisory body that will give players with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait background a real say in how their colleagues are supported on their football journey.

Swans great Adam Goodes will be the inaugural Chair of the Indigenous Players Advisory Board.

Other members are Xavier Clarke, Graham Johncock, Roger Hayden, Aaron Davey, Chance Bateman, Nathan Lovett-Murray and Shaun Burgoyne.

The idea for an Indigenous Players Advisory Board was generated by players at this year's Indigenous Camp in Sydney.

The board will provide guidance to the Players' Association on the development and implementation of programs and support services available to Indigenous players

throughout their AFL careers.

The AFL Players' Association's Indigenous and Multicultural Manager, Nadia Taib, said players were enthusiastic about the opportunities this board would present for the 11 per cent of elite footballers who were Indigenous.

"Members of the advisory board will use their wealth of experience and knowledge to seek feedback from their peers and to influence change for all Indigenous Players," said Taib.

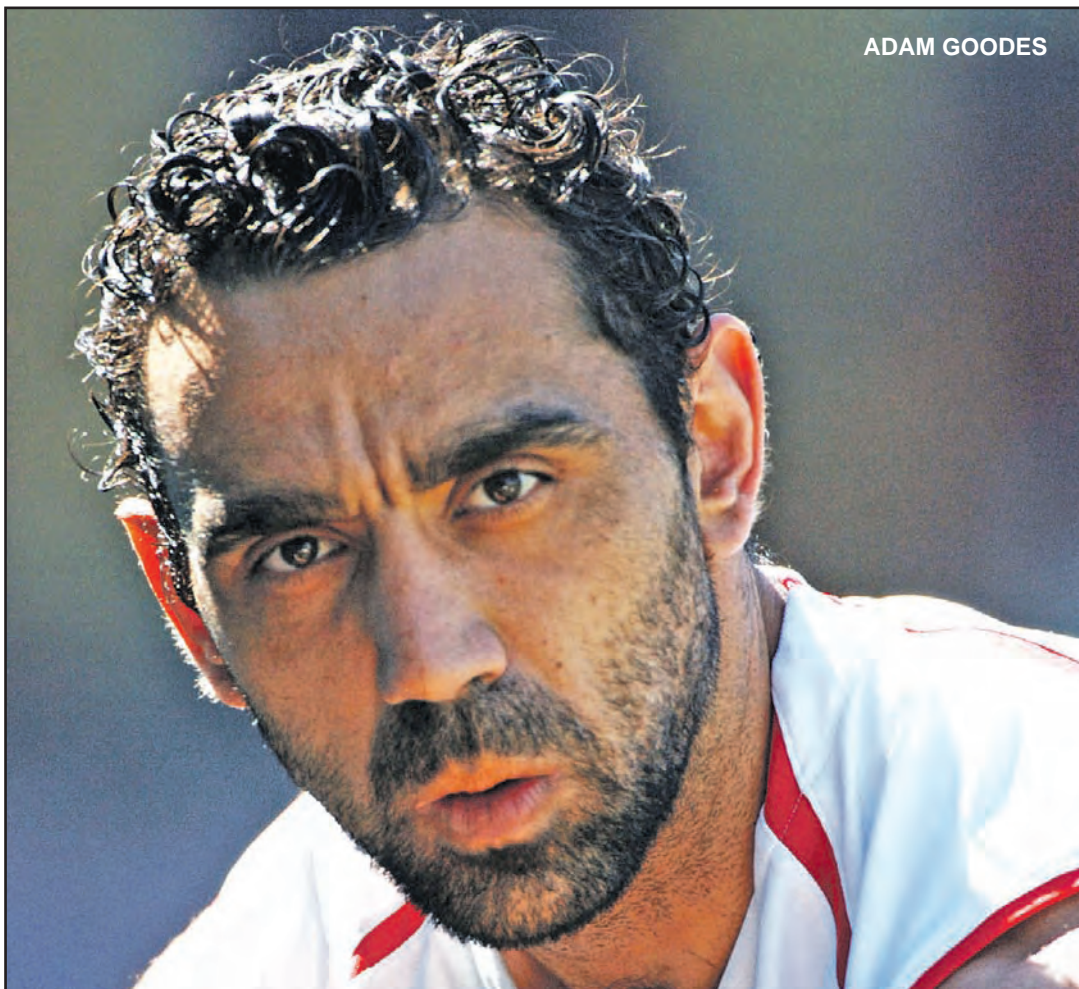
"Significantly, they have been elected by their peers."

With 14 nominations lodged, a national election took place to select the eight members. Four of those players represent the Victorian clubs, plus one each from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

Hawthorn's Shaun Burgoyne said the members were keen to meet regularly with to discuss issues unique to players of Indigenous backgrounds.

"The number of Indigenous players on club lists is continuing to grow, and it's important that each player has an avenue to put their views forward," said Burgoyne.

"As a group we're really looking forward to providing recommendations to the AFL Players' Association, as well as discussing any issues that affect Indigenous players and working towards resolutions."



ADAM GOODES

Tigers' cause for celebration



Robert Lui celebrates Wests Tigers' 16-14 win over St George Illawarra during the round 22 National Rugby League (NRL) Close the Gap match at the Sydney Football Stadium on Friday night. — AAP image

Coach looking forward to Abbott returning



KOOKABURRAS coach Ric Charlesworth is resigned to being without star duo Jamie Dwyer and

Des Abbott for the Olympic Games men's hockey qualifiers in October despite both players feeling confident about being fit.

A horror injury list confronts the world's No 1 men's hockey team less than a year out from London.

Twelve of the Kookaburras' best 30 players are injured — headlined by Dwyer and deadly striker Abbott, who are recovering from knee surgery, and penalty corner specialist Luke Doerner, who has had hip surgery.

With a schedule about to go into overdrive starting with the Olympic qualifying series against New Zealand and Fiji from 5-9 October in Hobart, Charlesworth expects to go into the qualifiers without several key players.

"Probably all of them won't get back — that's the reality," Charlesworth said.

"I've been told they'll be ready by October, but there's no benefit in us pushing them too far because that can interfere with the recovery process."

"Jamie's out there running, Des Abbott's out there running... they would be in doubt for those (Olympic qualifiers), I'd expect. The next month will help decide that."

Without seven of their World Cup-winning squad, the undisputed world's best had a difficult time with an experimental side during their recent European tour, losing three of their nine matches.

The nadir was a 6-1 battering by The Netherlands during a tournament in Germany.

But Charlesworth said there was no need for panic, confident any fine-tuning his team needed could be done in time for their assault on the Champions Trophy in December, and the London Games.

"We've got a lot of work to do, and it was a timely reminder of what's needed to play at the level I think we can," Charlesworth said.

— AAP

'JT' could return this week

NORTH Queensland coach Neil Henry expects to know by the middle of this week whether injured superstar Johnathan Thurston will make National Rugby League (NRL) return in this week's blockbuster against Brisbane.

Thurston has missed the past five games with a knee injury.

The Cowboys have a 3-2 record in the mercurial halfback's absence,

but could drop below the Broncos after losing 14-6 to the Bulldogs in Sydney on Friday.

Henry wasn't about to risk rushing his key playmaker back a week ahead of schedule.

"He's running at near top pace, but it's not right yet and he hasn't done any skill work or any contact work since he's been injured," he said. — AAP



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From a Moree back yard to best in the US, it's been an amazing journey for Kaidyn Lane... Potential Olympian, but for which country?

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KAIDYN LANE



THIRTEEN-year-old Kaidyn Lane, of Moree, one day hopes to compete in the Olympic Games, but the way things are shaping up, it won't be for Australia.

Kaidyn is proving to be a sensational gymnast – more specifically – on the trampoline, in the United States, where he now lives.

It is a poor indictment on Australian sport that Kaidyn is so far from his home and family.

His parents, Rick and Tracie Lane, continue to make huge personal and financial sacrifices to support him.

But their burden just seems to get bigger. Kaidyn has been competing for about four years.

In that that time he has held State titles in various events in NSW, Queensland and Victoria and as a 12-year-old, reached a national ranking of top four in Australia in the under 17 years division.

His mother Tracie said Kaidyn had achieved most of his accomplishments with

limited training. His home town of Moree, in north-western NSW, does not have the facilities or coaches required.

Kaidyn would train on his own trampoline in his back yard under the guidance of Tracie, who has more than 20 years experience as a gymnast and is a level 1 trampoline coach.

Tracie coaches artistic gymnastics in schools between Moree and Bourke, including Brewarrina and Walgett.

She told *Koori Mail* that once every six to eight weeks, Kaidyn would travel to Gosford for extensive training with NSW coach Scott Finlayson.

Slept in car

Sometimes, money was so tight that Kaidyn would sleep in the car.

"Money was limited so we had to find other ways for him to train," Tracie said.

"Kaidyn has missed so much schooling because of his travelling to compete and to train.

"So we got him into Kirinari Aboriginal Hostel, in Newcastle, for a school term in 2010. He attended Belmont High School, where they had trampolining as one of their

major sports and Kaidyn trained under former world champion and NSW head coach Brett Austine.

"But Kaidyn struggled in the hostel environment and returned home to Moree."

Tracie said she attempted without success to find a family in that area that would enable Kaidyn to return to the Hunter and continue to progress as an elite athlete.

She then looked further afield.

She contacted USA Gymnastics and spoke with Sherry Mulkey, a highly regarded coach in trampolining USA for 40 years.

After seeing a video of Kaidyn's ability, Ms Mulkey said she would love to train Kaidyn and would have him live with her and her husband Randy on their ranch in Littlefield, Texas.

Since moving to the US on 23 January, Kaidyn has won the Texas State title and many other events, winning 12 gold medals, two silvers and one bronze.

Just over a week ago he took out the two US national titles in synchronised and individual trampolining in the under 15 years

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World champion



BRISBANE lad Clay Waterman has become the first Australian amateur to win a world championship boxing gold medal.

Competing in the 44-46kg (pinweight) class, Waterman, who was part of the Australian team to Kazakhstan, outclassed Iraqi favourite Karrar Kadhim Al-Sahm 14-13 in the final of the International Boxing Association's junior world titles in Astana.

He had earlier victories over highly fancied Romanian Cezar Tudor, and Russian champ Dennis Chmykhin.

In his opening bout, the 15-year-old Park Ridge State High student beat Kazakhstan's Takuya Kalaubek 14-12.

His successes in Kazakhstan took his amateur record to 53 wins from 54 fights.

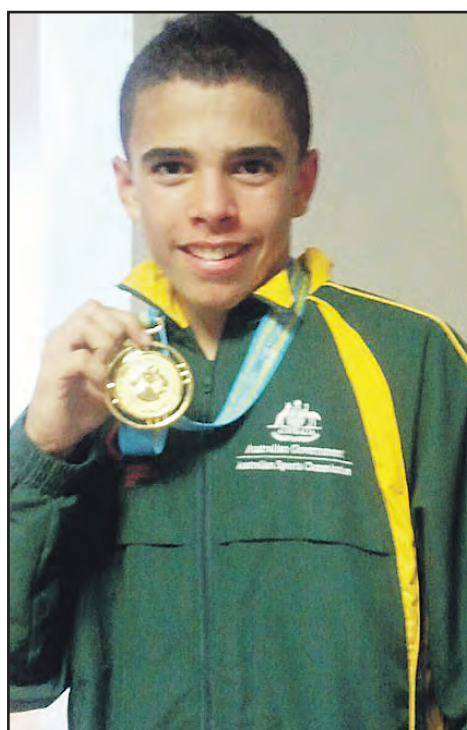
Close decision

A single point decided the final as the Australian opened up a lead against Al-Sahm in the second round. Al-Sahm fought back in the final round, which he drew 7-7, but it was not enough to claim the gold.

Waterman trailed 4-3 after the opening round, but went one point ahead when he won the second round 4-2.

The third round was split 7-7.

Waterman had a torrid journey to the final. He won his opening fight 14-12 over his Kazakhstan opponent, then beat Russian Chmykhin 10-6 in his quarter-final.



World amateur boxing champion Clay Waterman

But he just survived his semi-final when the judges scored the fight 6-6, with Waterman and Romanian opponent Cezar Tudor each scoring two points in each of the three rounds.

Waterman trains out of the Brisbane

suburb of Bethania.

Trainer Mark Wilson had tipped Waterman to be Australia's best chance at the event.

Beauresort-born Waterman lives in suburban Loganlea.

He is the son of Mark Waterman and Anita Harrison and is a fifth-generation boxer in the Tomlinson family and a third-generation boxer on the Yuke side of the family.

He was selected into the National Talent Squad for training camps for the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

He was the youngest person to have been selected in the development squad that was picked for a Trip to Ukraine in 2009.

Personal highlights

Among his personal highlights are meeting famous Indigenous boxers Daniel Geale and Anthony Mundine.

He is proud of the fact that he is the first Australian to win a gold medal at any world amateur boxing championships and is proud to be ranked number one 15-16-year-old 46kg junior boxer in the world.

Waterman was one of two Australians to return from the Kazakhstan tournament with gold medals.

In the light heavyweight (80kg) final, Jai Opetaita, 16, concluded his unbeaten run in the tournament with a closely fought 5-3 victory against Germany's Melvin Perry.

Opetaita, from Watanobbi, on the NSW Central Coast, is a cousin of Soccerroo Tim Cahill.

Nathaniel May, the other Indigenous boxer in the Australian team, failed to make it past his opening bout.

The West Australian from Bunbury was outpointed 17-5 in his 57kg bout by Ilyas Isaev, of Russia.

The youngster was behind 6-0 after the first round.

He lost the second round 3-2, then was outscored 8-3 in the third round.

The AIBA Junior World Championships were the biggest yet held, with a record 360 boxers from 52 nations competing. Australia and Kazakhstan and Russia were the only countries to field the maximum 13-man teams.

Of a total of 15 countries that qualified boxers for the finals, eight countries secured gold medals, with Russia topping the table with four gold, followed by Australia and Uzbekistan with two each. Russia also topped the overall ranking, with Uzbekistan second and host nation Kazakhstan in third place.

Nine Australians, including Indigenous boxers Damien Hooper and Timacoy Williams, have won medals at previous Junior World tournaments, but Clay Waterman is the first to win gold.

Hooper came close to gold, finishing with a silver medal in the youth division in 2010, and Williams collected bronze in the youth division in 2008.

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